

# St. John's UCC, Fullerton



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*We Worship, We Love, We Serve –  
No Matter What!*

**July 31, 2022**

**9:30am**

**MUSIC SUNDAY**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

# The Order of Worship

~ *We Worship* ~

\* **Those who are comfortably able, please stand**

Welcome to Music Sunday at St. John's UCC, Fullerton! We are grateful for the many talents of people in the congregation, and today, we offer our gifts of praise to God together! Thank you for lifting your voice in singing! Please remember, for the wellbeing of all during congregational singing, we encourage wearing a mask. Extra masks are available at our welcome tables in the back.

Chimes & Prelude

“Panis Angelicus”

Cesar Franck

Milton Focht, Bassoon  
Emilie Moyer, Piano

Welcome and Announcements

Brian Fisher

Consistory President/Elder

Furnace Loan Fund Offering Today! Extra envelopes are on the back tables.

\*Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

\*Call to Worship

DonnaLee Yeatts, Consistory Elder

*From UCC Worship Ways*

One: Our Loving God gathers us from the east and the west,  
from the north and from the south.

All: The Holy One is in our midst. Let us say so!

One: We cried out to our God in the time of trouble and eased  
our distress.

All: The Holy One is in our midst. God leads us on right  
paths.

One: Our Provider satisfies our thirst and meets our needs.

All: The Holy One is in our midst. Consider God's steadfast  
love!

\*Opening Medley of Hymns

- #4 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” v 1 & 4  
#277 “Holy, Holy, Holy” v 1 & 4  
#403 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” v 1 & 4

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Prayer of Confession

*From UCC Worship Ways*  
Pastor Dave Mohr

One: Gracious One, you have knit us together wonderfully. You have promised your abiding presence in our lives and have guided us with love. We turn away from you and toward the path to destruction and discord. We judge our neighbor rather than love them and we fail to even honor ourselves as your beloved creation.

**All: Holy Love, we worship you as your people. You tether us to you in righteousness and covenant. Reveal your face to us. Let us see you in our midst, in our neighbors, and in ourselves. Clothe us in love and compassion, and continually fashion us as your people for you are our God. Amen.**

*(Time for Silent prayer)*

Words of Assurance

*From UCC Worship Ways*  
Pastor Dave Mohr

One: The God of mercy bends toward their children with love and hope. The Holy One leads us when we wander onto divergent paths and nourishes our hunger for the newness of life.

**All: In God, grace abounds freely, abundantly, and extravagantly. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*More Hymns We Love to Sing

- #522 “I Love to Tell the Story” v 1 & 4  
#295 “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” v 1 & 3  
#1 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” v 1 & 3

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Children’s Message

DonnaLee Yeatts, Consistory Elder

Hymns from Our Childhood and Youth

- #327 “Jesus Loves Me” v 1  
“I’ve Got the Joy... Down in My Heart” v 1 & 3  
#84 “This Is the Day” v 1

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 100  
Dewey Yeatts  
Personnel Committee

One: The word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

More of Our “Cross” Hymn Favorites

- #197 “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” v 1 & 4  
#195 “The Old Rugged Cross” v 1 & 4  
#224 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” v 1 & 4

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Musical Offering

“On Eagle’s Wings / It Is Well”  
Michael Joncas and Philip P. Bliss  
Arranged by John F. Wilson

Milton Focht, Bassoon

~ *We Love* ~

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dave Mohr

God of many names, in faith we name these persons and needs before you, trusting you to bring your peace, healing and hope to people and circumstances. Hear our prayers for...

We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus, the Christ, who taught us to pray, saying...

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen**

Medley of Hymns

#28	“For the Beauty of the Earth”	v 1 & 4
From the UMH	“The Gift of Love”	v 1 & 3
#96	“Sun of My Soul, O Savior Dear”	v 1 & 4

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\*Doxology                    “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

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\*Prayer of Dedication

Bill Fink

*From UCC Worship Ways*

**Loving God, may we demonstrate our love through these gifts. Bless them and magnify them so that all creation will benefit from your abundance and gift of life and love. Amen.**

*~ We Serve ~*

\*Closing Medley of Hymns

#539    “Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant”                    v 1 & 2

#55                    “Rejoice, You Pure in Heart”                    v 1 & 5

From the UMH “How Great Thou Art”                    v 1 & 4

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\*The Benediction

#81

“God Be with You”

Dewey Yeatts

v 1

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Postlude

“Sing a New Song”

Daniel L. Schutte

Setting: Douglas E. Wagner

### **In Our Prayers**

Please remember all our sick, shut-ins and those in our area hospitals in your prayers: Jackie Maxon (Pastor Steve’s mom), Sharon Antrim, Andi Dallago, Shirley Downing, Tracey Glass, Ron Glass, Geraldine Keim, Roger Knauss, Alan Miller, Karen Moyer, Jack Ohl, Joey Raszler and Marietta Seyfried.

Remember the family of Nancy Cusati, who passed away Saturday, July 23.

Also remember those Serving in our Armed Forces:

E4 Colin Haydt

Chief Petty Officer Jacob Smith

### **Worship & Music Committee - Opportunities to Serve**

Please visit with Margaret Young about any of these opportunities to share yourself in service! Thank you!

Sponsor the wheat basket at the altar to support the food bank.

Sponsor altar flowers on a Sunday.

Sign up to be an usher/greeter.

### **Serving in Worship Leadership**

#### **July 31**

Worship Tech – Jesus Pagan

Ushers – Donna Lee Yeatts, Dewey Yeatts and Tom Moyer

#### **August 7**

Worship Tech – Bill Castello

Ushers – Brian Fisher, Bill Fink,

Wayne Lichtenwalner and Amy Fiedler

## **ATTENDANCE - July 24**

On-site - 75

Online - 24

Total - 99

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Offerings received in the third week of July were \$4,172, a combination of offerings received electronically, in the mail, and in the Sunday offering plate. This brings our total offerings for July to \$18,120. To reach our monthly giving “break even target” of \$22,500 we will need \$4,380 in the last week of July. Through June, we are \$24,028 behind in overall income compared to expenses.

### **Deficit reduction: An option for some?**

Sue Weldner updated the congregation on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> about the financial challenge of reducing our deficit. She indicated that we either need to reduce spending and/or increase income. The following Morning Call article (July 18) illustrates a way some members may be able to save on taxes while at the same time increasing donations.

“Q: Is there any way to avoid taxes on the Required Minimum Distribution from my IRA? The amount pushes me into the 22% bracket.”

“A: Great News-- You can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution where the money bypasses you and goes straight to charity. Here’s how it works. If you are over age 70 1/2 you can grant up to \$100,000 directly to an eligible charity (not a private foundation, a charitable supporting organization or a donor advised fund) from your IRA, without paying tax on the amount of the donation. While you are not entitled to claim a charitable contribution, you won’t pay taxes on the money withdrawn and this will keep your highest tax bracket at 12%”

The bottom line: Save on Taxes? Yes. Increase contributions? Yes.

Note: This must be a direct transfer from one’s 401k account to the charity.



## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

For the next few Sundays, draft copies of the new membership directory will be available in the parlor. Please look them over, and if any of your information has changed, make a note of it on one of these directories.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

The next Men's Breakfast Group will meet on Saturday, August 6, at 8:30 at the Hamilton Family Restaurant located at 2027 Hamilton Street in Allentown. If you would like to know more about this group, please contact Bob Bold at 610-393-6123 or [QVRRBold@aol.com](mailto:QVRRBold@aol.com).

## COMING SOON TO GRAPE STREET

At some time early in August, construction will begin on Grape Street in front of the church building. Work will be done on the gas line and on making the curbs ADA compliant, and then the resurfacing of the street will begin. Grape Street will be closed, but side streets will still be accessible and we should be able to use both parking lots. The project is due to be completed by the end of September.

## IRONPIGS BASEBALL

We have 63 people going to the IronPigs vs Syracuse Mets baseball game on Thursday, August 4, at 7:05 pm. Tickets along with food vouchers and raffle tickets should be available and distributed sometime in mid-July. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Raszler at 610-393-7572 or at [craszler@aol.com](mailto:craszler@aol.com).

## WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

For the month of August, we are collecting **coffee, pancake syrup, and pancake mix**. Any other nonperishable food items are always welcome as well as monetary donations. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom area by the sanctuary where you can place your donations.

## **UKRAINE RELIEF FUND - THE NEED CONTINUES**

Your contributions so far have helped with Ukrainian relief by giving to UCC National, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, Project HOPE, and World Central Kitchen. As long as this crisis continues, we will receive donations by mail, at worship, or by on-line and text giving. For the month of August, any funds received will go to Project Hope. Be sure to note that your contribution is for “Ukraine Relief Fund.” Special offering envelopes along with yellow and blue lapel pins showing your support can be found on the table in the lounge area by the sanctuary.

## **“FUN” RAISING HIGHLIGHTS**

Weis and Giant Gift Cards –Various denominations available for purchase. See either Tom Moyer or Cheryl Weaver after church to purchase. The church receives 5% back on the Weis and Giant Gift cards that we sell.

Save your Redner’s grocery receipts – Place your receipts in the designated basket in the parlor area. The church receives 1% back from Redner’s receipts.

## **TONER REMINDER!**

We are no longer collecting used toner cartridges. Please take your used cartridges to Staples for recycling.

## **The Music Ministry of St. John's UCC NEEDS YOU**

**Positions open:** Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, AND Instrumentalists  
no others need to apply

**Physical Qualifications:** Must be able to carry light musical notes part-way across the church. Must have sufficient vision to see director twenty feet away.

**Experience:** No application will be accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed or whistled in the tub or shower.

**Wages:** Satisfaction and joy in God's service.

**Fringe Benefits:** Social Security—we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir.

**Hours:** Sunday mornings with occasional opportunities for overtime (at above mentioned wages).

**Vacation:** Missed rehearsals and church services are primarily a matter of conscience and ability to return the glares and pointed remarks of the director and other choir members.

**Retirement:** No particular age, but it is generally determined by prayer, printed notes getting too small, notes too high, church too hot (or cold), or organist is unable to play the notes you sing.

**Rehearsals:** Once a week except in the summer (Hey, this isn't boot camp after all).

**Apply:** Contact the Director of Music, Patrick Sandt at [stjohnsucc.music@rcn.com](mailto:stjohnsucc.music@rcn.com) or phone (484) 241-0250.

**Please join us on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> for a meet and greet |  
in Room 201 for additional information!**

*Together, let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord!*

## Church Calendar for the Week of July 31 - August 7, 2022

**\*Note** Pastor Steve will be taking a few days off from July 28 - August 3. If you need assistance, please contact the church office.

Sun, 7/31	9:30 am	Worship Service
	2:00 pm	Private party at Pavilion
Tues, 8/2	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
Wed, 8/3	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	6:30 pm	STARs
	6:30 pm	Music Ministry Meet and Greet
Thurs, 8/4	7:05 pm	Iron Pigs Grandstand
Sat, 8/6	8:30 am	Men's Group at Ham Fam
	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun, 8/7	9:30 am	Worship Service - Communion

### **OUR STAFF**

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