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

**August 7, 2022
9:30am**

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

The Order of Worship

~ We Worship ~

* Those who are comfortably able, please stand

Music to Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

Patrick Sandt, organ

Prelude in G Major

Catherine Rollin

Wings of the Wind

James Michael Stevens

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steven Davis

~ Worship / Faith Formation Surveys, Aug. 9

~ Outdoor Worship / Pavilion Consecration, Aug. 28

*Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

*Call to Worship

From UCC Worship Ways

One: Creator resides in the midst of creation...calling us to this community.

All: Our world waits for the Holy One, our help and shield.

One: God our Righteousness gazes upon the beloved with delight and concern.

All: Our bodies wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.

One: The Spirit of the Living God greets us with fresh winds and new mercies.

All: Our souls wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.

*Opening Hymn

Gather Us In (vs. 1 & 4)

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GATHER US IN

Marty Haugen



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
We are the old— who yearn for your face,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Not in some heav - en, light-years a - way, But



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
Now is the King - dom, now is the day.



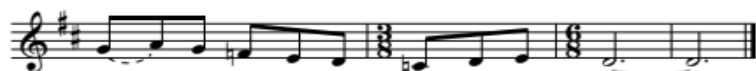
Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,
Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,
Gath - er us in and hold us for ev - er,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;
Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Gath - er us in and make us your own;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
Gath - er us in— all peo - ples to - geth - er,



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
Give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Prayer of Confession

From UCC Worship Ways

One: Gracious God, you have created a world of abundance and flourishing. Every resource, every gift, every product originates from the generosity of your creation and the creativity you have bestowed upon us.

All: **Forgive us for misuse and overuse of your gifts. Reveal our miserly attitudes toward the plentiful trove of resources you have entrusted to our care. Sow generosity in us, reveal abundance to us, and enable flourishing through us. Amen.**

(Time for Silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

From UCC Worship Ways

One: Every good and perfect gift comes from above. Grace is such a gift; mercy is another. Transformation and new life descend freely from the Most High to all who would receive it.

All: **We receive the assurance of God's grace and compassion as precious treasure made available to all. Amen.**

Children's Message

*Scripture Reading

Luke 4:16-22
Sharon Antrim

*Please stand in body or in spirit for the reading of the Gospel.

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

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

Sermon

Rev. Davis

Faith & Core Values: We Are a People of Jesus

Musical Offering

Revelation Song

Jennie Lee Riddle

DonnaLee Yeatts, vocal solo

~ We Love ~

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Davis

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 loves us all and 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**

Praise Response #775

And God Will Raise You Up

And God will raise you up on eagles' wings,

Bear you on the breath of dawn.

Make you to shine like the sun,

And hold you in the palm of God's hands.

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Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Please sign the communion book in the back of the church
if you have not done so at a service of communion in 2022.*

We Are an Inclusive Community!

In the United Church of Christ, we observe an
“open communion.” ALL persons are welcome to receive
the gifts of God’s grace and love with us at the table.

In the UCC, ALL means ALL!

The Invitation to Receive

Eat This Bread

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Eat This Bread'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system includes the lyrics 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.' The second system includes the lyrics 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.' The music is in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The first system has a key signature of one sharp and a common time signature. The second system has a key signature of one sharp and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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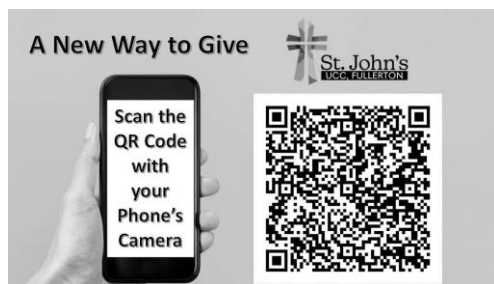
Sharing the Meal

*As the minister directs, open and receive the gifts of communion and
then close the cup with the lid. Receptacles are available at the exit doorways
to dispose of containers as you leave the sanctuary.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**All: Loving God, Jesus, our Friend, Holy Spirit of life,
having received your gifts for us this day, now empower us to
make your love known, your way of life clear and your grace a
daily experience. Thank you for these moments of hope. Amen.**

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings to God



*Thank you for your generosity
and faithfulness in
supporting the ministry of St.
John's UCC!*

*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
(Sung to the tune "Old Hundredth")*

**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

From UCC Worship Ways

**Generous One, receive the gifts we bring as we return a
portion of your treasure to the use of your kingdom. May
your will be manifested and your creation restored through
sharing these offerings. Amen.**

~ We Serve ~

*Hymn

God Whose Purpose is to Kindle (vs. 1 and 2)

Hymntune: Hymn of Joy

(see page 7)

*The Benediction

Postlude

Patrick Sandt, organ

Last Verse Variation on Ode to Joy

Arr. by Noel Rawsthorne

God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle



1. God, whose pur - pose is to kin - dle: Now ig - nite us
 2. God, who in your ho - ly gos - pel Wills that all should
 3. God, who still a sword de - liv - ers Rath - er than a



with your fire; While the earth a - waits your burn - ing,
 tru - ly live, Make us sense our share of fail - ure,
 plac - id peace, With your sharp - ened word dis - turb us,



With your pas - sion us in - spire. O - ver - come our
 Our tran - quil - li - ty for - give. Teach us cour - age
 From com - pla - cen - cy re - lease! Save us now from



sin - ful calm - ness, Stir us with your sav - ing name;
 as we strug - gle In all lib - er - at - ing strife;
 sat - is - fac - tion, When we pri - vate - ly are free,



Bap - tize with your fi - ery Spir - it,
 Lift the small - ness of our vi - sion
 Yet are un - dis - turbed in spir - it



Crown our lives with tongues of flame.
 By your own a - bun - dant life.
 By our neigh - bor's mis - er - y.

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 Tune: HYMN TO JOY, ♯ F & 7 D; arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867

OUR FAITH HOME SURVEYS

Please return your completed surveys either online or to the church office by August 9th!

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, Ginny Hess, Geraldine Keim, Roger Knauss, Alan Miller, Karen Moyer, Jack Ohl, Joey Raszler and Marietta Seyfried.

Also remember those Serving in our Armed Forces:

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

August 7

Worship Tech – Jesus Pagan

Ushers – Brian Fisher, Bill Fink,

Wayne Lichtenwalner and Amy Fiedler

August 14

Worship Tech – Michelle Gutekunst

Ushers – Cindy Reck, Gary Weaver and Cheryl Weaver

ATTENDANCE - July 31

On-site - 80

Online - 13

Total - 93

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Offerings received in the last week of July were \$2,952, a combination of offerings received electronically, in the mail, and in the Sunday offering plate. This brings our total offerings for July to \$21,018, about \$1,480 short of our monthly target of \$22,500 in offerings. January through July, we are approximately **\$25,500** behind in overall income compared to expenses. July finance reports are in progress - we expect to have net income for July!

CONSTRUCTION ON GRAPE STREET

Work has begun on the gas line and on making the curbs ADA compliant on Grape Street. When that is completed the resurfacing of the street will begin. The project is due to be completed by the end of September.

LEHIGH VALLEY PRIDE

This year, Lehigh Valley Pride is being held on Sunday, August 21st from 12:00 to 6:00 at the Jewish Community Center in Allentown, with the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center proud to host 2022 Lehigh Valley Pride. For the fifth year, PNEC will have a unified booth and is looking for people to staff it, set up and clean up. The theme this year is Loud and Proud; our booth will read God's Doors are Open to All. If you are interested, get in touch with Gary M Barraco, or sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044daaaa29a3f94-pnec>.

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.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Draft copies of the new membership directory are 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.

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 or phone (484) 241-0250.

**Please join us on Wednesday, August 3rd 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 August 7 - 14, 2022

Sun, 8/7	9:30 am	Worship Service, Communion
Mon, 8/8	7:00 pm	Mission Committee, Zoom
Tues, 8/9	10:30 am	Visitation Committee
	1:30 pm	Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Stewardship and Finance
Wed, 8/10	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	6:30 pm	Fundraising Committee, Rm 201
Thurs, 8/11	7:00 pm	Music and Worship, Rm 201/Zoom
Sat, 8/13	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun, 8/14	9:30 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Confirmation Parent/Youth meeting, Rm 201
		September newsletter articles due

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