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

**August 14, 2022
9:30am**

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Order of Worship

~ *We Worship* ~

* Those who are comfortably able, please stand

Prelude

“Resting In God’s Arms”

Mark Hayes

“Come to Me”

Dan Forrest

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steven Davis

*Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

From UCC Worship Ways

One: In a world uprooted at every turn, come beloved of God for replanting.

All: Our hope and weariness are mixed together, yet we come, trusting ancient promises.

One: The Holy One who led the people out of Egypt, yearns to lead us, too.

All: God will not rest until all are rerooted, restored, and renewed for rejoicing.

One: Let us be joined to God’s song of justice, bearing beauty into the life of the world.

All: May our lives be formed for faithfulness by the One who is always faithful.

*Opening Hymn

“Abide With Me” (vs. 1 & 3)

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Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need your pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with you at hand to bless;
 5 Hold now your cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens: Lord, with me a - bide!
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but your grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who, like your - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, your vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O Lord who chang - es not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if you a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte (1793-1847), alt.
 MUSIC: William H. Monk (1823-1889)

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 10.10.10.10.

Prayer of Confession

From UCC Worship Ways

One: Gardener God, You plant us in a gifted place, but often we return sour grapes. In the midst of Your abundance, we complain of not having enough or being enough. Your call “to give justice to the weak and the orphan; to maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute” is easily overlooked or ignored. We are uprooted by our own inaction, selfishness, and fear. Re-root our hearts, our minds, and our lives in the soil of Your forgiving love.

All: Bear up in us a boldness to sing a song strange to the world but known by You. Let it be the song of shalom, the chorus of Christ-love, a hallelujah rising as the world is mended by our consent to You. Yes, plant this anew in us today. Amen.

(Time for Silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

From UCC Worship Ways

Hear this good word. God can never cease to be love. God has no joy in plants uprooted or journeys detoured by distraction. The ancient promise of God proclaimed again and again throughout history still rings true. Nothing can separate us from the love of God, made known to us in Christ Jesus. God forgives you and is already planting you anew. This is the good news and you can trust it with your life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Children’s Message

*Scripture Reading

Luke 12:49-56

Rev. Dave Mohr

*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 Hope

Musical Offering

“In the Garden”
C. Austin Miles
Arr. Mark Hayes

Kirby Hower, 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 and liberates 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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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”

*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*

**We thank you, Loving God, that sourness gives way to
sweetness when we answer Your call to be generous.
Multiply these gifts and Your spirit in us, that the world
may know your life-giving will and way. Amen.**

~ We Serve ~

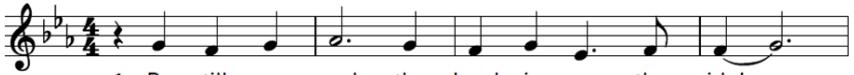
*Hymn Be Still, My Soul (*Vs. 1 and 2*)
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*The Benediction

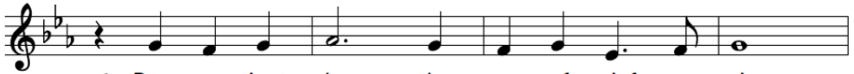
Postlude “Sing Forth Exultantly!”
Lani Smith

BE STILL, MY SOUL

FINLANDIA



1. Be still, my soul— the Lord is on thy side!
2. Be still, my soul— thy God doth un - der - take
3. Be still, my soul— the hour is has - t'ning on



1. Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
2. To guide the fu - ture as he has the past;
3. When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



1. Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide—
2. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake—
3. When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



1. In ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.
2. All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
3. Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



1. Be still, my soul— thy best, thy heav'n - ly friend
2. Be still, my soul— the waves and winds still know
3. Be still, my soul— when change and tears are past,



1. Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
2. His voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
3. All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Text: 10 10 10 10 10 10 10; Katharina von Schlegel; in *Neue Sammlung Geislicher Lieder*, 1752; tr. by Jane Borthwick, 1813–1897. Music: Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957.

Worship & Music Committee - Opportunities to Serve

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.

Altar Flowers

In honor of Rev. David Mohr's birthday from the family.

In Our Prayers

Please remember all our sick, shut-ins and those in our area hospitals in your prayers: Sharon Antrim, Bob Beckwith, 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.

If you or a family member is admitted to the hospital, tell them you are a member of St. John's, or use the church code 473.

Serving in Worship Leadership

August 14

Worship Tech – Michelle Gutekunst
Ushers – Cindy Reck, Gary Weaver and Cheryl Weaver

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Acolyte - Austyn Venanzi
Ushers – Kim Hillegass and Tom Moyer

Attendance - August 7

Onsite -82 Online - 11 Total - 93

FINANCIAL UPDATE

There is no financial update this week because Sue Weldner is on vacation. Next week, the financial update will return.

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.

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>.

UKRAINE RELIEF FUND - THE NEED CONTINUES

Your contributions so far have helped with Ukrainian relief through your 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.

Church Calendar for the Week of August 14-21, 2022

Sun, 8/14	9:30 am 11:00 am	Worship Service Parent/Youth Confirmation meeting September newsletter articles due
Tues, 8/16	9:00 am 9:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Arts and Crafts Camp Staff Meeting Elders Consistory
Wed, 8/17	9:00 am 9:00 am 6:00 pm	Verso Chat Arts and Crafts Camp Confirmation Task Force
Thurs, 8/18	9:00 am	Arts and Crafts Camp
Sat, 8/20	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun, 8/21	9:30 am 12:00 noon	Worship Service Lehigh Valley Pride

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