

# **St. John's UCC, Fullerton**

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UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST



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

**September 4, 2022  
9:30am**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

# The Order of Worship

## ~ We Worship ~

\* Those who are comfortably able, please stand

Music to Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

Interlude # 1; You Searched Me

Arranged by Paul Tate

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steven Davis

~ New Sunday Schedule for Fall

8:15 & 10:45am Worship / 9:30am Faith Formation

\*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: Like clay, we arrive at this time of worship:

**All: Shapeless and full of potential, we arrive.**

One: Like clay, we prepare for this time of worship:

**All: Stretched and shaped into formation, we prepare.**

One: Like clay, we enter this time of worship:

**All: Formed and ready for the Potter's use, we enter.**

\*Opening Hymn

*The Summons  
Verses 1 and 2*

*Hymn found on Page 2 of bulletin*

# The Summons



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but  
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



call your name? Will you go where  
 call your name? Will you care for  
 call your name? Will you set the  
 call your name? Will you quell the  
 call my name. Let me turn and



you don't know And nev - er be the same?  
 cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?  
 pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?  
 fear in - side And nev - er be the same?  
 fol - low you And nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, Will you  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should you  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do  
 Will you use the faith you've found To re -  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your



let my name be known, Will you let my  
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me  
 such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to  
 shape the world a - round, Through my sight and  
 love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown In you and you in me?  
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?  
 what I mean In you and you in me?  
 touch and sound In you and you in me?  
 live and grow In you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949, © 1987, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent  
 Tune: KELVINGROVE, 7 6 7 6 7 7 7 6; Scottish traditional; arr. by John L. Bell, b.1949

Prayer of Confession

*From UCC Worship Ways*

One: Unlike clay, we actively resist the diverse ways you shape us into what the world needs. We frequently struggle to trust in your vision for who we could become. We anxiously avoid facing the heat that protects and sustains us, and the use for which you have formed us anew.

**All: We humbly confess to these and all our shortcomings. Hear us as we pray.**

*(Time for Silent prayer)*

Words of Assurance

*From UCC Worship Ways*

One: God graciously chooses us despite our self-destructive ways. God repeatedly mends our broken places and unceasingly delivers us from harm toward wholeness.

**All: All thanks be to God! Amen.**

Children's Message

\*Scripture Reading

Philemon 1: 10-17

Linda Powell

\*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

“Welcome All! Welcome Home!”

Musical Offering

*For Those Tears I Died*

Marsha J. Stevens

Soloists: Linda Powell and Gregg Fisher

# ~ 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

*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.**

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.

Text: John 6; adapt. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942, and the Taizé Community  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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## Words of Institution and Consecration

### Sung Response

“Eat This Bread”

## 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

*From UCC Worship Ways*

**All: The cost of discipleship is bold and radical. It requires a countercultural way of sharing who we are. Let us risk the safety of the ordinary and choose to build with God by sharing our all that we have and all that we are in the name of Christ. 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!*

A New Way to Give

St. John's UCC

Scan the QR Code with your Phone's Camera

\*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.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

*From UCC Worship Ways*

**All: Holy Giver of all gifts, we thank you for this  
opportunity to share our gifts and participate in the  
various ministries you’ve placed before this faith  
community. Bless these gifts and each one of us as  
we continue your work in the world. Amen.**

## **~ We Serve ~**

\*Hymn

*Lift High the Cross*  
*Found on Page 7 of bulletin*

\*The Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare on Lift High the Cross  
*Arr. by Noel Rawsthorne*

### **Wheat Basket**

Sponsored in memory of Eleanor M. Chryst by son Tom Chryst.

### **Altar Flowers**

Two vases in loving memory of my mother, Betty Blose’s birthday  
on September 2, 1928 from daughter Sandy Koch.

## Lift High the Cross

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*Refrain (Unison)*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

*Verse (parts)*

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*to Refrain*

our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

WORDS: George W. Kitchin (1827-1912); rev. Michael R. Newbolt (1874-1956), alt.  
 MUSIC: Sydney H. Nicholson (1875-1947)

CRUCIFER  
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## **In Our Prayers**

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill or are in our area hospitals: Larry Albright, Phyllis Ambearle, Sharon Antrim, Bob Beckwith, Andi Dallago, Shirley Downing, Tracey Glass, Ron Glass, Ginny Hess, Ted Hess, Geraldine Keim, Roger Knauss, Alan Miller, Grace Mohr, Karen Moyer, Tom Moyer, Marina Newton, Jack Ohl, Joey Raszler, Marietta Seyfried and Nancy Weaver.

We continue to pray for all those serving in our nation's military and for their families for their sacrifices on behalf of our freedom.

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.

If you have someone for us to remember in prayer, please contact the church office.

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

As we expand to two Sunday worship services, there are many opportunities to assist with worship leadership! Please sign up to be an usher/greeter or scripture reader. Sponsor the wheat basket at the altar to support the food bank. Sponsor altar flowers on a Sunday. Help with worship tech/sound!

### **Serving in Worship Leadership**

#### **September 4**

Worship Tech – Michelle Gutekunst

Ushers – Janet Ebert, Bill Fink, Amy Feidler, and Cindy Reck.

#### **September 11**

Acolyte 10:45 - Austyn Venanzi

Worship Tech 8:15 & 10:45- Michelle Gutekunst

### **ATTENDANCE - August 28**

On-site - 95    Online - 19

## **CELEBRATION!**

On September 18, we will be celebrating the 100th birthday of Emma Kuczek-Repp. Make sure to visit with Joy Gravely and visit her table after worship and write a personal note to Emma.

## **FALL WORSHIP & FAITH FORMATION**

**Beginning September 11**  
**8:15 & 10:45am Worship**  
**9:30am Faith Formation**

Our Consistory has voted 10-2 to welcome the church and community to two Sunday morning worship services, with Faith Formation (Sunday School) in between. We will worship at 8:15 & 10:45 beginning September 11, and have our “Welcome Home” rally at 9:30. Faith Formation classes are beginning to form now. If you’re interested in participating in your previous class or trying something new, register today on our website! You will see opportunities shared to take part in some well-established groups and some new things! Come check them out any Sunday beginning September 11.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS REGISTRATION**

Confirmation in the Church is an intentional period of growth and preparation when young people can learn more about the Christian faith, how we experience that faith in the United Church of Christ, and who we are together in our faith as St. John’s UCC, Fullerton. Persons participate in weekly sharing from September to May, to acknowledge the pledge of faith that may have been made for them as infants/children in baptism, and to affirm the core faith and values we share.

If you are in the 7th or 8th grade and have not yet gone through a Confirmation Class, we invite you to contact the church office for more information about our 2022-23 Confirmation Class. Register on the website today!

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Offerings received in the month of August were \$16,085, a combination of offerings received electronically, in the mail, and in the Sunday offering plate. This is \$6,415 short of our monthly target of \$22,500 in offerings. We anticipate this shortfall will add to our YTD loss, which was \$17,825 through July.

## **CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW - SEPT 24, 9am - 2 pm**

We are looking for helpers! We need people to help sell food and basket tickets. Come early to help us set up and clean up after. Any and all help is appreciated. Please let Kenda Catalini know ASAP by phone (484) 358-7453 or email [kpcatalini@aol.com](mailto:kpcatalini@aol.com).

## CRAFTERS GROUP NEWS

We have lots of handmade kitchen items, household decorations, baby items, 12-bean soup mix and cookbooks. Check out our newest items: fabric baskets, patchwork table runners and bowl cozies. We'll be at the Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, September 24, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm - look for us in the pavilion. Do your Christmas shopping early.

## HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

Calling all St. John's Walkers. I'm looking forward to the 2022 Fall Walking Challenge. Please plan to join in the fun and rewards of counting your daily steps. The weather will be cooler and the trees will be changing colors. So much nature to see. Tentative dates are: beginning Sunday, September 11, 2022 and ending Saturday, October 8, 2022. Contact Sharon Antrim at (610) 216-6207 or [sharonantrim@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonantrim@yahoo.com).

## CROP HUNGER WALK

This year's CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 2, starting at 1:30 pm at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church located at 140 S. Ott St. in Allentown. Walkers are needed and members can sponsor our walkers with your donations. Please see Marion DeMilio after worship to make a donation or to be a walker.

## GIFT CARD BINGO

Tickets are now available for the October 7th Gift Card Bingo. See Tom Moyer after church or come to the church office. Cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

## WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

For the month of September, we are collecting **drip coffee and canned or instant potatoes**. 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. You can also bring food donations to the Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, September 24, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm - we'll be in the pavilion.

## NUT & FRUIT SALE

Order forms are in the September Connections Newsletter and on the foyer table. Those who purchased last year will be contacted via email or phone. Orders are taken in advance by contacting Carol Raszler at 610-393-7572 or email at [craszler@aol.com](mailto:craszler@aol.com). Delivery anticipated by mid-November. Pick-up will be by a scheduled drive-by and after worship. Payment is due when delivered, payable to St. John's. **Deadline to place orders is Saturday, October 1.**

## Church Calendar for the Week of September 4-10, 2022

Sun, 9/4	9:30 am	Worship Service, Communion
Mon, 9/5		Labor Day, Church Office Closed
Tues, 9/6	9:30 pm	Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Stewardship and Finance
Wed, 9/7	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	6:30 pm	STARS
	6:30 pm	Zumba
Thurs, 9/8	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
Sat, 9/ 10	9:00 am	Decorate for Rally Day
	12:00 noon	Private Event, Fox Hall
Sun, 9/11	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Welcome Home Social
	10:45 am	Worship Service
		October newsletter articles due

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