

# St. John's UCC, Fullerton

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

***Celebrating Emma's 100th Birthday!***

**September 18, 2022  
8:15 am & 10:45 am**

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## The Order of Worship

### ~ We Worship ~

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

*Welcome to St. John's UCC, Fullerton!*

*We are a place where love can grow!*

*As the music begins, please find your place and begin  
to center your spirit for our worship of God together.*

**Prelude**

*Just As I Am*

*Traditional Hymn*

*Variation arranged by James Michael Stevens*

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Steven Davis

Honoring Emma Kusick-Repp and Celebrating 100 Years!

**\*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:** Divine Parent, you feel what we feel.

**All:** **Our joys and our pains are yours too.**

**One:** Divine Healer, you delight in our wholeness.

**All:** **You are the balm for our heavy-laden hearts and  
souls.**

**One:** Giver of life, you are able to renew us.

**All:** **We open ourselves to you, have your way within us.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

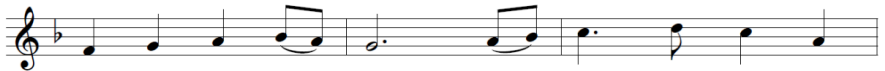
*All Are Welcome*

Verses 1 and 3

# All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And  
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And  
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In  
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -  
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and  
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren  
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on  
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,  
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -  
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -  
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice  
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've  
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



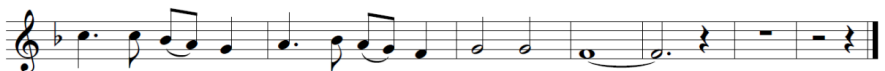
give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,  
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness  
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,  
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger  
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the  
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as  
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we  
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us  
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
 Tune: TWO OAKS, 9 6 8 6 8 7 10 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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## Prayer of Confession

*From UCC Worship Ways*

One: Source of Wholeness, we confess that sometimes our goals don't align with yours, and we get lost. At times, we have pursued power, knowledge, and wealth instead of you, who are the source of all. We know that you are the balm we need, and we turn ourselves towards you.

**All: You are steadfast in your love and justice. Help us to be the same, help us to be a balm to others as you are to us. Amen.**

*(Time for Silent prayer)*

## Words of Assurance

*From UCC Worship Ways*

One: The Divine one is steadfast in love, justice, and righteousness. Know that we are called and empowered to do the same. In a chaotic world, we can know peace, and in a chaotic world, we can be at peace.

**All: May God's grace be a balm for us, and may we be a balm to and for others. Amen.**

## (10:45) Children's Message

## (10:45) Liturgical Dance

*Still*

Hillsong Ministry

Maya Williams

## \*Scripture Reading

Psalm 113

(8:15) Joy Gravely

(10:45) Sharon Czekner

\*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.**

“Welcome Home! God Is Here With Us!”

Hymn (8:15)

Take My Life and Let it Be

Verses 1 and 2

COMMITMENT & RENEWAL

Take My Life and Let It Be 466

1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed,  
 2 Take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
 3 Take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
 4 Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its

Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move  
 ful for thee; take my voice and let me sing  
 ges for thee; take my sil - ver and my gold,  
 treas - ure store; take my - self and I will be

at the im - pulse of thy love, at the im - pulse of thy love.  
 al - ways, on - ly, for my King, al - ways, on - ly, for my King.  
 not a mite would I with - hold, not a mite would I with - hold.  
 ev - er, on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

(10:45) Special Music

Lord I Stretch My Hands to You

Jay Althouse

Chancel Choir

## ~ 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**

**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**

*If You Believe and I Believe*  
Text: Zimbabwean traditional

*If you believe and I believe and we together pray,  
The Holy Spirit must come down And set God's people free, And  
set God's people free, And set God's people free;  
The Holy Spirit must come down And set God's people free.*

## ***Celebrating Emma's 100th Birthday!***

### **Honoring Emma Kuczek-Repp with our Love!**

Acknowledgment from the Consistory Leadership

Presentation from Mayor Michael Harakal

A Collection of Messages of Love

## 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 God all creatures here below;***

***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Praise God, the source of all our gifts!***

***Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!***

***Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!***

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

### \*Prayer of Dedication

*Adapted from UCC Worship Ways*

**Steadfast One, receive our gifts in the gladness we give them. Thank you that we have an abundance of resources to share so that every need is met. May we always give from wide open hearts, and may what we give, be used to bring a balm of justice. Amen.**

## ~ We Serve ~

### \*Hymn

*Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*

Sebastian Temple

Hymn can be found on page 7 of bulletin

### \*The Benediction

### Postlude

*Variation on Prayer of St. Francis*

Douglas Wagner

# Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Verses 1, 2, 4



1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where  
 2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where  
 4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It



there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where  
 there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
 is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in



there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, And  
 there is dark - ness, on - ly light, And  
 giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.  
 dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek So much to be con -



soled as to con - sole. To be un - der - stood as to un - der -



stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Text: *Prayer of St. Francis*; adapt. by Sebastian Temple, 1928-1997  
 Tune: Sebastian Temple, 1928-1997; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942  
 © 1967, OCP  
 Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy



## **Altar Flowers**

- ~ One vase in honor of Emma Kuczek-Repp's 100th birthday celebration by Rev. and Mrs. David Mohr
- ~ One vase by Emma's family and church family
- ~ One vase in honor of Ronald and Nancy Eichman's wedding anniversary
- ~ One vase in honor of friend Virginia Brokenshire's birthday on September 18th by Diana Beck

## **In Our Prayers**

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill or are in our area hospitals: Larry Albright, Phillis Ambeable, Richard Baatz, Bob Beckwith, Andi Dallago, Shirley Downing, Tracey Glass, Ron Glass, Ginny Hess, Ted Hess, Geraldine Keim, Roger Knauss, Alan Miller, Dave 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.

## **Serving in Worship Leadership**

### **September 18**

Ushers 8:15 - Susan Rarich, Linda Apple & Charlie Apple  
10:45 - Sharon Czekner & Bob Czekner  
Worship Tech 8:15 - Bill Castello & Susan Rarich  
10:45 - Bill Castello

### **September 25**

Ushers 8:15 - Ellen Sagazio & Colleen Kulhamer  
10:45 - Wayne Lichtenwalner & Margaret Young  
Worship Tech 8:15 & 10:45 - Bill Castello

## **Attendance - September 11**

Onsite - 8:15 44      10:45 84      Total Onsite 128

## HONORING EMMA KUCZEK-REPP

Today in our gathered worship of God, we celebrate Emma's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this coming Thursday! What a gift she is to St. John's!

Emma Marie Sheetz was born at home in Mount Pleasant, New Jersey, on September 22, 1922. Two younger brothers, Oscar Junior and Marvin (now both deceased), rounded out the family.



Emma walked two miles each way to Frenchtown High School, graduating in 1940. She met her future husband, Robert "Earl" Repp at a dance held at "The Gobbler." A band scheduled to play that night didn't have transportation. Earl's sister, Arlene, asked Earl to drive. He said yes, if she would introduce him to a particular girl. That girl was Emma Sheetz.

Emma and Earl planned to marry on June 27, 1941. They got in the car with Emma's Mom and Dad, and started driving. At 7:00 pm, wherever they were, that's where they would get married. In Norristown PA, they looked up a minister in the phone book, called him, and asked him to marry them. He asked, "When?" They said "Now" and he agreed. With Mom and Dad as witnesses, they were married.

Earl joined the Navy during World War II. In August 1941, Emma became one of the local "Rosie Riveters" taking up what was typically considered a man's job. First, she worked at Phoenix Clothes making uniforms, then at Mack Trucks, painting parts. She and other Lehigh Valley "Rosies" were recognized in 2008 for their war efforts.

In 1960, she started working for Sears, a job she loved and kept for 31 years until she retired in 1991 to care for her husband. While at Sears, her supervisor would write silly poems for her employees. Emma, the poem writer, was born. She wrote poems for special events and special people. In addition to her skills as a poet, she enjoyed baking, crocheting, and playing board games. She was well known for her funny cakes and rice pudding. In her heyday, the lady could yodel!

Emma and Earl had three children, Phyllis in 1947, and twins Bob and Linda in 1949. There are now six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Several years after Earl's passing, Emma married Ed Kuczek, adding four stepchildren, four step-grandchildren and seven great step grandchildren to her extended family. Ed passed away in 2014 and Emma moved to Fellowship Community in 2015.

Emma was very active at Dubbs Memorial UCC, her home away from home. It was a difficult time for Emma when Dubbs Memorial came to an end. St. John's UCC Fullerton opened its doors and hearts to Dubbs' parishioners, who have found their new home on Grape Street. Emma loves it here!

Some of Emma's favorite things are: the color red and the hymn, "Just as I Am."

### **FALL WORSHIP & FAITH FORMATION**

Welcome to two Sunday morning worship services, with Faith Formation (Sunday School) in between. We now worship at 8:15 & 10:45 on Sunday mornings, and at 9:30, have our Faith Formation groups. 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.

### **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 second week of September were \$2,762, a combination of offerings received electronically, in the mail, and in the Sunday offering plate. This brings our total offerings for September to \$8,170.

To reach our monthly giving “break even target” of \$22,500, we will need \$7,165 for each week remaining in September. We continue to run behind on income sufficient to meet 100% of the month’s expenses. Recently we have seen a downward trend in giving. Through August, we are \$24,695 behind in overall income compared to expenses.

## **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!

## **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 [kpatalini@aol.com](mailto:kpatalini@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.

## **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.

## **CLOSING WORSHIP AT ZION'S UCC**

Zion's UCC, the Liberty Bell Church, will celebrate its final service of worship with a celebration of Holy Communion on Sunday, October 2, at 10:45 am. Zion's congregation is inviting all area UCC churches to send representatives and/or delegations to be a part of a closing worship on October 2. This is a historic moment in the life of the United Church of Christ in the Lehigh Valley.

As members of the body of the UCC, let's support the folks at Zion's and participate in the celebration of their life and ministry on October 2 at 10:45 am. (Parking available in the lot at 7th and Walnut Streets.) If you are interested in attending, see Pastor Steve.

## **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 September, any funds received will go to World Central Kitchen. 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.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP**

The Men's Breakfast Group of St. John's meets on the first Saturday of the month at the Hamilton Family Restaurant located at 2027 Hamilton St. in Allentown. Our next meeting is on October 1 at 8:30 am. We would be pleased to have you join us. If you would like to know more about this group, please contact Bob Bold at 610-393-6123 or email at [QVRRBold@aol.com](mailto:QVRRBold@aol.com).

## **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).

## **BLOOD DONATIONS**

Calling all blood donors....Keystone-Miller Blood Center is in need of blood donations. Due to the aftereffects of Covid, the blood center is having difficulty providing manpower for community blood drives. Please go to your nearest donation center. Give the St.John's UCC Fullerton code, 0872, so we get the credit for your donation. Thank you for your understanding and patience through these difficult times. Sharon Antrim is hoping to schedule a blood drive at church in the spring.

## **GIFT CARD BINGO**

We are in need of the following items for the October 7th Gift Card Bingo:  
1) Items for our “Tricky Tray” drawings. They can be any type of gift or gift card, and should be worth \$20 to \$30. Please tell Cheryl Weaver or Tom Moyer what you will bring! 2) 6 packs of 12 ounce Coca-Cola soft drinks, both regular and diet. 3) Baked goods to sell. Items should be individually wrapped. If you are able to help out with any of these items, please talk to Cheryl Weaver or Tom Moyer.

## **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.

## **From the Consistory & Personnel Committee Rev. Dave Quinn**

With gratitude for faithful ministry, we are sad to announce the coming resignation of Rev. Dave Quinn as our Visitation Minister effective November 15. Pastor Dave's congregation in Palmerton and the congregation in Danielsville have voted to share his leadership as their pastor, which will be a great blessing for both faith communities. However, this change in his pastoral leadership responsibilities means he will not be able to continue to serve with us at St. John's. We will announce in the coming weeks how we can honor his ministry and express our gratitude to Pastor Dave.

## Church Calendar for the Week of September 18-25, 2022

Sun, 9/18	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Emma's 100th Birthday Celebration
	10:45 am	Worship Service
Mon, 9/19	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Jubilation Choir Rehearsal
Tues, 9/20	6:30 pm	Lady Peeps – (Fox Hall)
Wed, 9/21	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	6:30 pm	Zumba
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thur, 9/22	6:30 pm	“Fun” Raising Committee (Rm 201)
Sat, 9/24	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Craft & Vendor Show (Pavilion)
	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun, 9/25	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation groups
	9:30 am	Confirmation Class
	10:45 am	Worship Service

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