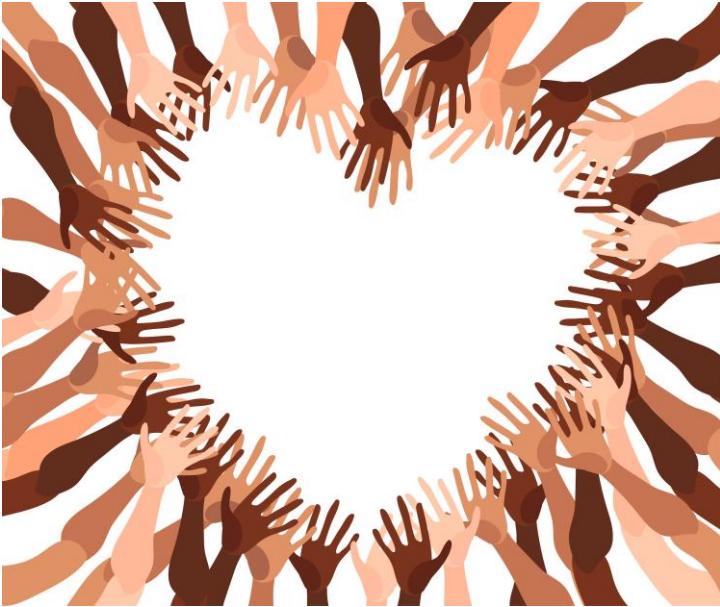


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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



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

**October 9, 2022
8:15 am & 10:45 am**

Eighteenth 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

Every Word and Every Breath

Mark Miller

8:15AM: Soloist: Patrick Sandt

10:45AM: Chancel Choir

New Hymn for Worship beginning today

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steven Davis

***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: Come, beloved of God, and pause in the place of liminal longing.

All: **We come betwixt and between, pulled in many directions.**

One: Trust that the Holy One is already forming a new creation in you.

All: **We come trusting God's mercy to center and change us.**

One: Indeed, the Holy One calls you by name for deeds of mercy.

All: **May God's ancient action be a present presence as we gather.**

***Opening Hymn**

O Christ the Healer
Verses 1 and 2

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come 638

1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to
 2 From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our
 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health
 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in

pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to
 bod - ies clam - or to be freed; yet in our hearts we
 rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease; our com - mon life de -
 your com - mu - ni - ty may find the whole - ness that, en -

be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
 would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
 clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
 rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
 MUSIC: Robert A. Schumann (1810-1856)

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Prayer of Confession

Adapted from UCC Worship Ways

One: Loving God, form in each of us a space for healing and enter in anew. For too long we have clutched the past in ways that have prevented the possibility of moving forward. Boundaries of our own making have kept us resistant to your healing mercy. Limitations of the world's making have created divisions, hindering the possibility of a new day, a new season, a new life.

All: **By Your mercy form us for a life of mercy and thanks. Lift every burden and release us from every long-rehearsed story holding us hostage to any narrative of hopelessness, hurt and fear. Grant instead a lightness of spirit that forgives and frees us to leap into a dance of delight beyond our wildest imagination. Amen.**

(Time for Silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

One: Hear the good news! Into our little openings of trust, God is pouring a large love born of mercy. No burden of your past is stronger than this power of Love to forgive, heal, and bless.

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Now may our lives become songs of thanksgiving and praise that others too may discover the amazing power of God to make all things new! Amen.**

(10:45) Children's Message

(10:45) Hymn

Every Word and Every Breath

Verses 1 and 2

Found on page 4 of the bulletin

EVERY WORD AND EVERY BREATH

Adam M. L. Tice

CAPITOLA
Mark A. Miller

1. Ev-'ry word and ev-'ry breath; all the
 2. Ev-'ry tool of war we make forged a -
 3. Ev-'ry sin that you for - give; ev - 'ry

signs of grace you gave; by your life and by your
 gain to plow the land; all we build and all we
 heart that you re - store; ev-'ry soul re-deemed to

death; by your ris - ing from the grave:
 break new - ly pur - posed in your hand:
 live o - pens wid - er heav-en's door.

Lamb of God, you bring sal - va - tion mak-ing

us your new cre - a - tion. Al - le - lu - ia!

1.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

2.
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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***Scripture Reading**

Luke 17:11-19

(8:15) Janet Ebert

(10:45) Sharon Czekner

*Please stand in body or in spirit for the reading of God's Word.

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

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

Sermon

Rev. Davis

A Grateful Heart - Only One

(8:15) Hymn

Every Word and Every Breath

Verses 1 and 2

Found on page 4 of the bulletin

(10:45) Special Music

In the Quiet

Liam Lawton

Soloists: Linda Powell and Gregg Fisher

Violinist: Regi Mohr

The 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, whose heart of love and grace draw us together 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

Give Thanks
Henry Smith

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks.*

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

From UCC Worship Ways

One: Holy One, in Jesus Christ you have shown what your heart is like – merciful and abounding in steadfast love. Form that same spirit in us that our lives may become continual prayers of thanksgiving. Let no cry of your creation go unheard.

All: Form us as agents of practical praise, molding us
with mercy for a world crying out for healing. Amen.

~ We Serve ~

***Hymn: # 419**

Now Thank We All our God
Verses 1 and 2

***The Benediction**

Rev. Davis

Postlude

Postlude on Nun Danket
Noel Rawsthorne

Altar Flowers/Wheat Basket

One vase sponsored by Paul, Carol Raszler and sons Michael and Joseph in memory of father and grandfather Charles Raszler
The wheat basket on the altar is in honor of God's many blessings
by Ellen Sagazio

In Our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill or are in our area hospitals: Richard Baatz, Carl Case, Shirley Downing, Tracey Glass, Ron Glass, Ginny Hess, Ted Hess, Geraldine Keim, Alan Miller, Dave Mohr, Karen Moyer, Tom Moyer, Eleanor O'Donnell, Jack Ohl, Joey Raszler, Marietta Seyfried, Madeline Slivka, Cheryl Weaver 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.

Attendance - October 2

Onsite - 8:15 - 29 10:45 - 83 Online - 30 Total Onsite - 112

Serving in Worship Leadership

October 9

Ushers 8:15 - Karen Stoitsits & Colleen Kulhamer

10:45 - Sharon Czekner, Bob Czekner & Staci Pagan

Worship Tech 8:15 - Susan Rarich & Bill Castello

10:45 - Bill Castello

October 16

Ushers 8:15 - Kim Hillegass & Margaret Young

10:45 - Cheryl Weaver, Gary Weaver

WORSHIP & MUSIC - 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!

FALL WORSHIP & FAITH FORMATION

It's never too late to register and attend our Faith Formation (Sunday School) or Confirmation Class, (7th-8th graders) at 9:30am between the Sunday services. Register on our website!

CHILDREN'S BIBLES

If your child did not receive a Bible in 2nd grade, please be in touch with the church office. Bibles will be presented next Sunday, October 16.

HEALTHCARE MINISTRY - GRIEF SUPPORT

If you are grieving the death of a loved one, you are invited to attend a grief support group at Asbury UM Church, 1533 Springhouse Rd., Allentown. The group meets the 4th Tuesday monthly at 1pm in the upper level Parlor and is led by Rev. Evelyn Stupp, Asbury's Pastor of Bereavement and Care Ministries. Please contact her at estupp@asburylv.org or 610-428-9095 for more details and to indicate your interest. The next gathering for support is Oct. 25.

FROM THE CONSISTORY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Save the Date! Wednesday, November 23
5:30pm Meal in Fox Hall / 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship

In the coming weeks, we will announce more detailed plans to honor Pastor Dave Quinn for his ministry with St. John's UCC, Fullerton and express our gratitude.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Offerings received in the first week of October were \$8,348, a combination of offerings received electronically, in the mail, and in the Sunday offering plate. To reach our monthly giving "break even target" of \$22,500 we will need \$3,538 weekly for the remainder of October. Through September, we have a **deficit of \$31,720** in overall income compared to expenses.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The NIN offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US. This year's offering focuses on economic justice with inflation impacting all of our households. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund an array of local and national initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. One-third of the offering also supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). **A special offering continues for the entire month of October.**

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 October, any funds received will go to UCC National.** 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.

HURRICANE RELIEF

We don't know what may come next with two months remaining in hurricane season. We know that as a people of faith, we can show up through our prayers and giving for our most vulnerable neighbors and journey with them on the long road to recovery. With your support, we can offer healing and resources through solidarity grants that support relief.

Your gift enables the church to be present with people amidst catastrophic and life-changing situations, offering immediate relief and providing long-term recovery support. Working through a network of global and local partners, the church lives out its call to care for our neighbors as we strive together toward a just world for all. Please use the envelope included in your bulletin. Make your contributions payable to St. John's UCC, Fullerton with a note for "Hurricane Disaster Relief."

Church Calendar for the Week of Oct 9-Oct 16, 2022

Sun, 10/9	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation/Confirmation Class
	10:45 am	Worship Service
Mon, 10/10		Office Closed-Indigenous People's Day
Tues, 10/11	10:30 am	Visitation Committee
	1:30 pm	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Elders
	7:00 pm	Consistory
Wed, 10/12	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	3:00-7:00 pm	Vince's Cheesesteaks in parking lot
	6:30 pm	Zumba
Thurs, 10/13	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	6:30 pm	Confirmation Mentors Meeting
	7:00 pm	Worship and Music
Sat, 10/15	9:30 am	Zumba
		Youth Sleep Out for Homeless
Sun, 10/16	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation/Confirmation Class
	10:45 am	Worship Service

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

We are now collecting **boxes of stuffing or filling** for the Thanksgiving holiday for the clients at the food pantry. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom area by the sanctuary where you can place your donations.

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