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

**ELDERS' SUNDAY
& CHILDREN'S SABBATH**

**October 16, 2022
8:15 am & 10:45 am**

Nineteenth 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

Hope for Tomorrow

Sandra Eithun

Bell Choir of St. John's

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

Ellen Sagazio

One: Righteous One, you are ever listening.

All: We come boldly, lifting our praise to you, because we know you hear us.

One: Bringer of Justice, you reveal truth to us.

All: You help us to see how things are and how they can be.

One: Eternal God, you persist in love and justice.

All: We want to persist in love and justice too.

***Opening Hymn**

Here I Am, Lord

Verses 1 and 2

Hymn found on Pg. 2 of Bulletin

HERE I AM, LORD

Dan Schutte

Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo- ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo- ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est



1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
3. bread I will pro- vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call- ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo- ple in my heart.

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Prayer of Confession

From UCC Worship Ways

Rev. Becca Stephens

One: Source of Wisdom, we confess that at times, we can be self-serving, and we lose sight of community. Sometimes, we don't respect you, ourselves, or each other. Yet, you give grace to us even when we do not.

All: We know that we can trust you, so we yield our hearts and minds to you. You are persistent in your desire to restore us because you want us to have what is best for us. Thank you for this moment of transformation. We give you thanks that we are better for it. Amen.

(Time for Silent prayer)

Words of Assurance Rev. Becca Stephens

One: God is the source and provider of grace, love, and justice, and because we are Imago Dei, made in the image of God, we have the assurance that those gifts flow through us.

All: God's gifts flow to and through us. God's justice makes a difference in us and compels us to show up in the fullness of who we are. Amen.

(10:45) Children's Message Rev. Steven Davis

Hymn *Every Word and Every Breath*
Verses 1 and 2

Found on page 4 of the bulletin

***Scripture Reading** Jeremiah 31:31-34
(8:15) Janet Ebert
(10:45) Joy Gravely

*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.

Sharing Our Faith St. John's Spritual Council
Elders: Brian Fisher, Bill Fink, DonnaLee Yeatts
A Grateful Heart: "Telling Our Story"

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.



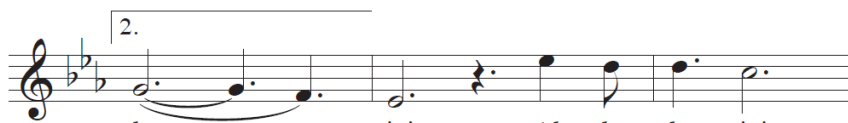
Lamb of God, you bring sal - va - tion mak - ing



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



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



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



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

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Special Music

Take, Lord, and Receive

Bernard Sexton

Jubilation 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.

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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 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

One: 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.

All: **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

*Seek Ye First
Verses 1 and 2*

Hymn found on pg. 7 of the bulletin

*The Benediction

Rev. Davis

Postlude

Voluntary on "Lauda Anima"
Richard A. Williamson

Seek Ye First

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Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you, seek and

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D G/D D Em7 A7 D F#m

right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D/A G/A D/A Em7/G A7 D

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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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, Milton Focht, Tracey Glass, Ron Glass, Sylvia Hafer, 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 9

Onsite - 8:15 – 34, 10:45 - 69 Online - 25 Total Onsite - 103

Serving in Worship Leadership

October 16

Ushers 8:15 - Kim Hillegass & Margaret Young
10:45 - Cheryl Weaver, Gary Weaver

October 23

Ushers 8:15 - Colleen Kulhamer
10:45 - Sharon Czekner & Bob Czekner

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Offerings received in the second week of October were \$2,541, a combination of offerings received electronically, in the mail, and in the Sunday offering plate. This brings our total offerings for October to \$10,890, about \$11,610 short of our monthly target of \$22,500 in offerings. To reach our monthly giving "break even target" of \$22,500 we will need \$3,870 weekly for the remainder of October. We continue to run behind on income sufficient to meet 100% of the month's expenses. Through September, we are \$31,720 behind in overall income compared to expenses.

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.

HONORING & FAREWELL TO PASTOR DAVE QUINN

Save the Date! Wednesday, November 23

5:30pm Potluck Meal in Fox Hall / 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship

The Consistory invites the St. John's family and friends to help us honor Pastor Dave Quinn as he leaves us as our Visitation Pastor after over 6 years. We want to celebrate his gifts of leadership, care and friendship with us by sharing CARDS and by CONTRIBUTING to a financial gift of blessing. Bring your cards with your personal remembrance note of appreciation to the event or drop them by the Church Office to share if you're unable to attend. Financial contributions may be made online, noting the gift Honoring Pastor Dave. (<https://stjohnsuccfullerton.org/contribute>) We will present him with our love gift of generosity at the dinner. Special envelopes will be in the November Newsletter mailing for you to use.

If you would like to assist with the "entertainment" and decorations as we honor Pastor Dave, please visit with DonnaLee Yeatts. The Consistory will be providing a large cake for our dessert. Congregation members are asked to bring other potluck items to share for our meal. If you'd like to volunteer to assist with preparations, decorating, set up/clean up, please visit with Brian Fisher.

Join us as we give thanks for Pastor Dave and his ministry with us and wish him well as he continues to serve two congregations as pastor. We will join in our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at 7:00pm and Pastor Dave will share the evening message as we share our thanks together.

SHARING OUR CARE AND SUPPORT

The Visitation Committee is looking for new members! Some members visit the Homebound, others minister with cards and phone calls. The Committee is also putting together Christmas gift bags for our homebound members; there will be an envelope in the upcoming newsletter. Your monetary donations would be greatly appreciated.

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. Make your contributions payable to St. John's UCC, Fullerton with a note for "Hurricane Relief Fund."

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.

Church Calendar for the Week of Oct 16-Oct 23, 2022

Sun, 10/16	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation/Confirmation Class
	10:45 am	Worship Service
Mon, 10/17	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	7:00 pm	Jubilation Choir
Tues, 10/18	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Peeps - Fox Hall
Wed, 10/19	8am-11 pm	Boscov's Shopping Pass Day
	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	6:30 pm	Zumba
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
Thurs, 10/20	6:30 pm	"Fun" Raising, Rm 201
Sat, 10/22	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun, 10/23	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation/Confirmation Class (open day)
		5G New Member Class
	10:45 am	Worship Service
	1:30 pm	Road Rally

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