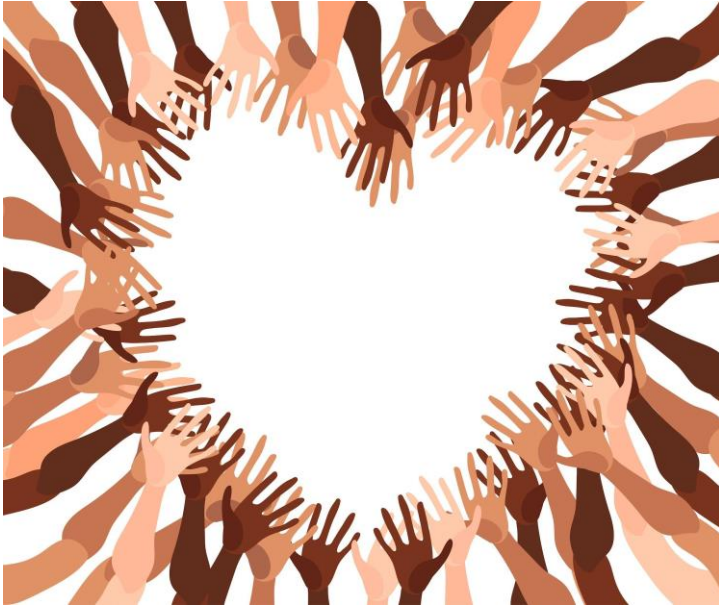


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**We Worship, We Love, We Serve –
No Matter What!**

**October 23, 2022
8:15 am & 10:45 am**

Twentieth 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

The Meditations of My Heart

Elaine Hagenberg

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: It is a time of good rain, early and abundant, that renews and does not flood.

All: We are the gatherers of all that nourishes body and soul, for we work among a harvest of possibility.

One: It is a time of good trouble, bringing justice without violence, a time of unexpected spirit bringing new words and understandings.

All: We are the Everyone who receives God's spirit, the Everyone who shares God's spirit, in spoken word and Sign, in song, text, Braille, code, hand-reaching.

One: We are gatherers, who are not washed away, the troublemakers of a trouble called love, the Anyone, dangerously open.

All: We are all these and more in the love of God. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: # 12**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Verses 1 and 2

Prayer of Confession

Adapted from UCC Worship Ways

One: God, we have put your people to shame. We have shamed people because of color, age, size, gender identity, sexual orientation, sensory difference, cognitive difference, life choices influenced by faith, politics, mobility, memory, mental illness diagnoses.

All: God, we have not been ashamed of shaming your children, but we have often decided we know your preferences and been ashamed of ourselves. That, too, is sin. Like locusts we have turned against ourselves, swarmed against, and cut off life. We ask, O Holy One, for your forgiveness. Amen.

(Time for Silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

One: God repays our diminished love with abundance of love. God repays our cursings of ourselves and others with forgiveness, turning desolation to an abundant harvest.

All: Thanks be to God for God's abundant love. Amen.

(10:45) Children's Message

(10:45) Hymn

Every Word and Every Breath
Verses 1 and 3

Found on page 3 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!



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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***Scripture Reading**

Luke 18:9-14
(8:15) Mike Gravely
(10:45) Tyler Shankweiler

*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 - The Heart God Hears

(8:15) Hymn

Every Word and Every Breath

Verses 1 and 3

Found on page 3 of the bulletin

(10:45) Special Music

We Are the Hands of Christ

Joel Raney

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 him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

***Prayer of Dedication**

From UCC Worship Ways

One: God, you who have everything, we bring our offering and enter your spirit. This is your generosity to us — we can share with you in the giving and receiving of gifts.

All: **May these be blessed for each use, and may we be blessed by letting go of our feelings of scarcity and recognize your great grace and abundance.**

Amen.

~ We Serve ~

***Hymn #23**

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy
Verses 1 and 2

***The Benediction**

Rev. Davis

Postlude

In Babilone
Sandra Gay

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ALTAR FLOWERS

One vase in loving memory of my mother, Jacqueline Werley,
sponsored by Sharon Antrim

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.

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, Michelle Gutekunst, Michael Thomas Gutekunst, Sylvia Hafer, Ginny Hess, Ted Hess, Geraldine Keim, Alan Miller, Karen 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.

Serving in Worship Leadership

October 23

Ushers 8:15 - Colleen Kulhamer & Charlotte Kerrigan

10:45 - Sharon Czekner & Bob Czekner

Worship Tech 8:15 - Bill Castello

10:45 - Bill Castello & Elijah Fox

October 30

Ushers 8:15 - Karen Stoitsits & Colleen Kulhamer

10:45 - Margaret Young & Sharon Czekner

Worship Tech 8:15 - Michelle Gutekunst

10:45 - Bill Castello & Elijah Fox

Attendance - October 16

Onsite - 8:15 - 30 10:45 - 62 Online - 15 Total Onsite - 92

ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

Our website Vanco contribution procedure has been updated. Now, your donations will be reconciled with your bank on the same day as your gift, instead of on either the 1st or 15th of the month. Contributions can be scheduled weekly, and can be received anytime for same day giving!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

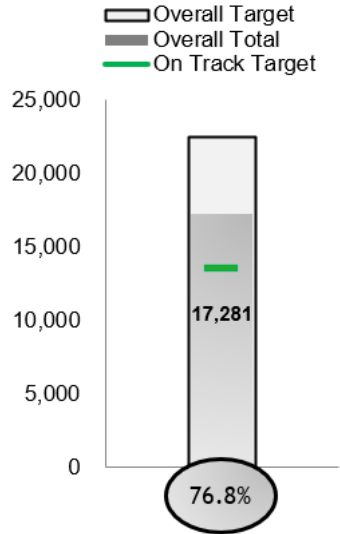
MONTHLY OFFERINGS

OCTOBER 2022

<i>Overall</i>	
Overall Target	22,500.00
On Track Target	13,500.00
Overall Total	17,280.84
Overall Percent	76.8%

<i>Last Week</i>	
Start:	10/16/22
End:	10/22/22
Total:	6,392.23

Progress

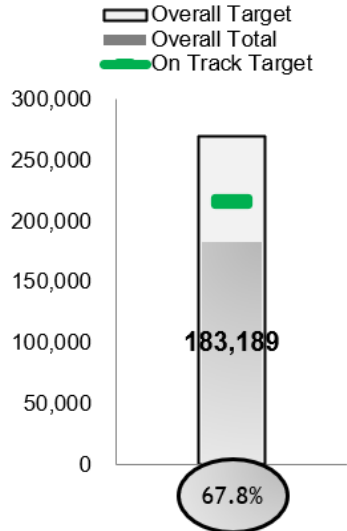


YTD OFFERINGS

OCTOBER 2022

<i>Overall</i>	
Overall Target	270,000.00
On Track Target	216,000.00
Overall Total	183,188.57
Overall Percent	67.8%

Progress



HONORING & FAREWELL TO PASTOR DAVE QUINN

Save the Date! Wednesday, November 23

5:30 pm Potluck Meal in Fox Hall

7:00 pm 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.

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.

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 November 5 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.

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

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 1:00 pm 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.

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.**

Church Calendar for the Week of Oct 23-Oct 30, 2022

Sun, 10/23	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation/Confirmation Class
	9:30 am	5G (New Member) Class
	10:45 am	Worship Service
	1:30 pm	Road Rally
Mon, 10/24	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	7:00 pm	Jubilation Choir
Tues, 10/25	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
Wed, 10/26	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	6:30 pm	Zumba
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	7:00 pm	Missions Committee
Fri, 10/28	6-8:00 pm	Trunk or Treat
Sat, 10/29	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun, 10/30	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation/Confirmation Class (open day)
	10:45 am	Worship Service

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