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

**October 30, 2022
8:15 am & 10:45 am**

**All Saints Remembrance Day
Twenty-first 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

Our Father
Craig Courtney

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 from every direction: north, south, east, and west.

All: We welcome and worship God in this sacred place!

One: Come bearing all your gifts: behind-the-scenes, quirky, unique, and more.

All: We welcome and worship Jesus with zealous authenticity!

One: Come with all your identities: race, gender, sexuality, and all of who we are.

**All: We welcome and worship with our whole selves!
Amen.**

***Opening Hymn**

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
Verses 1 and 4

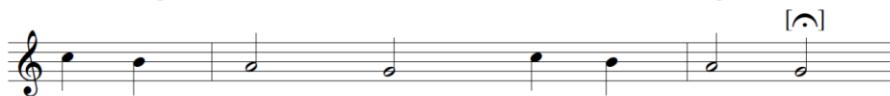
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



1. Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones,
2. O high - er than the cher - u - bim,
3. Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest,
4. O friends, in glad - ness let us sing,



Bright ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones,
More glo - rious than the ser - a - phim,
Ye pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest,
Su - per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing,



Raise the glad strain,
Lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia,



Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers,
O bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word,
Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong,
To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels' choirs,
Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord,
All saints tri - um - phant, raise in song,
And God the Spir - it, Three in One,



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



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

Text: Athelston Riley, 1858-1945. © Oxford University Press

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with alleluias; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

Prayer of Confession

From "The Power of Parable"

by John Dominic Crossan

One: "You have been waiting for God," Jesus said, "while God has been waiting for you. No wonder nothing is happening. You want God's intervention," he said, "while God wants your collaboration. God's kingdom is here, but only insofar as you accept it, enter it, live it, and thereby establish it."

All: Forgive our slowness, collaborating God, to recognize your invitation to participate in the call to transformation and hope. Help us see the opportunity, embrace the possibility and work together to welcome your kingdom.

(Time for Silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

One: We need not fret over our mistakes and missed chances of years and days past. God is forgiving and gracious.

All: We are liberated from the things we cannot change and empowered to influence the things we can. No matter our circumstances, God is present. Amen.

(10:45) Children's Message

(10:45) Hymn # 597

Shall We Gather at the River

Verses 1 and 4

*Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:15-19

(8:15) Janet Ebert

(10:45) Nancy Bowman

*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: We Remember You

(8:15) Hymn # 597

Shall We Gather at the River

Verses 1 and 4

(10:45) Special Music

Seek First the Kingdom

Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir

~ We Love ~

All Saints Remembrance

Rev. Davis

Janet Ebert / Nancy Bowman

Please join in singing our sung response when directed

QUIETLY, PEACEFULLY

Antonin Dvořák

Words and Adapt. Lori True



Qui - et - ly, peace - ful - ly may they rest in you.



Qui - et - ly, peace - ful - ly bring them home to you.

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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**

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

One: Thank you for receiving each gift that we now share
with you, gracious God.

**All: Bless each offering – including our very selves – and let
all we share of our gifts and our lives be given in service
to you. Amen.**

~ We Serve ~

*Hymn #299

For All the Saints
Verses 1 and 2

Postlude

Recessional on "Sine Nomine"
R. Vaughan Williams/ Gregg Swell

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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, Michelle Gutekunst, Michael Thomas Gutekunst, 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 also remember the family of Sylvia Hafer, who passed away on October 22, 2022.

We pray for all people to exercise their freedom and responsibility to participate in our shared democracy by voting in the upcoming election, Tuesday, November 8.

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.

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 any time for same day giving!

Attendance - October 23

Onsite - 8:15 - 49 10:45 - 56 Online - 19 Total Onsite - 105

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

OCTOBER 2022

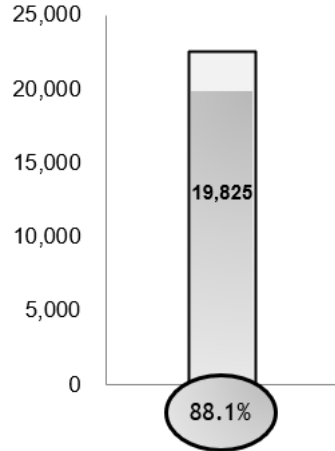
Overall	
Overall Target	22,500.00
Overall Total	19,824.64
Overall Percent	88.1%

Last Week	
Start:	10/23/22
End:	10/29/22
Total:	2,543.80

Amt need to reach Target	
OCTOBER 2022	2,675.36

Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total



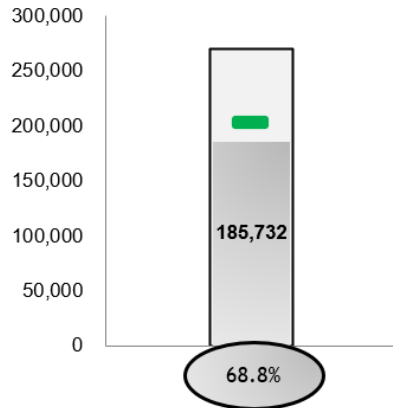
YTD OFFERINGS

OCTOBER 2022

Overall	
Overall Target	270,000.00
On Track Target	202,500.00
Overall Total	185,732.37
Overall Percent	68.8%

Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total
- On Track Target



Serving in Worship Leadership

October 30

Ushers 8:15 - Karen Stoitsits & Colleen Kulhamer
10:45 - Tom Moyer & Sharon Czekner
Worship Tech 8:15 - Michelle Gutekunst
10:45 - Bill Castello & Elijah Fox

November 6

Ushers 8:15 - Bill Fink, Janet Ebert & Margaret Young
10:45 - DonnaLee Yeats, Gary Black & Pete Mohr
Worship Tech 8:15 - Bill Castello
10:45 - Bill Castello & Elijah Fox

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 was an envelope in the most recent 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. **This special offering concludes today. Thank you for your generosity.**

HURRICANE RELIEF

We don't know what may come next with two months remaining in hurricane season. 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. Make your contributions payable to St. John's UCC, Fullerton with a note for "Hurricane Relief Fund."

GRIEF SUPPORT ~ HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

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 **Tuesday, Nov. 22.**

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. **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.

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.

ROAD RALLY RESULTS!

Congratulations to all who participated in last week's Road Rally. Everyone found their way to the restaurant in good time. We enjoyed a meal at the Slopeside Pub on the top of Blue Mountain. Special congratulations to the prize winners!

Best time – DonnaLee Yeatts & Andrew Madura

Most accurate Mileage – The Raszlers and the Hallmans

Answered all questions correctly – Marion DeMilio, Keith & Donna Held, Margaret Young, Keister and Lopez family, Raszler & Hallman families.

All these winners, plus everyone else, received valuable prizes for their efforts. Some are contemplating vacationing at the resort that we passed during the Road Rally. Thanks to all for a great afternoon!

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.

Church Calendar for the Week of Oct 30-Nov 6, 2022

Sun, 10/30	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation/Confirmation (open)
	10:45 am	Worship Service
Mon, 10/31	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	7:00 pm	Jubilation Choir
Tues, 11/1		All Saints Day!
	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
Wed, 11/2	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	6:30 pm	Zumba
	6:30 pm	STARs
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
Fri 11/4	2:00-4:00 pm	Pastie Sale pickup
Sat, 11/5	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast (Hamilton Family Diner)
	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun, 11/6		Daylight Savings Time ends
	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation/Confirmation Class
	10:45 am	Worship Service

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