

# St. John's UCC, Fullerton

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

**November 6, 2022  
8:15 am & 10:45 am**

**Twenty-second 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**

*Love and Longing*  
James Michael Stevens

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Steven Davis

~ Nov. 13, Receiving New Persons in Covenant

~ Nov. 20, Fall Congregational Meeting at 9:30

~ Nov. 23, Celebrating Pastor Dave Quinn 5:30 Potluck  
and 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

**\*Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

**\*Call to Worship**

*Adapted from UCC Worship Ways*

One: We gather with joys and sorrows and memories of joy  
and sorrow.

**All: We gather from hope and habit, with happiness and  
heartbreak.**

One: We gather knowing every scuffed pew or chair is a place  
a child once sat and that every dusty hymnal was held by  
someone singing.

**All: We gather, not only to remember, but to be present  
in this place to our own faith, to who we are as the  
Body of Christ, and to truly support each other.**

**Prayer of Intention**

*by Andrew Sartory*

**All: May I love myself today. May I be kind and gentle with myself today.**

One: May I tune in to the matters of spirit today.  
May I feel more clearly what Spirit is guiding me to do.  
May I have at least a little bit more courage today, than yesterday, to trust and follow the guidance of my heart and soul, and move further beyond the fears in my mind.

**All: May I love myself today. May I be kind and gentle with myself today.**

One: May I see more clearly where I am out of integrity with the higher parts of me. May I have the integrity to act upon this new awareness, and grace and compassion for myself in the moments I may fail to do so.

**All: May I love myself today. May I be kind and gentle with myself today. In the name of the One who is peace, freedom and love, may this be so. Amen.**

*(Time for Silent prayer)*

**Words of Assurance**

One: Take courage. Take heart. God's peace, freedom and love tune our souls to the One who holds us tenderly, helping us cling to God's heart of love and causing us to give thanks for all of life's blessings.

**All: As beloved children of God, we are forgiven, loved and set free. Amen.**

**(10:45) Children's Message**

**(10:45) Hymn**

*Every Word and Every Breath*

Verses 1 and 3

Hymn found on Pg. 3

# 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**

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17  
(8:15) Sharon Antrim  
(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

Heart of Thanks

**(8:15) Hymn**

*Every Word and Every Breath*  
Verses 1 and 3

Hymn found on Pg. 3

**(10:45) Special Music**

*I Believe*  
Mark Miller

Soloist: Emily Szuter  
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 draws 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**

*All That We Have  
Gary Ault*

***All That we Have, and all that we offer, comes from a heart  
both frightened and free; take what we bring now and give  
what we need. All done in His name.***

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*Please sign the communion book in the back of the church  
if you have not done so at a service of communion in 2022.*

**We Are an Inclusive Community!**

In the United Church of Christ, we observe an  
“open communion.” ALL persons are welcome to receive  
the gifts of God’s grace and love with us at the table.

**In the UCC, ALL means ALL!**

*Today’s liturgy is adapted from Rev. Joseph W. Daniels Jr.,  
The Africana Worship Book, Discipleship Resources.*

## **The Invitation to Receive**

**One:** As we come to Christ’s table, the invitation of God is to  
be made fully alive in love as we offer our hearts of  
thanks. We are welcomed, warmly and with open arms to  
receive all of God’s abundance. So with our hearts of  
thanks, we boldly declare...

**All:** **You are God, of the dead, and of the living,  
for to you, all of them are alive.**

## Words of Institution and Consecration

Sung Response

*Taste and See*

### TASTE AND SEE

James E. Moore, Jr.

Taste and see, taste and see the

good - ness of the Lord. O,

taste and see, taste and see the

good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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## Sharing the Meal

*As the minister directs, all are welcome to come using the center aisle to any of the stations to receive the gifts of communion. If you are unable to come forward, servers will bring the elements to you.*

*Eat and drink upon receiving at the station and dispose of your cup at the side, then please return to your seats by the side aisles.*

## Music During the Sharing the Meal

*Taste and See*

Arr. by Edwin T. Childs

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**    *adapted from Discipleship Resources*

**We give you thanks, God of the living, that you have made room at your table and in your kingdom for us, that is full of life and love, forgiveness and humility, kindness and justice. Our belonging to you is our salvation.**

**May we who worship the God of the living go from this table and this place to embrace each moment as an opportunity to be fully alive in the now. We give thanks in the confidence of today and the hope for tomorrow. 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'n-ly host:  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen***

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**                      *Adapted from UCC Worship Ways*

**One:** We offer financial resources, time, abilities, compassion, in a tangible expression of our thanks for that which has come, and in hope for the future of this community of faith and for many others near and far away.

**All:** **May we be generous with our hope for the future. Amen.**



## ~ We Serve ~

### **\*Hymn #25**

*O God our Help in Ages Past*

Verses 1, 2, and 3

### **\*The Benediction**

Rev. Davis

### **Postlude**

*Trumpet Tune*

Michael A. Johnson

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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 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.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

One vase in loving memory of husband Gerald Ott by Mary Jane Ott,

One vase in loving memory of father William Smith by Linda Smith,

One vase in loving memory of nephew Jonathan Jacob Rohrbach  
by uncle Tom Chryst,

One vase in loving memory of mother Eleanor Groff  
by Margaret Young and family.

### **Attendance - October 30**

Onsite - 8:15 - 40 10:45 - 57 Total Onsite - 97 Online - 22

### **Serving in Worship Leadership**

#### **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

#### **November 13**

Ushers 8:15 -Marion DeMillio & Karen Stoitsits

10:45 - Sharon Czekner & Bob Czekner

Worship Tech 8:15 - Bill Castello

10:45 - Bill Castello & Elijah Fox

### **ALL SAINTS**

Last Sunday, we remembered our saints for 2021-2022,  
as well as those who we named in our hearts:

Edith M. Crews	11/12/21
Thomas Miller	11/15/21
Johanna Rose Carlisle	12/8/21
Evelyn M. Haas	12/16/21
Madeline R. Leibenguth	12/18/21
Fae Erney	12/27/21
Theresa D. Kuhns	1/6/22
Nancy F. Ebling	1/13/22
Bonita L. Cocivera	2/22/22
Faye Champlin	2/26/22
David F. Walters	4/9/22
Ronald P. Brader	4/23/22
Sherri Sutter	5/26/22
Nancy Cusati	7/23/22
Sylvia Hafer	10/22/22

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### MONTHLY OFFERINGS

OCTOBER 2022

Overall	
Overall Target	22,500.00
Overall Total	22,306.64
Overall Percent	99.1%

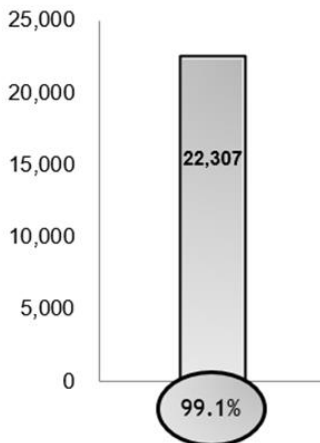
Last Week	
Start:	10/24/22
End:	10/30/22
Total:	2,482.00

Amt need to reach Target

OCTOBER 2022	193.36
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#### Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total



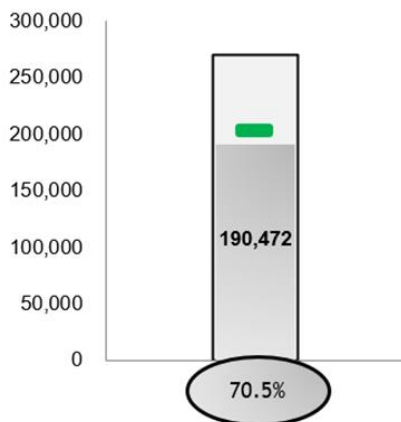
### YTD OFFERINGS

OCTOBER 2022

Overall	
Overall Target	270,000.00
On Track Target	202,500.00
Overall Total	190,472.37
Overall Percent	70.5%

#### Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total
- On Track Target



## **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.

## **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](mailto:estupp@asburylv.org) or 610-428-9095 for more details and to indicate your interest. The next gathering for support is **Tuesday, Nov. 22.**

## **HAPPY FRIENDSGIVING**

The Lady PEEPS Women's Group will be celebrating Friendsgiving Day on Tuesday, November 29th at 6:30 PM in Fox Hall. Ladies, come join us as we spend a relaxing evening together playing games, making an easy art project and growing friendships. Refreshments will be served. Please use the elevator entrance to join us and I will see you there!

## **UPCOMING REMINDERS**

Nov. 13, Receiving New Persons in Covenant at both worship services. If you're interested in being a member of St. John's, contact Pastor Steve.

Nov. 20, Fall Congregational Meeting at 9:30 in the sanctuary. ALL MEMBERS are eligible to vote on our proposed 2023 budget and our Consistory leadership, new elder and deacons (information sent to all by mail).

## **ONLINE GIVING UPDATE**

Our website contribution procedure has been updated. Now, your donations will be reconciled with your bank on the same day as your gift! Instead of 1st or 15th of the month, regular contributions can be scheduled weekly, and received anytime for same day giving! We hope this helps us all share our gifts consistently and with ease.

## **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 all 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 were in the November Newsletter mailing and are on the parlor and entry tables for you to use.

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. If you would like to assist with the "entertainment" and decorations as we honor Pastor Dave, please visit with DonnaLee Yeatts.

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.

## “FUN” RAISING HIGHLIGHTS

Order forms for all items are available on the table in the church parlor.

Thanksgiving Potato Filling Sale. \$7.50 per 2 lb. package.

**Deadline to order is November 6, 2022.** Pickup will be November 19, 3:00 to 5:00pm in Fox Hall or November 20, following church service. See Cheryl Weaver for questions.

Nut and Fruit Sale: A pick-up Drive-by for those who placed an order has been scheduled for this coming **Saturday, November 12, between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon** at the pavilion in the 6th St. parkinglot. For those of you who haven't already paid, be sure to bring a check payable to St. John's UCC, Fullerton or the exact amount in cash. If you have any questions, contact Carol Raszler at 610-393-7572.

Home-made semi-sweet chocolate coconut cream and peanut butter eggs. Cost is \$14.00 per pound. **Deadline to order is November 27, 2022.** See Ginny Brokenshire for questions.

If you are interested in ordering Scrip gift cards, please fill out the order form complete with your check made payable to St. John's UCC Fullerton and mail to St. John's U.C.C., 575 Grape St., Whitehall, PA 18052, Attention: Tracey Glass. **Order form and payment must be received by 11/20/22.** Gift cards will be available for pick-up on or after 12/11/22. If you have any questions call the church office @610-264-8421 or Tracey @610-905-8426. Order forms may also be placed in her mailbox in the church office or placed in the offering plate. Happy shopping!!

Save the date!

Basket Social in Fox Hall—

December 4, from 8:00 until 1:00

## **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 November, any funds received will go to Project HOPE.** 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** mix for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays as well as monetary donations towards gift certificates to purchase turkeys. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom area by the sanctuary where you can place your donations.

## **OPERATION SANTA**

You can find the Mitten Tree at the rear of the sanctuary. Please remove a mitten if you wish to make a monetary contribution for seniors at Phoebe Ministries (red mitten) and/or children and teens at Valley Youth House (yellow mitten). From your donations, gifts will be purchased by the staff at both locations. **Deadline is Sunday, November 27.**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR FIRST EVER SERVICE OF THE NATIVITY**

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, St. John's will be holding our first ever Service of the Nativity. Volunteers to help with the event are needed. We are looking for volunteers and families to assist with the following: Ushers (4 total-help with programs, candles, lighting of candles, cleanup); Readers for the Service (currently have two, three more are needed); Lighters of the Advent Candles (done on the beginning of the service) (families, friends-4 total); Volunteers to help make goodies for fellowship to follow the service.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information on how to become involved with this wonderful service, please contact Patrick Sandt at [Sjfmusic@sjuccf.org](mailto:Sjfmusic@sjuccf.org) or through phone at 484-241-0250.

Please consider becoming involved with this beautiful new service for the Christmas season!

## Church Calendar for the Week of Nov 6 - Nov 13, 2022

Sun, 11/6	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation/Confirmation Class
	10:45 am	Worship Service
		Pastie pickup, Fox Hall
Mon, 11/7	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	7:00 pm	Jubilation Choir
Tues, 11/8	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Stewardship and Finance
Wed, 11/9	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	6:30 pm	Zumba
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
Fri 11/11		Church Office Closed (Veterans Day)
Sat, 11/12	9:30 am	Zumba
	10:00 am	Nut order pickup at Pavilion
Sun, 11/13	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation/Confirmation Class
	10:45 am	Worship Service
		Newsletter deadline

### **OUR STAFF**

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