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

The Reign of Christ Sunday

**November 20, 2022
8:15 am & 10:45 am**

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Final Sunday of the Liturgical Year

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

Meditation on How Great Thou Art

Arr. by A. Zabel

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steven Davis

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

~ Advent Decorating, Saturday, Nov. 26

~ Furnace Loan Fund Offering Nov. 27

***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: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in
trouble.

**All: We gather to celebrate another day that God has
kept us.**

One: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should
change.

**All: We gather to bear witness to all that God has done
for us.**

One: Come, behold the works of God!

**All: We gather to worship our God who loves and
protects us.**

***Opening Hymn # 303**

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing
Verses 1 and 2

Prayer of Confession

Adapted from UCC Worship Ways

One: It's so easy for us to get caught up in our human-made divisions. Whether survival instincts or capitalistic drive, we separate ourselves from those who don't look, think, or act like us. We unintentionally allow our differences to stain the beauty of your diversity.

All: **Our many different households, family structures, belief systems, and various identities become tools of divisiveness rather than gifts of the divine. Out of many, uniting Christ, forgive our wilful separation and make us one in you.**

(Time for Silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

One: Even when we cling to the things that unnecessarily separate us, God draws us together. No matter who we are or what has brought us to this very moment, God chooses to love us back to wholeness, individually and as a community.

All: **Hallelujah! Thanks be to God for making us one in Christ Jesus! Amen!**

(10:45) Children's Message

(10:45) Hymn

O Christ the Same
Verses 1 & 2

Hymn found on pages 3 & 4

O Christ the Same

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es,
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide,
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main,

e - ter - nal Lord, the King of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love, in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-)

MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. John Barnard (1948-)

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O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en,
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies, and set the stars a - blaze,
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power,
 for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en,
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

***Scripture Reading**

Psalm 46:1-3
(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.

Sermon

Rev. Steven Davis
Heart of Thanks - Selah, Our Rock Forever

(8:15) Hymn

O Christ the Same
Verses 1 & 2

Hymn found on pages 3 & 4

(10:45) Chancel Choir Anthem

Be Still
Mary McDonald

~ 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 eternal 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.*

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

From UCC Worship Ways

One: We're grateful for your invitation to move and give faithfully and abundantly, God. We ask that you would extend your blessings over these gifts that we now offer so that they can be multiplied in service to you and the missions of this congregation.

All: May it be so! Amen.

~ We Serve ~

*Hymn

Crown Him With Many Crowns
Verses 1 & 4

Hymn found on page 7

317 Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.
 2 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

Hark! how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied;
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 his glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,
 no an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die,
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey (1816-1893)

DIADEMATA
 S.M.D.

***The Benediction**

Rev. Davis

*When the altar candles have been extinguished, our time of worship
is concluded and our service in the world continues.*

*The Benediction and Postlude send us out
to be the people of God in our community.*

Postlude

God of All Righteousness
David Paxton

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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, Sally Gibson, Tracey Glass, Ron Glass, Ginny Hess, Ted Hess, Travis Kaintz, Geraldine Keim, Alan Miller, Karen Moyer, Eleanor O'Donnell, Jack Ohl, Brenda Pascoe, Joey Raszler, Charleah Sandt, Marietta Seyfried, Madeline Slivka, Cheryl Weaver and Nancy Weaver.

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

November 20

Ushers 8:15 - Karen Stoitsits & Cindy Reck

10:45 - Roger Knauss & Margaret Young

Worship Tech 8:15 - Bill Castello

10:45 - Bill Castello & Elijah Fox

November 23 (Thanksgiving Eve)

Ushers Tom Moyer & Brian Fisher

Worship Tech Bill Castello & Elijah Fox

November 27

Ushers 8:15 - Kim Hillegass & Carole O'Connell

10:45 - Austyn Venanzi, Sharon Czekner & Bob Czekner

Worship Tech 8:15 - Bill Castello

10:45 - Bill Castello & Elijah Fox

ALTAR FLOWERS

2 vases in memory of Ray Gilbert by his family

Attendance - November 13

Onsite - 8:15 - 45 10:45 - 71 Total Onsite - 116 Online - 21

HONORING & FAREWELL TO PASTOR DAVE QUINN

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>)

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

Donations are needed for the Christmas holiday meal. We need boxes of stuffing or filling mix. Monetary donations will also be used to purchase gift certificates for turkeys. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom area by the sanctuary where you can place your donations.

ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

Your donations can be made any time with same day reconciliation with your bank. Recurring contributions can be scheduled weekly, twice monthly or monthly. We hope this helps us all share our gifts consistently and with ease.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

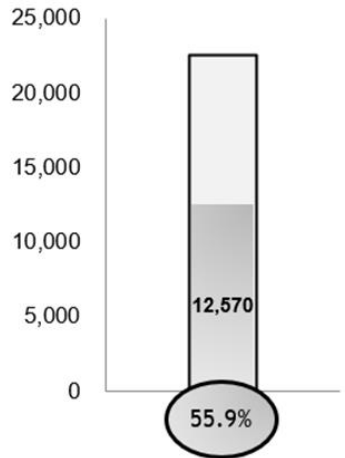
NOVEMBER 2022

<i>Overall</i>	
Overall Target	22,500.00
Overall Total	12,569.65
Overall Percent	55.9%
<i>Last Week</i>	
Start:	11/13/22
End:	11/19/22
Total:	6,915.05
<i>Amt need to reach Target</i>	
NOVEMBER 2022	9,930.35

Progress

□ Overall Target

■ Overall Total



YTD OFFERINGS

NOVEMBER 2022

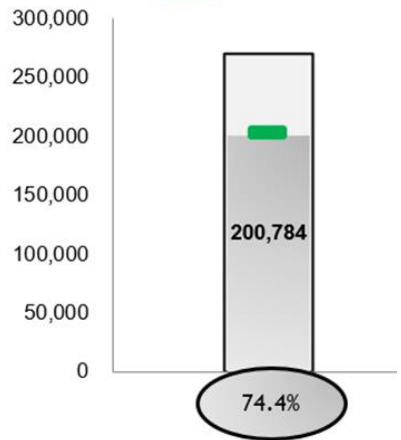
<i>Overall</i>	
Overall Target	270,000.00
On Track Target	202,500.00
Overall Total	200,784.02
Overall Percent	74.4%

Progress

□ Overall Target

■ Overall Total

■ On Track Target



GIFT CARDS

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!!

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.**

OPERATION SANTA - MITTEN TREE

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.**

CHOCOLATE EGGS

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.

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!

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 **December 3** 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.

LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

The Crafters Group will have items for sale in the lounge area before and after both worship services on **Sundays December 4 and December 11**. There's still time for you to make purchases for Christmas. Choose from a large assortment of Christmas decorations, ornaments and stocking stuffers. There are kitchen and household items like tea towels table runners, dishcloths and bowl cozies. Baby and children's items include sweaters, bibs, burping cloths, boo-boo bunnies and doll sweaters. Don't forget we also have church cookbooks, 12 bean soup mix and much more. You can also contact Carol Raszler at 6101-393-7572 or at craszler@aol.com to make any purchases.

UKRAINE RELIEF FUND - THE NEED CONTINUES

As long as the crisis continues, we will receive donations at worship, by mail, or by online and text giving. Donations of \$120 for October was given to UCC National, and donations for the month of November will be given to Project HOPE. For the month of December, donations will be given to Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. 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.

FRUIT AND NUT SALE EXTRAS

For anyone who did not place an order for our annual Nut & Fruit Sale, we have a few extra bags left of **Deluxe Mixed Nuts, Cashews, Harvest Medley, Healthy Mix, Dark Chocolate Cranberries, and Bridge Mix**. Cost is **\$12.00**. each. Contact Carol Raszler at 610-393-7572 or email at craszler@aol.com to make your purchase.

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.

BASKET SOCIAL

The Basket Social in Fox Hall will be held Saturday, **December 3** from 3:00—6:00 pm and Sunday, **December 4**, from 8:00 until 1:00. Food will be available on Sunday only. Baskets are still needed!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SERVICE OF THE NATIVITY

Sunday, December 18th, 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); 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 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 20 - Nov 27, 2022

Sun, 11/20	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Congregation Meeting
	10:45 am	Worship Service
Mon, 11/21	6:00 pm	Bells of St. John
	7:00 pm	Combined Choirs for Christmas
Tues, 11/22	9:30 pm	Staff Meeting
Wed, 11/23	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	5:30 pm	Potluck Dinner for Pastor Dave
	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thurs, 11/24	Office Closed - Thanksgiving	
Fri, 11/25	Office Closed - Thanksgiving	
Sat, 11/26	9:00 am	Decorating for Advent
	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun, 11/27	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation/Confirmation (open)
	10:45 am	Worship Service

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