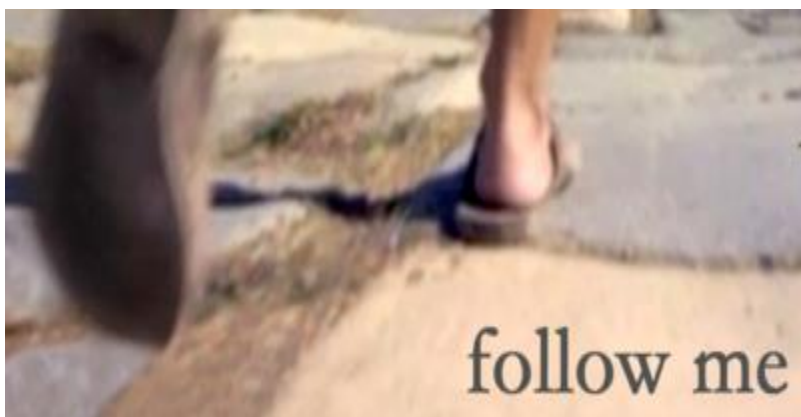


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*We Worship, We Love, We Serve –
No Matter What!*

**January 22, 2023
8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.**

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

This Day God Gives Me

(8:15) Solo: Patrick Sandt

(10:45) Chancel Choir

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steven Davis

~ Furnace Loan Fund Offering, January 29

~ Annual Meeting, February 5 at Noon, Fox Hall Potluck Meal

~ Offering envelopes (page 10)

***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
(Inspired by Psalm 27:1, 4-9)

One: Our ever-present God dwells in the sanctuary and in homes, in public spaces and our interior lives.

All: Behold the greatness of the Holy One in the expansiveness of these sacred spaces.

One: We seek God's face on Sunday mornings and evenings ...and throughout the week.

All: Live in the presence of the Holy One all the days of our lives.

One: We call out for God's grace, strength, and guidance.

All: Seek the face of the Holy One. Recognize God's greatness. Amen.

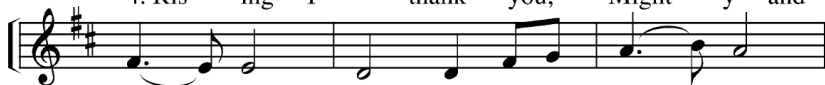
THIS DAY GOD GIVES ME

James Quinn, SJ

David Haas



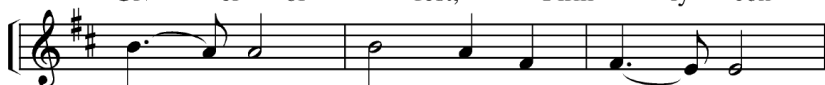
1. This day God gives me strength of high
2. This day God sends me strength as my
3. God's way is my way, God's shield is
4. Ris - ing I thank you, Might - y and



heav - en, Sun and moon shin - ing,
guar - dian, Might to up - hold me,
round me, God's host de - fends me,
strong One, King of cre - a - tion,



Flame in my hearth, Flash - ing of
Wis - dom as guide. Your eyes are
Sav - ing from ill. An - gels of
Giv - er of rest, Firm - ly con -



light - ning, wind in its swift - ness,
watch - ful, Your ears are lis - t ning,
heav - en, Drive from me al - ways
fess - ing God in three per - sons,



depths of the o - cean, firm - ness of earth.
your lips are speak - ing, friend at my side.
all that would harm me, stand by me still.
One - ness of God - head, Tri - ni - ty blest.

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Prayer of Confession

One: Sovereign God, how often do we turn toward ourselves or others for validation, salvation, and deliverance rather than seek your wisdom, will, and way? How often have we sought our own measure of greatness apart from the realm of your beloved community? How long have you waited for us to seek you?

All: **Forgive us, O God, and call us back to your presence, plan, and purpose.**

(Time for silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

One: The One who creates us in the divine image knows how tempted we may be to consider ourselves more highly than we ought or more lowly than we should.

All: **The One who knows us continually reaches toward us with the promise of grace and the hope of mercy, faithfulness, and love. Amen.**

(10:45) Children's Message

Children and youth are welcome to come up to the chancel steps.

“Busy bags” are at the kids’ table in the parlor and Rm 201 is open for those whose children want additional activities and space during worship.

The livestream of worship is shown there.

Please have an adult join them!

(10:45) Hymn #173

You Have Come down to the Lakeshore
Verses 1 and 2

***Scripture Reading**

Matthew 4:12-23
(8:15) Connie Viglione
(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. Steven Davis
Turning Points as Jesus Followers

(8:15) Hymn #173

You Have Come down to the Lakeshore
Verses 1 and 2

(10:45) Special Music

Look to Christ
D. Haas

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 hope, peace and joy 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**

Prayer Response *We Shall Overcome*

**We shall overcome, we shall overcome
We shall overcome someday.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.**

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*
Melody: O Waly, Waly

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above you heavenly hosts,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

One: For all your gifts and the opportunity to journey in faith
with you and bring hope to your world,

All: **We give you thanks and praise and dedicate these
gifts to your life and love being experienced in the
world. Amen.**

~ We Serve ~

***Hymn**

Christ You Call Us All to Service
Verses 1 and 2

571 Christ, You Call Us All to Service

1 Christ, you call us all to serv-ice, call us all who fol - low you;
 2 Teach us how to work to - geth-er, broth-ers, sis - ters, side by side,
 3 Let us be a ser - vant peo-ple, re - con-cil - ing, end - ing strife,

plant in us a deep com-mit-ment all your work and will to do.
 e - qual part-ners in the strug-gle, in the cause of truth al - lied.
 seek - ing ways more just of shar - ing and of or - dering hu - man life.

Fire a pas - sion for your jus - tice, in us kin - dle love of peace;
 To each one some gift is giv - en, man or wo - man, young or old;
 Fill us with a glow - ing vi - sion of this world as it should be;

help us heal the bro - ken-heart-ed, to the cap - tive bring re - lease.
 help us use each skill and tal - ent your great pur - pose to un - fold.
 send us forth to change that vi - sion in - to blest re - al - i - ty.

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IN BABILONE
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***The Benediction**

Rev. Davis

Postlude

In Babilone
N. Rowelsthone

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.

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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, Clarence Biehn, Jim Carr, Carl Case, Sandra Diefenderfer, Robert and Nancy Dougherty, Shirley Downing, Milton Focht, Sally Gibson, Tracey Glass, Ron Glass, Jinny Hess, Ted Hess, Travis Kaintz, Geraldine Keim, Adrienne Kiesbar, Jean Litzenberger, Karen Moyer, Eleanor O'Donnell, Jack Ohl, Brenda Pascoe, Joey Raszler, Marietta Seyfried, Madeline Slivka, Eleanor Smith 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 – January 15

Onsite - 8:15 – 51 10:45 – 70 Online - 21

Serving in Worship Leadership

January 22

Ushers 8:15 – Colleen Kulhamer & Karen Stoitsis

10:45 – Roger Knauss, Sharon Czekner & Bob Czekner

Worship Tech 8:15 & 10:45 - Bill Castello

January 29

Ushers 8:15 – Kim Hillegass & Colleen Kulhamer

10:45 – Margaret Young & Regina Mohr

Worship Tech 8:15 & 10:45 – Jesus Pagan

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

JANUARY 2023

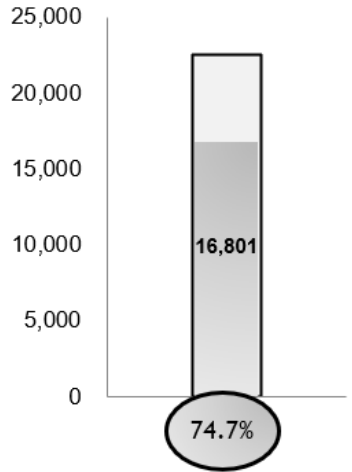
Overall	
Overall Target	22,500.00
Overall Total	16,800.65
Overall Percent	74.7%

Last Week	
Start:	1/15/23
End:	1/21/23
Total:	6,471.35

<i>Amt need to reach Target</i>	
JANUARY 2023	5,699.35

Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total



YTD OFFERINGS

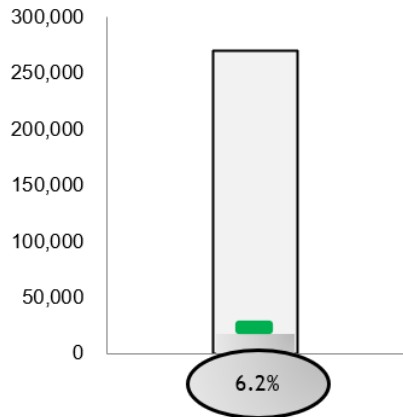
JANUARY 2023

Overall	
Overall Target	270,000.00
On Track Target	22,500.00
Overall Total	16,800.65
Overall Percent	6.2%



Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total
- On Track Target



Did you know...? You can sponsor Sunday bulletins as well as altar flowers. Cost is \$20 for bulletins, \$25 for flowers and the monthly newsletter can be sponsored for \$100.

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 **February 4 at 8:30 a.m.** 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.

UKRAINE RELIEF FUND - THE NEED CONTINUES

Help is urgently needed as harsh winter conditions have arrived in Ukraine. With no end in sight to the war and cruel attacks on civilians and healthcare workers continuing, the situation becomes increasingly dire. The long, hard, cold winter creates an alarming new challenge in keeping internally displaced people safe. Nearly a quarter of them don't have safe housing for the winter, including a lack of power, electricity and heat. This could be deadly as temperatures rapidly decline.

Your donations will help undergird an expanding spectrum of services, such as food, shelter, medical care, WASH (water, sanitation, hygiene), spiritual and psychological care, protection and more in Ukraine and in countries where Ukrainians were forced to relocate. For the month of January, contributions will be sent to UCC National to support programs to help with Ukraine's infrastructure and other needs of the Ukrainian people. 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. We are happy to report that for the month of November, \$100 was sent to Project HOPE to help with the people's medical needs.

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

Donations needed for January: pancake mix, syrup, jelly and peanut butter. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom area by the sanctuary where you can place your donations. Monetary contributions are also welcomed. Special offering envelopes are available; you can also make a contribution via text or online.

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 support gathering is **Tuesday, January 24.**

HAVE YOU SEEN--?

There are some things missing from the church office – has anyone seen them? A credit card reader, and a key wallet. Also missing, a laptop that was last in Fox Hall. If you remember seeing these anywhere, please let the office know!

ANNUAL MEETING

This year's annual meeting will be held on February 5, 2023 at noon, following morning worship with a potluck meal in Fox Hall. We will feature a Ministry Fair to bring you up to date on all the ministries of St. John's as well as our business. Beginning January 22, the Annual Report can be found at <https://stjohnsuccfullerton.org/>. Print copies will be available on January 22.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Were you surprised when your latest offering envelopes arrived without your name or number on them? You are not alone! The company who prints the envelopes will be sending out a new set by the end of the week with the correct information on them.

Church Calendar for the Week of Jan 22 - Jan 29, 2023

Sun, 1/22	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation/Confirmation
	10:45 am	Worship Service
Mon 1/23	6:00 pm	Bells of St. John
	7:00 pm	Jubilation Choir
Tues, 1/24	9:30 pm	Staff Meeting
Wed, 1/25	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	6:30 pm	Zumba
	6:30 pm	Fundraising Committee, Rm 201
Thurs 1/26	6:30 pm	Property
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
Sun, 1/29	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation/Confirmation
	10:45 am	Worship Service

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