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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



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

**January 29, 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

Dona Nobis Pacem

Karen Lakely Buckwalter

Bells of St. John's

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steven Davis

~ Furnace Loan Fund Offering, January 29

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

***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: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

All: Those who do justice. Those who confront inequities and uplift the oppressed.

One: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

All: Those who love kindness. Those who love neighbor, friend and foe.

One: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

All: Those who walk humbly with you. Those who follow your lead and answer your call.

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

Hymntune: Nettleton

Carolyn Gillette

Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it all God's
 Bless - ed too, are those who hun - ger, and who
 Those who share the peace God gives them will find

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realm is sure - ly theirs. Those in mourn - ing will find
 thirst for what is right. They will not be prone to
 bless - ings as God's own. Those o - pressed for faith - ful

6

com - fort as an an - swer to their prayers. Meek ones
 wan - der, for your will is their de - light. Those who
 liv - ing will call hea - ven's king - dom Home. When the

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whom this world de - spies will in - her - it ev - ery -
 show God's care and mer - cy, will re - ceive that mer - cy
 world's ways seem dis - stress - ing and we feel life's pain - ful

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thing. God your King - dom still sur - pris - es may we seek the reign you
 too. God, in Christ you show us clear - ly of the joys we have in
 sting, God re - mind us of the bless - ings of the won - drous life you

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bring.
 you.
 bring.

Prayer of Confession

From UCC Worship Ways

One: Holy Wisdom, you have expressed your hope for us and vision for life abundantly. Many times we settle for a temporary truce over real peace. We avoid confrontation and accountability that builds up and creates a more just world. We refuse to relentlessly pursue your will when discomforted by the cost of discipleship.

All: Forgive us, O God, we pray.

(Time for silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

From UCC Worship Ways

One: Receive the good news that each day presents a new opportunity to follow the way of Jesus – to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

All: The grace of the Holy One meets us. God embraces and supports us in the turning and will be faithful to strengthen us on the path of righteousness. 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

This Day God Gives Me
Verses 1 and 3

THIS DAY GOD GIVES ME

James Quinn, SJ

David Haas



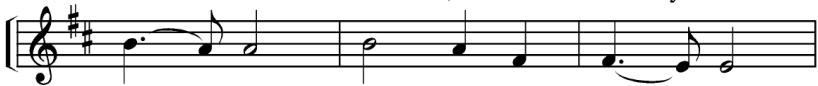
1. This day God gives me strength of high
2. This day God sends me strength as my
3. God's way is my way, God's shield is
4. Ris - ing I thank you, Might - y and



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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***Scripture Reading**

Micah 6: 1-8

(8:15) Mike Gravely

(10:45) Sharon Czekner

*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

Building the Beloved Community: WE Over Me!

Special Music

My All Is Thine

Sally DeFord

Jubilation 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

From UCC Worship Ways

One: Just God, we share our humble offering in hope and trust.

All: **We pray that, through these gifts, your kingdom comes and your will is done. Amen.**

~ We Serve ~

*Hymn

Lord I Want to Be A Christian

Verses 1 and 2

Hymn found on Pg. 7

457 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

D D G D

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

A Bm G D G/D D

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

G D Bm

In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

D A7 Bm G D

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
Irregular

***The Benediction**

Rev. Davis

Postlude

Grateful
M. Hayes

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, Gary Hallman, 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.

Altar Flowers

One vase in loving memory of maternal grandfather Richard Victory Wetzel by grandson Thomas Chryst.

One vase, given January 22, in memory of mother and grandmother Pauline Raszler by Paul and Carol Raszler and sons Michael and Josef.

Attendance – January 22

Onsite - 8:15 – 37 10:45 – 46 Online - 29

Serving in Worship Leadership

January 29

Ushers 8:15 – Kim Hillegass & Colleen Kulhamer

10:45 – Margaret Young & Regina Mohr

Worship Tech 8:15 – Michelle Gutekunst

10:45 – Jesus Pagan

February 5

Worship Tech 8:15 – Michelle Gutekunst

10:45 – Jesus Pagan

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.

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

Donations needed for February: spaghetti sauce, pasta and canned fruit. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom area by the sanctuary where you can place your donations. Monetary contributions are always welcomed. Contact Gary Black at 610-262-6114 or email at gary.t.black@outlook.com if you would like to volunteer to help at the food pantry.

HAVE YOU SEEN--?

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

ANNUAL MEETING

This year's annual meeting will be held next **Sunday, 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. The Annual Report can be found at <https://stjohnsuccfullerton.org/>. Print copies are also available.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

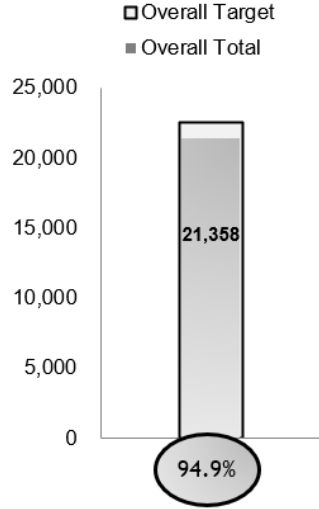
JANUARY 2023

Overall	
Overall Target	22,500.00
Overall Total	21,358.03
Overall Percent	94.9%

Last Week	
Start:	1/22/23
End:	1/28/23
Total:	4,057.38

<i>Amt need to reach Target</i>	
JANUARY 2023	1,141.97

Progress



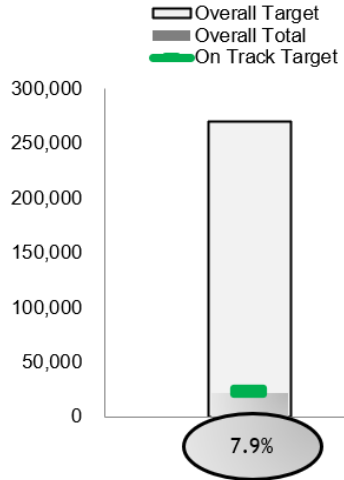
YTD OFFERINGS

JANUARY 2023

Overall	
Overall Target	270,000.00
On Track Target	22,500.00
Overall Total	21,358.03
Overall Percent	7.9%



Progress



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Were you surprised when your latest offering envelopes arrived without your name or number on them? New and corrected envelopes are being sent from our supplier! If you have not received your new envelopes, please let the office know.

WAR IN UKRAINE – ONE YEAR LATER

February 24 marks the first anniversary of Russia’s unprovoked attack on Ukraine. Thousands of people, including children, have been killed or injured. People have been displaced and families torn apart. Homes, schools, businesses, and hospitals have been destroyed or under constant missile attacks. Yet the resiliency and tenacity of the Ukrainian people never wavered. As the war ravages on, there is no end in sight. Our help is still needed. Donations in February will go to World Central Kitchen.

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, February 28.**

WHITEHALL-COPLAY HUNGER INITIATIVE

WCHI and the Faith-based Community are providing free meals (dine-in only) to low-income Whitehall-Coplay households from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the following locations:

Sun, Feb 5 St. Peter Roman Catholic Church
Tues, Feb 21 Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church

Church Calendar for the Week of Jan 29 – Feb 5, 2023

Sun, 1/29	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation
	10:45 am	Worship Service
Mon 1/30	6:00 pm	Bells of St. John
	7:00 pm	Jubilation Choir
Tues, 1/31	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
Wed, 2/1	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	6:30 pm	Zumba
	6:30 pm	STARs
Thurs 2/2	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
Sat 2/4	8:30 am	Men’s Breakfast, Hamilton Family Restaurant
	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun, 2/5	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation/Confirmation
	10:45 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Annual Congregational Meeting/Potluck