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

March 26, 2023

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
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 & Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steve Davis

~ Soup & Bread Dinner and Conference Program

~ Sunday Morning Social Hour in Fox Hall

~ Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 1, 10:00am

~ Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday, 9:30am, One Service Together

~ Maundy Thursday & Good Friday, 7:00pm

***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: Breath of Life, you animate and renew us.

All: **We come before you seeking new life within us.**

One: Holy One, when you speak, great things happen.

All: **Empower us to cause great things to happen.**

One: Matchless One, you bring good things to life.

All: **We desire to bring good things to life and rejoice.**

***Opening Hymn**

You O Christ Are Resurrection

Verses 1 and 2

You, O Christ, Are Resurrection

Melody: Beach Spring

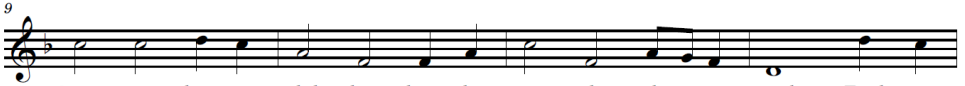
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette



1. You, O Christ, are res-ur - rect - ion, In a world that's filled with pain. You reach
2. You, O Christ, are res-ur - rect - ion, when we're caught up in our sin, When we
3. You, O Christ, are res-ur - rect - ion when a loved one's mem-ories fade, For you
4. You, O Christ, are res-ur - rect - ion, when an ill - ness takes its toll. For the



1. out when we are hurt - ing, and you lift us up a - gain. Bat - tered
2. grieve the road we're trav - el - ing, when we see what might have been. You give
3. nev - er will for - get__ us we're the ones you came to save. Lord, we
4. prom ise that you give__ us, is that one day we'll be whole. So we



1. wo men hun - gry chil - dren, lone - ly peo - ple those in need. Find in
2. heal ing and for - give - ness in the place of sin__ and strife. Christ, we're
3. trust that you will guide us when each day brings grief and stress; Liv - ing
4. need not fear the fu - ture when the way seems hard ti bear; You will



1. you a hope that's liv - ing as they're wel - comed, loved and freed.
2. drawn to what you give__ us, Res - ur - rect - tion and new life.
3. Christ, you walk be - side__ us through the shad - owed wil - der - ness.
4. gent ly guide and lead__ us, to the place that you pre - pare.

Prayer of Confession

from UCC Worship Ways

One: Mender of Hearts, we confess that all too often in our brokenness, we cause brokenness in others. Sometimes in our woundedness, we wound others.

All: **In these despairing moments, we need healing and restoration. We give thanks that we are never beyond your reach or grace. Amen.**

(Time for silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

From UCC Worship Ways

One: God's mercy makes our wholeness possible, rooted in becoming who we are meant to be.

**All: We are living vessels and sanctuaries of hope.
Thanks be to God. Amen**

(10:45) Children's Message

Rev. Davis

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

Healer of our Every Ill

Verses 1 and 2

Hymn on page 4 of bulletin

***Scripture Reading**

John 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

(8:15) Tyler Shankweiler

(10:45) DonnaLee Yeatts

*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

Faithful Questions: Do You Believe This?

(8:15) Hymn

Healer of our Every Ill

Verses 1 and 2

Hymn on page 4 of bulletin

(10:45) Choir Anthem

Lamb of God

T. Paris/L. Larson

Healer of Our Every Ill

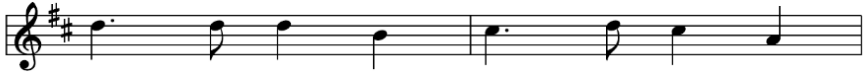
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Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,

Fine

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1. You who know our fears and sad - ness,
2. In the pain and joy be - hold - ing
3. Give us strength to love each oth - er,
4. You who know each thought and feel - ing,



grace us with your peace and glad - ness;
 how your grace is still un - fold - ing,
 ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery broth - er;
 teach us all your way of heal - ing;

D.C.

Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts. _____
 give us all your vi - sion, God of love. _____
 Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide. _____
 Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart. _____

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HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL
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~ We Love ~

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Davis

God of many names, Comforter, Healer, Life Giver, our Resurrection, 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 life and hope, grace and love 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

Mercy O God

MERCY, O GOD

Francis Patrick O'Brien

Mer-cy, O God, have mer-cy on us.
Send down your mer-cy to set us free.
Mer-cy, O God, have mer-cy on us.
Send down your mer-cy to set us free.

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The final measure of the fourth staff includes a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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***Doxology**

A Lenten Doxology

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ
Into our hearts. Amen**

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***Prayer of Dedication**

from UCC Worship Ways

One: Divine Sustainer, receive this offering that we gladly
give for your use in our ministry.

All: **May these gifts be used to revive and restore those in
need. Amen.**

~ We Serve ~

***Hymn:**

Precious Lord Take My Hand

Verses 1 and 2

Found on page 7 of bulletin

***The Benediction**

Rev. Davis

Postlude

*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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Precious Lord, Take My Hand 500

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2 When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 when my life is al - most gone;
 and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

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PRECIOUS LORD

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In Our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill or are in our area hospitals: Sharon Antrim, Linda Apple, Richard Baatz, Clarence Biehn, Carl Case, Sandra Diefenderfer, Robert and Nancy Dougherty, Shirley Downing, Milton Focht, Gary George, Sally Gibson, Tracey Glass, Ron Glass, Gary Hallman, Travis Kaintz, Geraldine Keim, Adrienne Kiesbar, Jean Litzenberger, Betty Millham, Eleanor O'Donnell, Jack Ohl, Timothy Ott, Brenda Pascoe, Joey, Carol and Paul Raszler, Marietta Seyfried, Madeline Slivka, Eleanor Smith, Nancy Weaver and Margaret Young.

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.

Serving in Worship Leadership

March 26

Ushers 8:15 – Kim Hillegass & Charlie Apple

10:45 – Wayne Lichtenwalner & Pete Mohr

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

April 2

Ushers 9:30 – Wendy Fox, Dewey Yeatts, Janet Ebert &

Wayne Lichtenwalner

Worship Tech 9:30 Jesus Pagan, Bill Castello & Elijah Fox

Attendance – March 19

Onsite - 8:15 – 43 10:45 – 61 Online - 30

Did you know...? You can sponsor Sunday bulletins as well as altar flowers. Cost is \$20 for bulletins, \$25 for flowers, \$15 for the wheat basket; the monthly newsletter can be sponsored for \$100.

BINGO REPORT UPDATE!

The St. Patrick's Day Bingo was a huge success! We were able to contribute \$639 to Missions and made a net profit of \$5,751.95. Thank you to everyone who helped with your time or donations!

MORAVIAN UNIVERSITY CHOIR

Join us today, **Sunday, March 26**, beginning at 2:00 PM for a very special music concert provided by the Moravian University College Choir under the direction of Ms. Paula Zerkle. Light refreshments will be served in Fox Hall immediately following the concert.

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, March 28**.

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 **April 1 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.

COLLECTION OF EASTER BASKETS FOR YOUTH

At the Annual Meeting, 13 baskets were given out to members to be filled with goodies such as candies, fidgets, activity books or whatever else is going to make it an "eggstravagant" Easter basket. The baskets will be delivered by the Pinebrook Family Answers team to youth in the Lehigh Valley between the ages of 8-18 who are in low-income families and have a mental health diagnosis. Contact Emma Rarich at 610-462-6777 or email at ebfox@live.com if you have any questions. All baskets are due back in the church office no later than **Sunday, April 2**.

BLOOD DRIVE

St John's Blood Drive, **April 16, 2023**, 8:30-1:30. Openings still available. Please contact Sharon Antrim 610-216-6207 to make your appointment.

WE NEED YOUR SHOES!

Nothing to Buy, Nothing to Sell, Simply Clean Out Your Closet

We are collecting gently used or new shoes – all sizes, varieties, adults and children. St. John’s is partnering with Friedens UCC in Berks County to raise funds for a two-week Mission Trip to Peru to help rebuild houses. The goal is to collect 5,000 pounds of shoes, and for every pound we collect, \$.50 will be given back to sponsor the trip. The shoes are then refurbished and sent to Third World Countries. Please pair your shoes by tying the laces together or by using a rubber band. A collection basket is in the coatroom area by the sanctuary. Deadline to receive shoes is **Sunday, April 9**.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY! - SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Earth Day was founded in 1970 by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson. Inspired by the protests of the 1960s, he hoped to bring environmental causes into the national spotlight. The holiday is now a global celebration. Nelson authored legislation to create a national hiking trails system as well as the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail System. He also sponsored several key pieces of environmental legislation, including the Wilderness Act. To learn more about Earth Day, how you can help, or donate, go to earthday.org.

BASKET SOCIAL

Save these dates – **May 19 and May 20**, for a two-day Basket Social. Kenda is seeking items to fill baskets or monetary donations so she can go shopping for you. Any items that are donated should be NEW; we are not able to accept old or used items as this had been an issue in the past. (Sorry for any inconvenience.) Any questions please see Kenda or call 484 358 7453.

EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA

The massive 7.8 magnitude earthquake which struck the region on February 6, claiming over 41,000 deaths and tens of thousands of injuries still needs our prayers and support. UCC National issued an urgent appeal to help our global partners with emergency relief and long-term recovery. You can help by contributing to St. John’s and specifying “Earthquake Relief.” Special offering envelopes can be found on the table in the lounge.

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

Donations needed for March: canned fruits, canned vegetables, and canned sweet potatoes for the Easter meal distribution. 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 484-274-2405 or email at gary.t.black@outlook.com if you would like to volunteer to help at the food pantry.

IRONPIGS PARTY PORCH

Join us for another night of food, baseball and fireworks on Friday, May 26! Tickets cost \$38 (up \$1 from past years) and include: Admission to IronPigs game and great seats in upper deck; buffet from 6-8:30 pm, soft drinks and bottled water all evening, post-game fireworks. For tickets, contact Tom Moyer (610) 432-3372

IRONPIGS GAME – ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY

We have reserved 80 seats in Section 105 of the grandstand for the IronPigs vs Buffalo Bisons game. Game day is Tuesday, August 1, at 7:05 pm. Cost will be \$13 per person which will include a ticket to the game, \$2 ballpark credit and raffle ticket. While it is too early to know of any giveaways, we know that hotdogs will again be \$1. So, mark your calendar – we are now taking reservations and payment must be made in advance. (Checks are payable to St. John's.) For more information and reservations, please contact Carol Raszler at 610-393-7572 or email at craszler@aol.com. Deadline for reservations is **Sunday, June 18**.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

MARCH 2023

Overall	
Overall Target	22,500.00
Overall Total	18,071.72
Overall Percent	80.3%

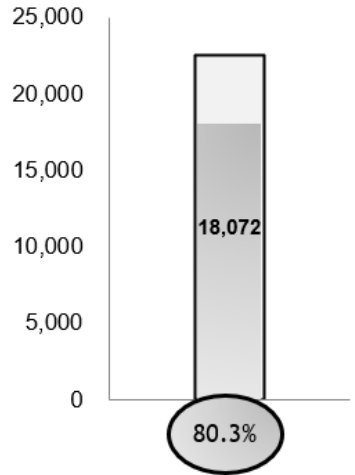
Last Week	
Start:	3/19/23
End:	3/25/23
Total:	3,190.00

Amt need to reach Target

MARCH 2023	4,428.28
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Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total



YTD OFFERINGS

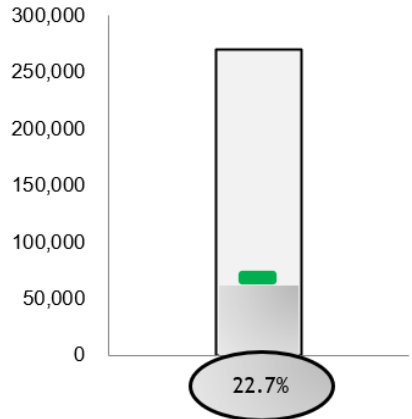
MARCH 2023

Overall	
Overall Target	270,000.00
On Track Target	67,500.00
Overall Total	61,272.43
Overall Percent	22.7%



Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total
- On Track Target



Church Calendar for the Week of March 26 – April 2, 2023

Sun, 3/26	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation
	10:45 am	Worship Service
	2:00 pm	Moravian University concert
Mon 3/27	6:00 pm	“Fun” Raising
	7:00 pm	Combined Choirs
Tues, 3/28	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	7:00 pm	Worship and Music
Wed, 3/29	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Conference Lenten Program
	7:00 pm	SAA Recovery Group
Thurs 3/30	6:30 pm	Zumba
	6:30 pm	Mission Committee via Zoom
	7:00 pm	Combined Choirs
Sat, 4/1	8:30 am	Men’s Breakfast - “Ham Fam” Restaurant
	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun, 4/2	10:00 am	Egg Hunt
	9:30 am	Palm Sunday Worship Service

UKRAINE RELIEF FUND

As the war ravages on in Ukraine one year later, our help is still needed. The Russian invasion displaced 13 million people and left a trail of destruction and loss of life. Donations for March will go to UCC National. For your contributions to St. John’s, please specify “Ukraine Relief Fund.” Special offering envelopes can be found on the table in the lounge.

ARE YOU MISSING--?

A silver cross earring? We’re holding it in the office for you.

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