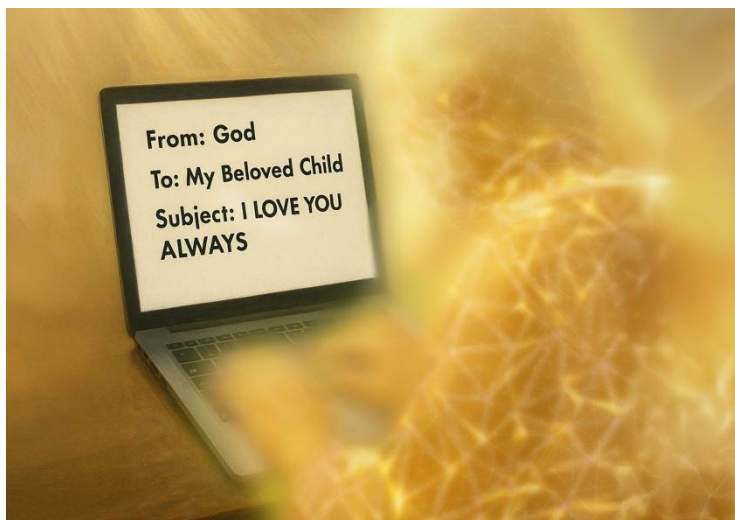




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**August 31, 2025**  
**9:30am**



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

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

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

# We Worship

## ***Welcome to St. John's UCC, Fullerton!***

*We celebrate the life and hope we find together in God's love!*

*As the music begins, please find your place and  
quietly center your spirit for our worship of God together.*

***Our Offering*** is received as we gather for worship, with plates located on pedestals at the back. We graciously accept your gifts to God of praise and gratitude, to be presented during the service. While guests are welcome to contribute, please know there is no obligation; the financial support of our church is primarily the responsibility of our congregation members.

***Children's Faith Formation*** begins in the early part of our worship service in the sanctuary, including the Children's Message. Parents are asked to accompany their child if they are at the kids' table in the back.

**\*Those who are comfortably able, please stand**

## **Chimes**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

- Gathering Sunday, September 7 & Sunday Socials
- Faith Formation Registration for children and youth
- Dine & Donate, September 15 at P.J. Whelihan's (Pg 12)
- Ministry Fair, September 21 during Sunday Social
- Music Ministry Breakfast

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

**One:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** And also with you!

## **Music to Prepare our Hearts for Worship**

*Lament*  
R. Kevin Boesiger

### **\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Dewey Yeatts

One: Happy are those who fear the Lord,

**All: Who delight in God's commandments.**

One: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright.

**All: Those who love God are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

One: They are generous, sharing freely what they have received.

**All: It is well with those who live in justice.**

One: Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid.

**All: Let us praise the Lord!**

### **\*Gathering Hymn**

*As We Gather at Your Table*

Verses 1 and 3

*found on page 3*

### **Invitation to Confession**

Liturgist: Dewey Yeatts

One: We turn away from God, often not knowing any better.

Yet God keeps inviting us and keeps reaching to us in love.

In penitence and faith, let us turn towards God and seek forgiveness in a moment of silent prayer.

*(Time for Silent Prayer)*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**All: Merciful God, in Jesus you show us a way that is humble and that seeks the good of others. We confess that we go our own way; we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Free us from the temptation to pursue our own pleasure only. Help us to live in harmony with all your people, sharing one world and eating around one table, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

Liturgist: Dewey Yeatts

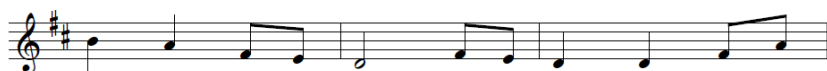
One: With abundant grace and mercy that reaches wide, God gathers us and cleanses us, making us new, making us whole. This is good news!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

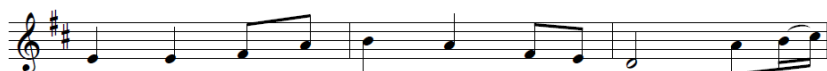
## As We Gather at Your Table



1. As we gath - er at your Ta - ble, As we  
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness In the  
 3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon Oth - er



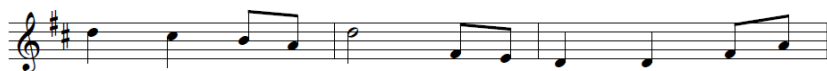
lis - ten to your Word, Help us know, O God, your  
 sac - ra - ment of life; Send us forth to love and  
 guests to share that feast Where tri - um - phant Love will



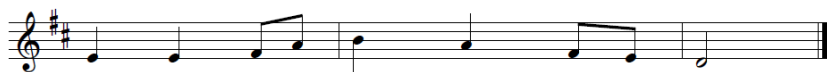
pres - ence: Let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nour - ish  
 serve you, Bring - ing peace where there is strife. Give us,  
 wel - come Those who had been last and least. There no



us with sa - cred sto - ry Till we  
 Christ, your great com - pas - sion To for -  
 more will en - vy blind us Nor will



claim it as our own; Teach us through this ho - ly  
 give as you for - gave; May we still be - hold your  
 pride our peace de - stroy, As we join with saints and



ban - quet How to make Love's vic - tory known.  
 im - age In the world you died to save.  
 an - gels To re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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**Children's Message**

**Samantha Kistler**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peacc you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
let you be my ser - vant, too.

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Psalm 81:1, 10-16*

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob. I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways. Then I would quickly subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes. Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever. I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

One: The word of God for the people of God!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**“Dear Children of God!”  
Let Love Flow**

**Special Music**

*Amazing Grace*

Arranged by Susan W. Henry

Soloist: Tyler Shankweiler

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once  
was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.*

*Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How  
precious did that grace appear the hour I first believe.*

*The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my  
shield and portion be As long as life endures.*

# We Love

**Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer**

Samantha Kistler

**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**

**Presenting 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*  
Jimmy Owens

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, you heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist: Dewey Yeatts

**All: Faithful and unchanging God, Bless these gifts we offer  
today, that they may extend your love to those who  
hunger, who seek justice, and who long for hope. Shape  
us into a people whose generosity reflects your own, that  
through our giving, we may proclaim your unshakable  
kingdom. Amen.**

## ***We Serve***

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Lord of All Hopefulness*  
Verses 1 and 2

*found on page 8*

**\*Benediction**

Samantha Kistler

**\*Postlude**

*Recessional*  
Terry Osman

Patrick Sandt, Director of Music



# Lord of All Hopefulness



1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,  
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
 Your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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 Tune: SLANE, 10 11 11 12; Irish melody

*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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### **Altar Flowers Sponsorship**

In memory of Joan Luckenbill by Mike and Joy Gravely  
In loving memory of my mother, Betty Blose's birthday on Sept 2, 1928,  
from daughter Sandy Koch

### **Church Bulletin Sponsorship**

In honor of Lee Ann Lopez's birthday  
by Nancy Keister, Robert Lopez and Alyssa and Christopher Amaral

## **Our Worship & Faith Formation Sunday Schedule**

### **9:30am Worship**

#### **Attendance – August 24**

Onsite – 68      Online – 31

### **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, August 31**

#### **Lectionary Readings**

*Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Psalm 81:1, 10-16*  
*Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7 and Psalm 112*  
*Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 and Luke 14:1, 7-14*

#### **Serving in Worship Leadership**

Liturgist: Dewey Yeatts	Scripture Reader: DonnaLee Yeatts
Worship Tech: Bill Castello	Altar Guild: Cindy Reck
Greeter: Kim Hillegass	Ushers: Tom and Emilie Moyer
Altar Guild: Marion DeMilio	

### **13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Welcome Back Sunday, September 7**

#### **Lectionary Readings**

*Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*  
*Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 1*  
*Philemon 1:1-21 and Luke 14:25-33*

#### **Serving in Worship Leadership**

Liturgist: Sharon Antrim	Scripture Reader: Kay Chryst
Worship Tech: Bill Castello	Altar Guild: Cindy Reck
Greeters and Ushers: Robin Brensinger, Kay Chryst, Tom Chryst, Wendy Fox, Kirby Hower	

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill, in our area hospitals, or otherwise in need of prayer: Larry Albright, Phyllis Ambearle, Grace Arnold, Margaret and Richard Baatz, Christina Bach, Clarence Biehn, Sherry Castello (Bill's mom), Rob Czekner, Roxanne DeMilio, Janet Ebert, Gus Geissinger, Gary George, Sally Gibson, Tracey Glass, Mike Gravely, Donna Held, Ray and JoAnn Hower, Geraldine Keim, Emma Kuczek Repp, Karen Moyer, Molly Nicholas, Joey Raszler, Bert Smith, Leona Snyder, Barry and Becca Stephens, Martha Strauss, and George Williams.

We pray for the family of Ralph Gravely, who died last Sunday.

Continued prayers for those in our military, especially Dominic DeMilio, Kaden Rossanese, and Nathan Unger.

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**. To add someone to our prayer list please contact the Church Office.

## GROCERY OPPORTUNITIES – GIANT, WEIS & REDNER'S

Buy Giant and Weis gift cards and the church receives 5% back. Also good for purchasing gas. Get your gift cards from the office or by seeing Tom Moyer & Carol Raszler every Sunday. Save the register tapes from Redner's and the church receives 1% back. A collection jar for the tapes is on the table in the lounge area or see Karen Stoitsits. Please do not roll the Redner's tapes and do not include other stores' receipts.

## BOSCOV'S "FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS" SHOPPING PASS

Purchase a \$5.00 shopping pass from St. John's and the church gets to keep the funds. The pass entitles you to 25% off the lowest sales price, in-store and online. To get your pass, see Ginny Brokenshire before or after worship or give Ginny a call at (610) 439-0443. Save the shopping date at Boscov's: **Wednesday, October 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

## LEHIGH VALLEY SAVEAROUND BOOKS

With the year half over, we can now offer these books to you at a reduced cost of only \$10.00. You'll find coupons for restaurants (both dining and fast food), clothing, sporting goods stores, businesses, fun & recreation activities & more. Checks are payable to St. John's. See Carol Raszler to make your purchase.

## BAZAAR ITEMS NEEDED

Time to clean out your closets, basement, garage, and shed. We're looking for items you no longer use or need such as: **jewelry, purses, linens, toys & games, puzzles, CDs, dishes, pots & pans, glassware, knickknacks, attic treasures, books, appliances, small furniture, and seasonal décor.** All items must be clean and in working order. We will **NOT accept:** clothing, encyclopedias, magazines, records, bowling balls, computers, monitors, printers. So, start bringing in your items now and drop them off in the office or in Room 303. If you have any questions or would like to help in any department, contact Amy Feidler or Carol Raszler. Be sure to put the Bazaar date on your calendar—Saturday, November 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## TEXAS FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS

The catastrophic flooding that occurred in Texas and in other parts of the country have claimed many lives. UCC's Disaster Ministries Team is helping the victims of this disaster as well as giving support for the long-term recovery efforts. If you would like to make a monetary contribution, you can find Disaster Relief Fund envelopes on the table in the lounge or in your August newsletter. Please make checks payable to St. John's UCC with "Severe Storms" in the memo section. The deadline to receive donations is Sunday, August 31.

## WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

**For the month of August, we are collecting juice, cereal, jelly, pancake mix, and pancake syrup.** Any other non-perishable food items as well as monetary contributions are always welcome. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom area by the sanctuary for you to place your food donations. If you would like to volunteer at the pantry on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from 9am to 11am or 5:30pm to 8:00pm at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, please contact Gary Black at (484) 274-2405 or [gary.t.black@outlook.com](mailto:gary.t.black@outlook.com).

## PASTIE SALE

Choose from meat pasties, melts, and fruit turnovers. Prices vary from \$7.50 to \$8.50 for the meat and melt pasties and \$4.50 for the fruit turnovers. Order forms can be found on the table in the lounge, August newsletter, or church's website under "Forms." Pickup is Thursday, October 2, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 5, down in Fox Hall. Deadline to order is Sunday, September 7. Checks, payable to St. John's, must accompany all orders. Give your orders to Carol Raszler or mail into the church office.

## GRIEF SUPPORT ~ HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

You are invited to attend a grief support group at Asbury UM Church, 1533 Springhouse Rd., Allentown on the 4th Tuesday of the month 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 support gathering is **Tuesday, September 23.**

## DECEMBER BUS TRIP

Spend the day, Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, in NYC and enjoy the city during the holiday season. The cost of the trip is \$50.00 per person with the bus leaving the St John's parking lot. Additional information regarding drop-off at the Big Apple will be provided at a later date. Please write the checks to St John's UCC Fullerton and note the money is for the NYC bus trip.

## 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 **September 6 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](mailto:QVRRBold@aol.com).

## DINE & DONATE – SEPT 15

### **P.J. Whelihan's off Schoenersville Rd., Bethlehem**

Come join the St. John's family and friends by dining out on Monday, September 15, from noon to closing! **15% of ALL FOOD AND DRINK** will be donated back to St. John's UCC, Fullerton. Tell your friends and help us support our ministries.

## **ST. JOHN'S MUSIC MINISTRY IS HAPPY TO INTRODUCE WORSHIP AND REJOICE**

*Worship and Rejoice*, a hymnal published by Hope Publishing in 2003, is an extensive collection of 749 titles containing all the essential traditional hymns, plus over 100 of the top contemporary worship songs. The broad scope of *Worship & Rejoice* makes it the richest resource available for blending different styles of music together in one service.

As we take this next step in growing our worship experience, we would like to introduce this hymnal for usage. We are providing you, our faithful members of the congregation, with an opportunity to dedicate each new hymnal purchased. Each hard cover book is valued at **\$20.00**. Your generosity and commitment is vital to serving others through our beautiful services. To obtain an order form, please see the back table in the parlor, or connect with a member of the music ministry who will be in the back of the church after service beginning this weekend.

### **CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31 – SEPT 7**

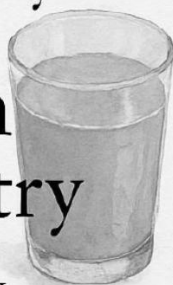
Sun 8/31	9:30 am	Worship
Mon 9/1		Office Closed, Labor Day
Tues 9/2	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
Wed 9/3	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	12 noon	Painting Group
	6:00 pm	Painting Group
	6:30 pm	Zumba
	7:00 pm	Mission Committee
	7:00 pm	SAA Recovery Group
Thurs 9/4	9:30 am	Visitation Committee
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	7:00 pm	Choir
Sat 9/6	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast
	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun 9/7	9:30 am	Worship – Welcome Back!
	10:30 am	Social Hour



St. John's Music Ministry

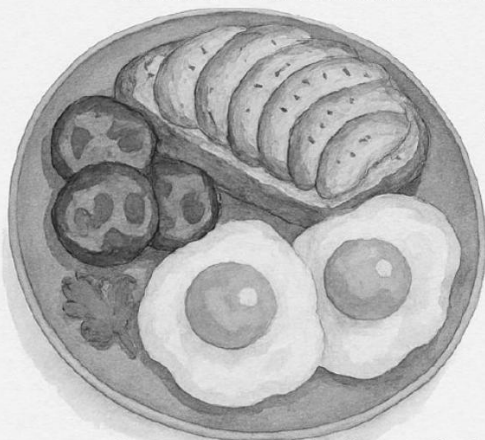
*cordially invites you to*

# Breakfast with the Music Ministry



Sunday,  
October 12th  
2025

*beginning at*  
**10:30AM**  
*until 12PM*



Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children over the age of 5. Tickets are available after service, in addition to contacting the church office, or the morning of the event.



**Tickets are now available after service in the parlor.**

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