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

**July 20, 2025
9:30am**



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Sixth 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

Rev. Steven Davis

- SUMMER SUPPER SHARING FOR THE SOUL!
Wednesdays @ 6:00pm resumes on 23 & 30, August 13 & 20, with mid-week Faith Formation guide,
“How to Study the Bible and Enjoy It! (See pg. 10-11)
- Backpacks and Back to School Supplies (See pg. 13)
- Grape St. Elevator Access Door
- Outdoor Worship—July 27th-- Jordan Spring Bluegrass,
followed by finger food potluck

***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

A Still Small Voice

by Jason Krug

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Sherri Gangewere

One: In Christ the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

All: Through Christ, God reconciled all things to God's self.

One: In Christ we find our beginning, our purpose, and our own being.

All: We are Christ's body, eager to serve.

***Gathering Hymn**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Verses 1 and 2

found on page 3

Invitation to Confession

Liturgist: Sherri Gangewere

One: In Christ, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things.

Trusting in Christ, let us seek God's forgiveness as we offer our prayers, first in silence.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful Savior, you stand beside us, yet we prefer to stand on our own. You choose us, yet we choose worry. You attend to us, yet we attend to our work. Forgive us, gentle Teacher. Call us by name and visit us once more that we might find at your feet our joy, our purpose, and our hope.

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: Sherri Gangewere

One: By his body and his cross, Jesus reconciles all who were once estranged. Christ in you is the glory of God. Believe the good news.

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 48

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains, the high soar - ing a -
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the
 all praise we would ren - der, O help us to see
 above the tree,
 see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains, thy good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh melody; harm. John Roberts (1822-1877)

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Hymn

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Verses 1 and 4

found on page 5

*Scripture Reading

Read by: Robin Brensinger

Colossians 1: 15-19

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell

Luke 5:1-5

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.

He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla

1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing
 2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat
 3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my
 4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly
 car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; you will
 la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant
 longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.
 find there my nets and la - bor.
 love that keeps on lov - ing.
 friend, as thus you call me:

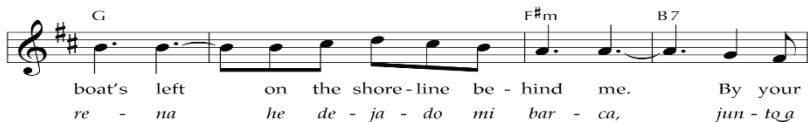
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O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while
 Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos, son - ri -



smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my
 en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre, en la g -



boat's left on the shore - line be - hind me. By your
 re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - to a



side I will seek oth - er seas.
 ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

**The Church: Seeing and Being Seen
“Into the Deep”**

Song of Praise

A Believer's Prayer

Arranged by Sally Deford

Soloists: Corinna Schneck and Jeffrey Purdon

*Father in Heaven, teach me I pray to walk as thy witness on earth.
Strengthen my spirit and grant me the faith to serve as the Savior would serve.
Let me be light to the wand'rer by night Compass and guide to the seeker.
Let thy love shine in me, teach me to be an example of the believers.*

*Where there is sorrow let me impart the hope and the comfort of truth.
Where there is suffering open my heart to do as the Savior would do.*

*Let me be light to the wand'rer by night Compass and guide to the seeker.
Let thy love shine in me, teach me to be an example of the believers.*

*Where there is hunger guide, thou my hands to give as the Savior would give.
Where there is fear give me courage to stand and live as the Savior would live.*

*Let me be light to the wand'rer by night Compass and guide to the seeker.
Let thy love shine in me, teach me to be an example of the believers.*

We Love

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Davis

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

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes to God



Thank you for your generosity
and faithfulness in supporting the
ministry of St. John’s UCC!

***Doxology**

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist: Sherri Gangewere

**All: As we offer these gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for
your presence in our lives. May our giving be an act of
thanksgiving, a sign of the ordinary magic of your love at
work among us. In all things, may we live to your glory.
Amen.**

We Serve

***Closing Hymn**

Be Thou My Vision
All Verses

found on page 8

***Benediction**

Rev. Davis

***Postlude**

Postlude on Slane
Arranged by Mark Hayes
Patrick Sandt, Director of Music

Be Thou My Vision

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1 Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word,
 3 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 high King of heav - en, my Treas - ure thou art.
 still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Irish hymn, 8th c.; tr. Mary E. Byrne (1880-1931); versed Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935)
 MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Jack Schrader (1942-)

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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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Our Worship & Faith Formation Sunday Schedule

9:30am Worship

Attendance – July 13

Onsite – 72 Online – 27

6th Sunday after Pentecost, July 20

Lectionary Readings

Amos 8:1-12 and Psalm 52

Genesis 18:1-10a and Psalm 15

Colossians 1:15-28 and Luke 10:38-42

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Sherri Gangewere

Scripture Reader: Robin Brensinger

Worship Tech: Bill Castello

Greeter: Sharon Antrim

Ushers: Marion DeMilio

Altar Guild: Charlotte Kerrigan

7th Sunday after Pentecost, July 27

Lectionary Readings

Hosea 1:2-10 and Psalm 85

Genesis 18:20-32 and Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19) and Luke 11:1-13

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

Scripture Reader: Sharon Czekner

Worship Tech: Bill Castello

Greeter: Pam Repetz

Ushers: Tom and Emilie Moyer

Altar Guild: Corrina Schneck

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, Janet

Ebert, Gus Geissinger, Gary George, Sally Gibson, Tracey Glass, Ron Glass, Mike Gravely, Donna Held, Geraldine Keim, Emma Kuczek Repp, Gayle Mihulec, Karen Moyer, Joey Raszler, Bert Smith, Leona Snyder, Martha Strauss, and George Williams.

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.

CALLING ALL READERS AND LITURGISTS!

St. John's is looking to continue to build our established Volunteer list by adding additional readers and liturgists to our Sunday service.

The role of the Liturgist is to assist the pastor in leading worship services by helping to facilitate the entire service. They are not simply readers of scripture like a lector, but rather actively participate in guiding the congregation through the various parts of the worship. The liturgist may lead prayers, calls to worship, or read scripture, among other duties. The role of a Reader is someone who proclaims the scripture readings during the liturgy. They as well are volunteers from the congregation.

If interested in becoming involved, please email Patrick (music@sjuccf.org) or call him at the church, ext. 13. From the youngest to oldest members of our congregation, please consider becoming involved in this wonderful ministry for the church!

SUMMER SUPPER SHARING FOR THE SOUL!

Wednesdays @ 6:00pm

July 23 & 30, August 13 & 20

This tongue twister opportunity to deepen our faith and enjoy a fresh time of learning is perfect for your Wednesday evenings this summer. This special summer series invites you to step into Room 201 (Sanctuary/Office level) for supper (salads and sandwiches), study, and a sacred safe space where spiritual senses are stirred and sharpened. Savor a summer evening of sharing designed to stir your soul and strengthen your spiritual walk.

Send us a signal that you're ready to Sign up on Sundays or send an email to Steve! We will be discussing the book, "How to Study the Bible and Enjoy It" by Rev. Skip Heitzig. When you let us know your intention to participate, we will order the book for you. (\$7 donation if you're able.) We will also sign up to donate salads and slider sandwiches each week for us to enjoy together.

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE AND ENJOY IT!

The book *How to Study the Bible and Enjoy It* by Skip Heitzig comprises eight chapters, each designed to guide readers through a comprehensive and engaging approach to Bible study. The chapters are as follows:

1. Deciphering the Bible
2. Finding the Right Tools
3. Getting Started
4. Observation: Opening Your Eyes
5. Interpretation: Opening Your Mind
6. God's Creative Writing
7. Application: Opening Your Heart
8. Practicing What We've Preached

These chapters collectively provide a structured framework for participants to delve into the Scriptures, emphasizing the importance of observation, interpretation, and application in the study process. This is not a Bible Study, but rather a fresh way to look at HOW we study God's Word to find greater meaning from the ancient word and our Still Speaking God. **Save the dates and sign up today** to take part in this special summer study series!

REDNER'S, GIANT & WEIS

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.** Buy Giant and Weis gift cards and the church receives 5% back. Also good for purchasing gas. You can get your gift cards from the office or by seeing Tom Moyer & Carol Raszler every Sunday.

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

For the month of July, we are collecting pancake mix, pancake syrup, coffee, and canned baked beans. 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 4th 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.

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 or (610) 428-9095 for more details and to indicate your interest. The next support gathering is **Tuesday, July 22**.

PEOPLE NEEDED TO SERVE ON "FUN-RAISING" COMMITTEE

Help is needed for anyone interested in serving on St. John's "Fun-Raising" Committee. If you have thoughts on ways to raise money for the church, ideas for new fundraisers, suggestions for current fundraisers, we need you to consider becoming part of this committee. For more information, contact chairperson Amy Feidler at (835) 210-5944 or email at alfeidler@gmail.com.

LEHIGH VALLEY SAVEAROUND BOOKS

With the year half over, we can now offer these books to you at a reduced cost of only \$10. 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 any Sunday morning before or after worship to make your purchase and to look over the book to find all the bargains available.

BACKPACKS, CALCULATORS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

We are collecting backpacks and school supplies for the children in the Whitehall-Coplay School District. A list of items was included in the July newsletter. A shopping list and a collection bin can be found on the table in the coatroom area next to the sanctuary. In addition, there is also a **drive-by scheduled at the Grape Street parking lot on Saturday, July 19, from 10:00am to noon.** Deadline to receive items is Sunday, July 27.

FRIENDSHIP BIBLE CLASS PICNIC

The adult Sunday School picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 16, beginning at 1:00pm at the Raszler's cabin near Schuylkill Haven—rain or shine. In addition, class members and friends who wish to camp outside are invited to stay the entire weekend. Hamburgers, hot dogs & beverages will be provided; however, each family is asked to bring a covered dish. RSVP to Carol at (610) 393-7572 or at craszler@aol.com no later than **Sunday, July 27**, to confirm who's coming and what covered dish you will be bringing. Further information and directions will be available in early July.

ATTENTION: BASKET SOCIAL WINNERS

If you won a basket and don't need that empty basket or if there is any item in it that you will never use, we ask you to return them to the church to be used for a future event. Please bring them to the office or to worship and give them to Amy Feidler or Carol Raszler.

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 **August 2 at 8:30am.** 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.

TEXAS FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS

We've all seen in the newspaper and on television the catastrophic flooding that occurred in Texas as well as other parts of the country. Reports show 129 people have been confirmed dead in Texas, including 27 campers and counselors at a Christian summer camp for girls. Hundreds of rescuers have been searching the areas for over 160 people still missing. The Disaster Ministries Team of the United Church of Christ 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. Please make checks payable to St. John's UCC, Fullerton with "Severe Storms" in the memo section. The deadline to receive donations is Sunday, August 31.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 20 – JULY 27

Sun 7/20	9:30 am	Worship
Mon 7/21	9:00 am	Preschool Camp
	6:00 pm	"Fun-Raising" Committee
Tues 7/22	9:00 am	Preschool Camp
	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	9:30 am	Newsletter Collating
	10:00 am	Community of Practice
Wed 7/23	9:00 am	Preschool Camp
	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	12 noon	Painting Group
	6:00 pm	Painting Group
	6:00 pm	Summer Book Study
	7:00 pm	SAA Recovery Group
Thurs 7/24	9:00 am	Preschool Camp
	6:30 pm	Property Committee
Fri 7/25	9:00 am	Preschool Camp
Sun 7/27	9:30 am	Outdoor Worship

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