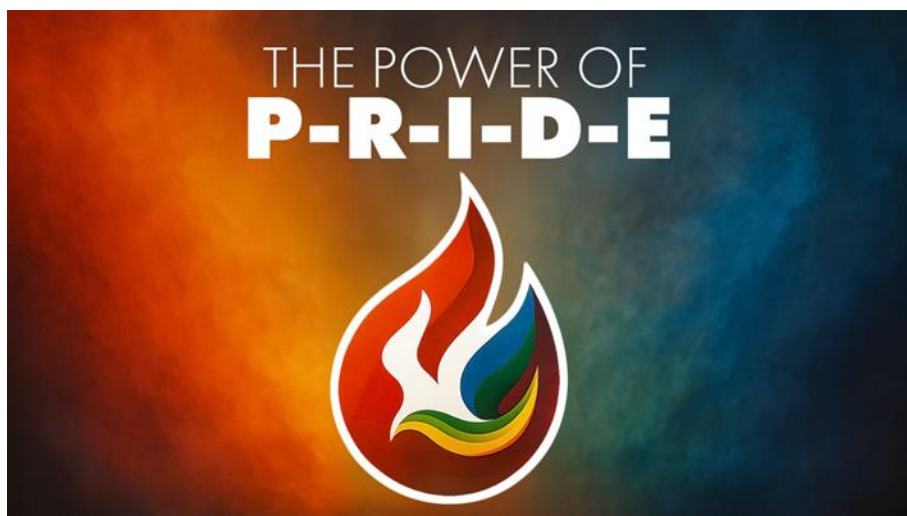




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**We Worship, We Love, We Serve
– No Matter What!**



**June 15, 2025
9:30am**



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Trinity Sunday

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.*

Hymn Sing

Today is our hymn sing. Over 50 hymns were submitted from all aspects of our faith. For today's service, you are kindly asked to please follow along on the handout provided with your bulletin and also on the screens.

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**

**Thoughts for this Day of Worship in Song
Meditation**

Rev. Steven Davis

**The Power of P.R.I.D.E.
The Power of Identity**

Romans 5:1-5 reminds us that through Christ, we have peace with God, and from that peace flows a deep and unshakable hope. This hope isn't rooted in our circumstances or how the world sees us, but in our identity as beloved children of God. Our identity is not just found in our heritage or upbringing, not merely encoded in our DNA, but breathed into us by the Spirit of God. Even when life brings suffering or the world tries to define us by its own narrow categories, we are assured God's love has already been poured into our hearts. We are not who the world says we are. We are who God says we are.

One of the most powerful ways we hold onto and express this truth is through music. The words we sing each week in worship are more than melodies, they are testimonies of faith, resilience, and belonging. They echo the promises of Scripture and help us remember who we are: redeemed, cherished, and called. Music helps us tell our faith stories, both individually and collectively. Whether it's a hymn passed down for generations or a

contemporary chorus that speaks to the present moment, our songs remind us of God's presence and purpose in our lives. They help us to embody hope even in hardship, that we share in the glory of God.

So today, we gather with joy to sing our faith, to tell our stories through song, and to claim again the good and God-given identity we share. These songs are not only expressions of belief, they are declarations of belonging. Each note, each lyric, becomes an embrace extended to one another and to the world, saying, **“This is who we are: a people loved by God.”**

Join us for a powerful day of worship in song as we lift up our voice and sing to celebrate the truth of who we are — no matter what!

We Worship

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Colleen Kulhamer

- Outdoor Worship at The Pavilion, June 22
- Vacation Bible School, June 22-26, 6:00-8:00pm
- Ocean City Bus Trip – Cancelled. Interested in NYC for Christmas? Visit with Brian Fisher or Amy Feidler
- General Synod Expense (See pg. 13)
- Sponsorship Forms are now available for July through September.
- New Adult Faith Formation class for July and August (See pg. 11) Wednesday Evenings - Summer Suppers for the Soul & *How to Study the Bible and Enjoy It!*

*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

Morning Has Broken—Verses 1
How Can I Keep From Singing—Verse 1
This Is My Father's World—Verse 1
Hymn of Promise--Verse 1

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Sherri Gangewere

One: From the very whisper of creation, God poured forth love.

All: Praise be to God for the blessings of God's love.

One: In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus as a revelation of God's own self.

All: Praise be to Jesus for the many ways in which he revealed God to us.

One: When we thought all hope was lost, God offered the Holy Spirit to comfort and guide us.

All: Praise be to the Holy Spirit for guidance and inspiration!

One: For the revealing of God in three persons, a Trinity of understanding, we come in worship and praise!

All: Blessings, honor, power, and majesty to God forevermore! Amen.

Hymns for the Trinity

Holy. Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty

Verses 1 and 2

This Day God Gives Me—Verse 4

Holy God We Praise Thy Name—Verse 3

Invitation to Confession

Liturgist: Sherri Gangewere

One: Today, we have heard God speak to us. We have acknowledged God's presence among us. And like Isaiah, we are confronted with the reality that we are unworthy to be in God's presence. We are a people of unclean hearts and lips. And so we come before the Lord Almighty to confess our sin.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

Hymns for Confession

Amazing Grace—Verse 1

It Is Well With My Soul—Verse 1

Just As I Am—Verse 1

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Sherri Gangewere

One: Almighty God, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness.

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: Jesus Christ, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives.

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts.

All: Lord, have mercy. O God, we confess that our blindness to your glory has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Liturgist: Sherri Gangewere

One: Siblings in faith, hear the good news: We did not receive the spirit of slavery, but rather the spirit of adoption. Our guilt has departed; our sin is blotted out, for we are God's beloved children—forgiven, loved, and free.

All: May God's peace be with us always and forever. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymns of Assurance

His Eye is on the Sparrow—Verse 1

On Eagles Wings—Verse 1

In the Garden—Verse 1

Children's Message

DonnaLee Yeatts

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

Hymns We Love to Sing

I Love to Tell the Story—Verse 1

What A Friend We Have in Jesus—Verse 1

Blessed Assurance—Verse 1

***Scripture Reading:**

Romans 5: 1-5

Read by: Sharon Czekner

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymns we Love to Sing Lord, When You Came to the Lakeshore
Verse 1 and Refrain
Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness--Verse 1
Lord I Want to Be A Christian--Verse 1
Borning Cry—All Verses*

We Love

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer Paul Raszler

Out of our ordinary, everyday lives, you have gathered us here, Holy God, to this time of worship, to this time of praise. We join with angels and archangels and all the company of the saints to bless you, to listen for your Word, to immerse ourselves in your grace, in your love.

Open our eyes, our hearts, our minds to your presence with us. Take the chaos of the world that has found its way into our hearts – speak your Word and give order and form and new creation.

Take the failures and defeats, the guilt and the shame that binds our spirits – speak your Word and set us free. Take our longings for your goodness to shape our lives, this community, the hurting world – speak your Word and infuse us with your courage and your hope and your love.

Then awaken us to your Holy Spirit who is making all things new, even us. Triune God, hear the prayers of this community as we now offer them to you...

(Names of those from our prayer basket)

We pray these things in Jesus' name, who sends us out to speak love and mercy and grace to those who are waiting, longing, hoping

for a sign that they are not alone, that you are a God of love, that you are a Savior who knows their name, that the Holy Spirit is leading them home, as we now pray together.

The Lords Prayer (Sung in unison)

A. Malotte

The Lord's Prayer

Unison

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en,
hal-low-ed be thy name. Thy king-dom
come, thy will be done on earth as it is in
heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for-

WORDS: Matthew 6:9-13

MUSIC: Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964); arr. Donald P. Hustad (1918-)

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give us our debts, as we for-give our debt-ors.

This system contains the first two staves of music. The treble staff begins with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords in the left hand and single notes in the right hand.

And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion but de-liv-er us from

This system contains the third and fourth staves. The treble staff continues the melody with a series of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. A measure rest is indicated in the treble staff for the first measure of this system.

e-vil: for thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er,

This system contains the fifth and sixth staves. The treble staff features a more complex melody with many beamed sixteenth and thirty-second notes. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

and the glo-ry, for-ev-er,

This system contains the seventh and eighth staves. The treble staff has a dense texture with many beamed sixteenth and thirty-second notes. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. A measure rest is indicated in the bass staff for the first measure of this system.

A-men. A-men.

This system contains the ninth and tenth staves. The treble staff concludes the piece with a final cadence. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. A measure rest is indicated in the bass staff for the first measure of this system.

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

All Hail, Adored Trinity
Based on Old Hundredth

**All hail, adored Trinity! All hail, eternal Unity!
O God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, ever One. Amen**

*Prayer of Dedication

Liturgist: Sherri Gangewere

**All: Almighty God, we offer our gifts in gratitude may these
gifts be tools that make the transformation of the world
a reality. We pray in the name of one God, Creator,
Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.**

We Serve

*Closing Hymns

*Guide Me O My Great Redeemer—Verse 1
God Beyond All Praising—Verse 1
Great Is Thy Faithfulness—Verses 1*

*Benediction

Colleen Kulhamer

*Postlude

*They'll Know We Are Christians
Verses 1 and 4*

*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

During the Summer months, June, July and August,
Adult and Children's Faith Formation activities take a break
with special opportunities announced. We look forward to coming
together again on September 7.

Attendance –June 8 – Pentecost
Onsite – 99 Online - 32

Trinity Sunday, June 15
Lectionary Readings
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5 and John 16:12-15

Serving in Worship Leadership

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| Liturgist: Sherri Gangewere | Scripture Reader: Sharon Czekner |
| Worship Tech – Bill Castello | Ushers: Tom and Emilie Moyer |
| Greeter: Pam Repetz and Sharon Antrim | Altar Guild: Cindy Reck |

2nd Sunday after Pentecost, June 22
Lectionary Readings

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a and Psalm 42 and 43
Isaiah 65:1-9 and Psalm 22:19-28
Galatians 3:23-29 and Luke 8:26-39

Serving in Worship Leadership

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| Liturgist: Joy Gravely | Scripture Reader: Michael Gravely |
| Worship Tech – Bill Castello | Greeter: Marion DeMilio |
| Ushers: Marion DeMilio and Cindy Reck | |

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, Diana Beck, Clarence and Dorothea Biehn, Sherry Castello (Bill's mom), Bob Czekner, Rob Czekner, Meagan Davis and baby Elishah (Steve and Bill's daughter), Margaret and Mike Davis, Samuel, Nick and Amanda Devaney, Janet Ebert, Gus Geissinger, Gary George, Sally Gibson, Lynn Gilbert, Tracey Glass, Ron Glass, Joy and Mike Gravely, Donna Held, Joanne Hower, Ray Hower, Geraldine Keim, Emma Kuczek Repp, Judy Luckenbill, Gayle Mihulec, Karen Moyer, Joey Raszler, Madeline Slivka, 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 WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

A new schedule for the months of July and August for readers, liturgists, ushers and greeters will be coming out mid-June, and volunteers are needed! Anyone interested in becoming involved with this wonderful ministry of the church, please contact Patrick at music@sjuccf.org or through the church office, extension 13.

SUMMER CHOIR

Calling all singers! If a weekly commitment is too hard for you, consider joining the music ministry for our Summer Choir. It would involve two rehearsals (July 3rd and July 10th) and then singing on Sunday, July 13th. If interested, please contact Patrick at music@sjuccf.org

VBS REGISTRATION

It's time to register for Vacation Bible School, held this year on June 22-26 (Sunday through Thursday) from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Register online by using the QR Code or contact the church office.

DON'T DELAY! REGISTER TODAY!



SUMMER SUPPER SHARING FOR THE SOUL!

Wednesdays @ 6:00pm

July 2 & 9, 23 & 30, August 6 & 13

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!

GIANT, WEIS, REDNER'S

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. 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.

"STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH"

This special offering of UCC National furthers the work of our conferences and the national UCC as they work together to strengthen and renew existing congregations, fund leadership development, and provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. The contributions are divided with 50% staying regionally within our own conference and 50% supporting the National Ministries of the UCC. Special offering inserts & envelopes were in the June newsletter, are in today's bulletin, and also on the table in the lounge area. They will be received on Sunday, June 8, and continue to the end of June.

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

For the month of June, we are collecting cereal, pork & beans, and canned fruit. 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.

OCEAN CITY BUS TRIP

Unfortunately, the trip to Ocean City had to be cancelled due to not enough people signing up and paying by the due date. Our deposit will

be transferred to the December trip to New York City. If anyone is interested in having your paid funds held for the NYC trip, please contact Brian Fisher or Amy Feidler.

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, June 24**.

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.

GENERAL SYNOD EXPENSE – Special Offerings

This year, the PNEC has selected both Rev. Steve Davis and Tyler Shankweiler to represent our conference at the national level of our global denomination, July 11-15, in Kansas City, Missouri. The PNEC will reimburse travel, food and General Synod expenses by 50% for all delegates. To help offset the expense for Pastor Steve and Tyler, for the communion Sundays of May, June and July, we will have a special offering plate and envelopes available for your donations. Contributions may also be made online or shared any Sunday, noting General Synod Expense. Thank you for your generosity and support.

GRADUATES

Alyssa Kathi Amaral (Lopez), daughter of LeeAnn and Bob Lopez, granddaughter of Nancy Keister and Robert Lopez, Sr., graduated with a Master's Degree in Educational Technology from Wilson College on Sunday, May 4.

Megan Cunningham graduated from Kutztown with a business management degree.

Kendra Fox, daughter of Wendy and Keith Fox, graduated from Wilkes University with a degree in Early Childhood Education

Gary and Shirley George's grandson, **Rhys George**, graduated from Arizona State University with a Master's Degree in Environmental Biology - currently employed by the Lehigh Valley Zoo as an Education Specialist

Gary and Shirley's other grandson, **Max George**, graduated from Northwestern Lehigh High School in the Honors program - will be going to Penn State main campus in the Fall majoring in Engineering!

Kayleigh Moyer, granddaughter of Tom and Emilie Moyer, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh on May 2 with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy.

Kathy and Bill Roth's granddaughter **Zoe Roth** has graduated from Catasauqua High School with honors. She will be attending Cedar Crest College for Early Childhood Education and will be playing field hockey.

Connor Strauss, son of Bonnie and Brian Strauss, graduated from Whitehall High School and will be attending West Chester University in the Fall.

Sophie O'Connell Twigg, granddaughter of Carole and Dennis O'Connell, earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering and was invited to join the Order of Engineers from Stevens Institute of Technology (Hoboken, NJ).

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 15 – JUNE 22

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| Sun 6/15 | 9:30 am | Worship – Hymn Sing Sunday |
| | 10:30 am | Sunday Social Hour |
| Mon 6/16 | 6:00 pm | “Fun-Raising” Committee |
| Tues 6/17 | 9:30 am | Staff Meeting |
| Wed 6/18 | 9:00 am | Verso Chat |
| | 12 noon | Painting Group |
| | 6:00 pm | Painting Group |
| | 6:30pm | Zumba |
| | 7:00 pm | SAA Recovery Group |
| Thurs 6/19 | | Office Closed – Juneteenth |
| | 6:30 pm | Property Committee |
| Sat 6/21 | 9:30 am | Zumba |
| Sun 6/22 | 9:30 am | Worship at Pavilion |
| | 10:30 am | Sunday Social Hour |
| | 6:00 pm | Vacation Bible School |

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