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Forming Family

Joy, Compassion, Forgiveness & Love

Sermon:
Samantha Kistler

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

**Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2026
9:30am**

We Worship

*We are proudly an Open & Affirming (ONA) Congregation
of the Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ!*

You are WELCOME HERE!

Our Offering is received as we gather for worship, with plates located on pedestals at the back. We graciously accept your gifts of praise and gratitude to God, 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.

Sunday Social is a time to gather for light refreshments and connection time, to visit, make new friends and build relationships. Join us in Fox Hall **July 5** and **August 2** as our kitchen leaders and volunteers take a break during the summer months.

Hymnal Abbreviations

WR—Worship and Rejoice ***NC—New Century Hymnal***
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*** Those who are comfortably able, please stand**

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Samantha Kistler

- June 21 – Fun Raising – August IronPigs Tickets Due
- June 21 – Honoring Father’s Day in Worship
- June 28 – Honoring Alison Boor’s Retirement in Worship
- July 12 – Fun Raising – Ocean City Bus Trip Due

***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

Meditation in A
Arr. by John Turner

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Joy Gravely

One: God meets us in surprising yet ordinary places — under a tree, in the smile of a stranger, in a refreshing breeze that comes at just the right time.

All: God, open our hearts to notice your presence all around.

One: God speaks to us in surprising yet ordinary ways—in a well-placed word from a friend, in a prayer that comes at just the right time, in a song that resonates through our entire being.

All: God, open our minds to recognize your voice all around.

One: God fulfills God's promises in surprising yet ordinary ways—in an unexpected act of kindness, in providing just what we need at just the right time, in sending someone to listen when we feel alone.

All: God, open our hands to receive your blessings all around.

One: Beloved, in the surprising and ordinary ways that God shows up among us, may we meet God and our neighbors with open hearts, minds, and hands, ready to encounter God's miraculous work.

All: God, open our lives to receive your blessings, that we may share together in the joy, wonder, and laughter of God's miraculous works all around us.

***Opening Hymn**

The Master Came to Bring Good News
Verses 1 and 3

found on page 3

Invitation to Confession

Liturgist: Joy Gravely

One: As God's beloved children, we are invited to come to our God with the fullness of our lives, to admit our love and our hate, to admit our faith and our fear. Trusting in God's mercy, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

Time for Silent Prayer

The Master Came to Bring Good News



1. The Mas - ter came to bring good news, The
2. The Law's ful - filled through Je - sus Christ, The
3. To seek the sin - ners Je - sus came, To
4. For - give us, Lord, as we for - give And



news of love and free - dom, To heal the sick and
man who lived for oth - ers, The law of Christ is:
live a - mong the friend - less, To show them love that
seek to help each oth - er. For - give us, Lord, and



seek the poor, To build the peace - ful king - dom.
Serve in love Our sis - ters and our broth - ers.
they might share The king - dom that is end - less.
we shall live To pray and work to - geth - er.



Fa - ther, for - give us! Through Je - sus hear us!



As we for - give one an - oth - er!

Text: Ralph Finn, b.1941, © 1965, GIA Publications, Inc.
Tune: ICH GLAUB AN GOTT, 87 87 with refrain; Mainz *Gesangbuch*, 1870

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Joy Gravely

All: Holy and gracious God, you call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

Sung Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

George Whelpton (1847-1930)

$\text{♩} = 90$

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a tempo marking of quarter note = 90. The melody starts with a repeat sign and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The second staff begins with a bass clef and continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; in-cline thine ear to us, and
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grant us thy peace. A - - men.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Liturgist: Joy Gravely

One: Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Children's Message

Samantha Kistler

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

Hymn WR #469

Lord of All Hopefulness

All Verses

*Scripture Reading

Read by: Melissa Szoke

Romans 5: 1-8

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.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Samantha Kistler

Forming Family in Forgiveness

Hymn of Praise

Eye Has Not Seen
Verses 1 and 2

found on page 6

We Love

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

Samantha Kistler

(Requests shared from the entry table basket)

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

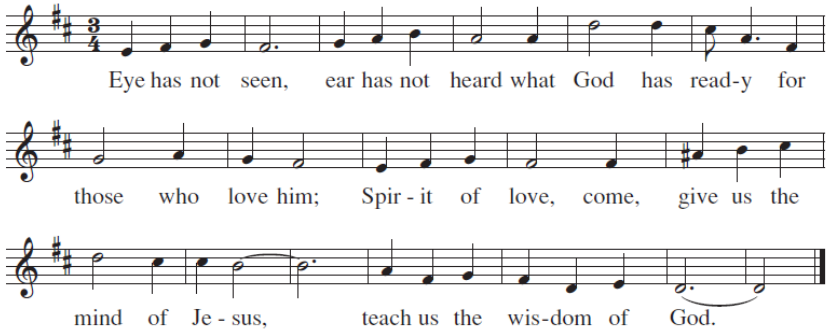
Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings to God



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

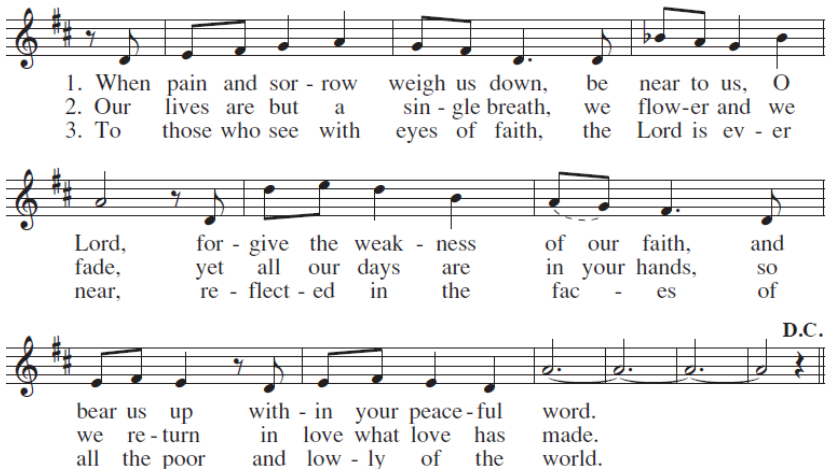
Eye Has Not Seen

Refrain



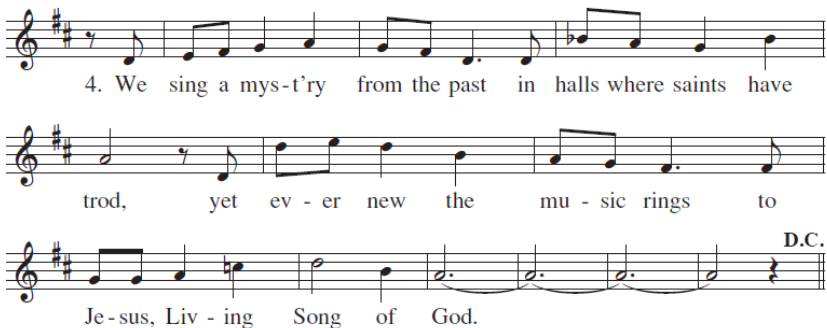
Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for
those who love him; Spir - it of love, come, give us the
mind of Je - sus, teach us the wis - dom of God.

Verses 1-3



1. When pain and sor - row weigh us down, be near to us, O
2. Our lives are but a sin - gle breath, we flow-er and we
3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ev - er
Lord, for - give the weak - ness of our faith, and
fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so
near, re - flect - ed in the fac - es of
D.C.
bear us up with - in your peace - ful word.
we re - turn in love what love has made.
all the poor and low - ly of the world.

Verse 4



4. We sing a mys-t'ry from the past in halls where saints have
trod, yet ev - er new the mu - sic rings to
D.C.
Je - sus, Liv - ing Song of God.

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Marty Haugen, b.1950
Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950
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***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: Joy Gravely

All: Joyful Giver of Miracles, bless these gifts which we bring before you, O God, that they may bear witness to your goodness and extend joy, hope, and welcome to the world you so love. May our giving be a reflection of our faith. In the name of the one who brings life out of impossibility, Amen.

We Serve

***Closing Hymn WR #90**

Jesus, What A Friend for Sinners
Verses 1 and 2

***Benediction**

Samantha Kistler

***Postlude**

Postlude on Hyfrodol
Arr. by Noel Rawesthorne

Our Worship & Faith Formation Sunday Schedule

9:30am Worship

*During 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 6.*

Sunday Social will be held the first Sundays of July and August

Attendance – June 7

Onsite – 71 Online – 30

Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 14

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) and Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Romans 5:1-8 and Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Joy Gravely

Scripture Reader: Melissa Szoke

Worship Tech: Bill Castello

Greeter: Sherri Gangewere

Ushers: Carole O'Connell and Karen Stoitsits

Altar Guild: Kim Hillegass

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 21

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 21:8-21 and Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Romans 6:1b-11 and Matthew 10:24-39

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Robin Brensinger

Scripture Reader: Sharon Czekner

Worship Tech: Bill Castello

Greeter: Pam Repetz

Ushers: Wayne Litchenwalner

Altar Guild: Cindy

Reck

and Corinna Purdon

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill, in our area hospitals, or otherwise in need of prayer: Phyllis Ambearle, Gracie Arnold, Margaret and Richard Baatz, Nicholas Bach, Tammy Beitzel, Sherry Castello (Bill's mom), Rob Czekner, Marion DeMilio, Janet and Jim Ebert, Sally Gibson, Sandy Glass, Tracey Glass, Mike Gravely, Donna Held, Rev. John Hoff and Charlee Hoff, Ray and JoAnn Hower, Barbara Jennings, Geraldine Keim, Mary Jane Kistler, Dawn Luckenbill, Jean McGonigle, Karen Moyer, Molly Nicholas, Eleanor and Joe O'Donnell, Elaine Parsons, Joey Raszler, Rebecca Schneck, Bobby Sherman, Bert Smith, Leona Snyder, Lori Stocker, Barry Stephens and Rev. Becca Stephens, Martha Strauss, Pat Thompson 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.

GRIEF SUPPORT ~ HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

If you're grieving the loss of a loved one, you are invited to attend a monthly daytime grief support group at Asbury UMC, 1533 Springhouse Rd., Allentown. Rev. Evelyn Stupp, Asbury's Pastor of Bereavement and Care Ministries, leads the group. For more information and to indicate your interest in attending, please contact her at estupp@asburylv.org or 610-428-9095.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held this year on **Monday, July 27 through Friday, July 31**. Keep an eye on your Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletters – more news is coming!

OCEAN CITY, NJ BUS TRIP

Join St. John's for a day trip to Ocean City, NJ on Saturday, July 25th! The cost is \$50 per person. Epic Tours will depart from the church parking lot at 8:00 AM and will leave Ocean City at 7:00 PM for the return trip. Beach tags are \$10 for anyone age 12 and older. Children 11 and under are free. Active-duty military members and veterans receive free beach admission with proper military or veteran ID. Please sign up on the sheet located on the red board and see me, Michelle G., or any member of the fundraising committee to submit payment. The deadline to sign up and submit payment is Sunday, July 12th.

MUSIC MINISTRY SPONSORSHIP

A new opportunity has been added to our sponsorship form that allows members of the congregation to play a more direct and meaningful role in supporting our music ministry. Individuals and families now have the opportunity to sponsor either a choral or handbell piece to be presented during the 2026/2027 choral season. This offering offers a unique way to honor a loved one, celebrate a meaningful occasion, or simply contribute to the continued growth of our worship life through music.

While the music budget and music ministry restricted funds have helped develop and shape the program into what it is today, it is only through the congregation's continued support and appreciation of the program that we can continue to grow and enhance our weekly services. Your involvement ensures that we can bring in new, inspiring repertoire, expand our musical offerings, and maintain the level of excellence that has become a hallmark of our ministry. **Sponsoring a choral piece will be \$65.00**, which will help offset the cost of music as it continues to rise in price. Each sponsored piece becomes part of the fabric of our worship, enriching not only a single service but the spiritual life of our entire congregation.

We invite you to prayerfully consider taking part in this new initiative. Together, through our shared support, we can ensure that our music ministry continues to flourish—lifting hearts, deepening worship, and proclaiming the joy of the Gospel. Help our music ministry continue to make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

For the month of June, we are collecting **pancake mix, pancake syrup, pasta, canned corn, and coffee**. Any other food donations as well as monetary donations are always welcome. Your donations can be placed in the shopping card found in the coatroom area next to the sanctuary. For more information or to volunteer on the 4th Monday of the month, contact Gary Black at (484) 274-2405 or email at gary.t.black@outlook.com.

BASKET SOCIAL WINNERS

If you don't need that empty basket or container or if there is any item in your basket 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.

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.

BASEBALL AT IRONPIGS

We have reserved 80 seats in Section 105 of the grandstand at Coca Cola Park for the IronPigs vs. RailRiders baseball game on **Tuesday, August 11**, at 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$14,00, which includes ticket to the game and \$2.00 ballpark credit. It's "Dollar Dog Night," where hot dogs are \$1.00 all night long. **Deadline to reserve your seat is Sunday, June 21.** For reservations and payment, see Carol Raszler.

**CHURCH CALENDAR
FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14 - 21**

Sun 6/14	9:30 am	Worship Newsletter Deadline
Mon 6/15	6:00 pm	Fun Raising Committee
Tues 6/16	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	10:00 am	Community of Practice
	7:00 pm	Consistory
Wed 6/17	12 noon	Painting Group
	6:00 pm	Painting Group
	6:00 pm	Brownies
	6:30 pm	Zumba
	7:00 pm	SAA Recovery Group
Fri 6/19		Office Closed – Juneteenth Pie Sale Pickup
Sat 6/20	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun 6/21	9:30 am	Worship Pie Sale pickup

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

JUNE 2026

Overall	
Overall Target	22,500.00
Overall Total	6,372.73
Overall Percent	28.3%

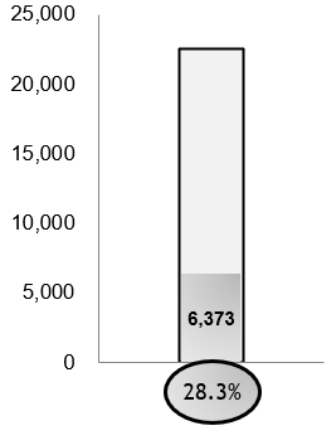
Last Week	
Start:	6/7/26
End:	6/13/26
Total:	4,586.96

Amt needed to reach Target

JUNE 2026	16,127.27
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Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total



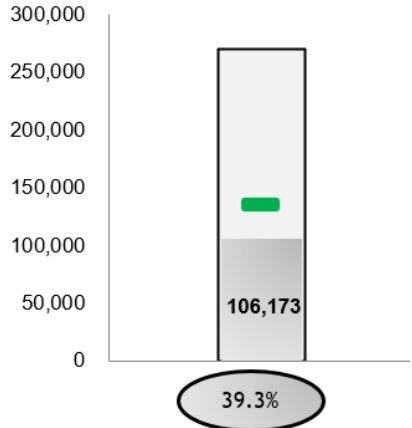
YTD OFFERINGS

JUNE 2026

Overall	
Overall Target	270,000.00
On Track Target	135,000.00
Overall Total	106,172.73
Overall Percent	39.3%

Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total
- On Track Target



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