



St. John's UCC, Fullerton

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October 12, 2025
9:30am



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

We Worship, We Love, We Serve
– No Matter What!
Eighteenth 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 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 following worship each Sunday, hosted by various congregants and groups.

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. On Communion Sundays, the children remain in the worship service.

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

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

- Choir Breakfast – TODAY AFTER SERVICE
- Special Congregational Meeting following worship.
- New Worship & Rejoice Hymnals – DEADLINE TODAY
- 300th Anniversary of German Reformed Church, October 15, 6:30pm at UCC Greenawalds (See page 12)
- BINGO Tickets for October 17 (See Tom Moyer)
- CROP Walk – October 19 envelopes for donations
- St. John's "Road Rally" – October 19 (See Tom Moyer)
- Missions – Food Bank – 180 Boxes of Stuffing

***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

Be Still and Know

Jason Krug

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Tom Moyer

One: We are ten lepers, with scars and wounds—

All: And hope for your healing touch.

One: From our souls' depths we raise our voices to you.

All: “Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!”

One: As we glimpse the grace you pour upon us,

All: We thank you. Together, let us worship.

*Gathering Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Verses 1 and 2

found on pages 3 and 4

Invitation to Confession

Liturgist: Tom Moyer

One: Even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful.

Trusting in grace, let us offer our confession in silent prayer.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Tom Moyer

All: Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. We keep our distance from you, for we are broken and sick with sin. Yet you see us and cleanse us and make us whole. Forgive us when we forget to return to you. Have mercy when we fail to praise your name, and help us to exude the faith that makes us whole. Amen.

Sung Response

Lord Have Mercy on Us

Leon Roberts

♩ = 88

First time through Choir / Soloist, then all



Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer -



-cy have mer - cy on us.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou has been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)

MUSIC: William M. Runyan (1870-1957)

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FAITHFULNESS

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Words of Assurance

Liturgist: Tom Moyer

One: Hear the good news: Our call has been answered. Christ has healed us, and forgiven our sin. With glad hearts, return praise to God.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.**

Children's Message

Rev. Steve Davis and
Samantha Kistler

Hymn

Healer of our Every Ill
Verses 1, 2, and 4

found on page 5

Scripture Reading:

Luke 17: 11-19

Read by: Sherri Gangewere

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?"

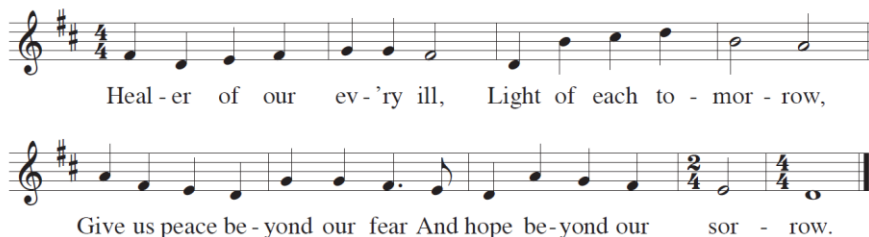
Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

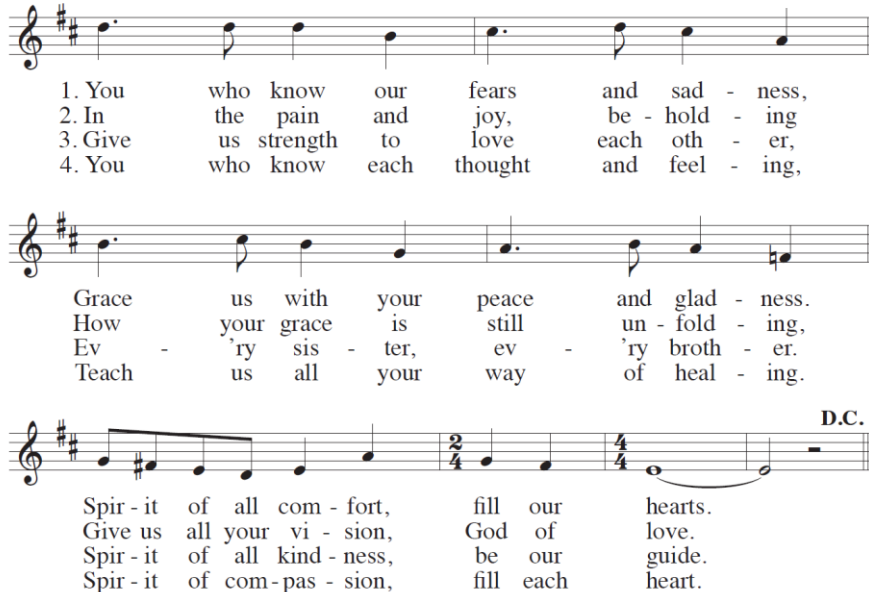
Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, Light of each to - mor - row,
Give us peace be - yond our fear And hope be - yond our sor - row.

Verses



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 - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er,
Teach us all your way of heal - ing.

D.C.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950
Tune: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, 88 9 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b.1950
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Sermon

Rev. Steve Davis

Choosing Faith: Whole Faith

Song of Praise

Who, But the Lord
Craig Courtney
Soloist: Julie Mertus

Who but the Lord can give the shadows light, can break into the dark, draw morning from the night? Who but the Lord will hear our cry and answer, "Here am I"?

Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see, gives music to the deaf, sets the lonely captive free? Who but the Lord will by His glory show the paths of peace?

O shine on us the brightness of Your face, to earth's remotest end, every people, every race. O shine on us until to each is shown Your saving grace.

Who but the Lord can give the shadows light? None but the Lord.

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Steve Davis
and 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

We Love

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

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist: Tom Moyer

All: Gracious healer, receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and expressions of our faith. Let them be more than ritual—let them become praise, rising from lives made whole in your grace. In the name of Jesus, who makes us well. Amen.

We Serve

***Closing Hymn**

Now Thank We All Our God
Verses 1 and 2

found on page 8

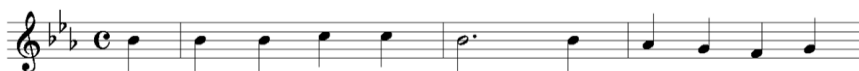
Benediction

Rev. Steve Davis

Today's service ends with the Benediction and the extinguishing of the altar candles. There is no Postlude. Once extinguished, please be seated as a congregational meeting will be conducted concerning the elevator.

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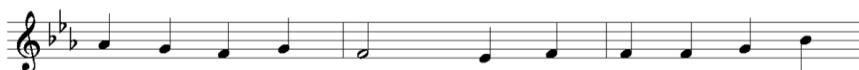
Now Thank We All Our God



1. Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and
2. O may this boun-teous God Through all our life be
3. All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be



voic - es, Who won - drous things has done, In
near - us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts And
giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns With



whom his world re - joic - es; Who from our moth - ers'
bless - ed peace to cheer us; Pre - serve us in his
them in high - est heav - en— The one e - ter - nal

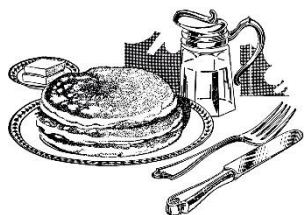


arms Has blessed us on our way With
grace, And guide us in dis - tress, And
God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore— For



count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
free us from all harm Till heav - en we pos - sess.
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Text: *Nun danket alle Gott*; Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Tune: NUN DANKET, 6 7 6 7 6 6 6 6; Johann Crüger, 1598–1662



**PLEASE JOIN US IN FOX HALL FOR
BREAKFAST
WITH THE MUSIC MINISTRY
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
SERVICE TODAY**

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children over the age of 5.

Flower Sponsorship

In Loving Memory of Father and Grandfather Charles Snyder
Paul, Carol, Michael and Josef Raszler

Our Worship & Faith Formation Sunday Schedule

8:15am Friendship Class

9:30am Worship/Faith Formation: Holy Moly

10:30am Sunday Social

Attendance – Oct 5

Onsite – 93 Online – 28

18th Sunday after Pentecost, October 12

Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Psalm 66:1-12

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15 and Luke 17:11-19

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Tom Moyer

Scripture Reader: Sherri Gangewere

Worship Tech: Bill Castello

Altar Guild: Marion DeMillio

Greeter: Pam Repetz/Jackie Maxon

Ushers: Carole O'Connell

Charlotte Kerrigan

19th Sunday after Pentecost, October 19

Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 31:27-34 and Psalm 119:97-104

Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 and Luke 18:1-8

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Janet Boyd

Scripture Reader: Michael Agrippine

Worship Tech: Bill Castello

Altar Guild: Charlotte Kerrigan

Greeters: Carole O'Connell

Ushers: Charlotte Kerrigan/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: Shirley Abel, Larry Albright, Phyllis Ambearle, Grace Arnold, Margaret and Richard Baatz, Christina Bach, Clarence Biehn, Bob Bold, Sherry Castello (Bill's mom), Rob Czekner, Roxanne DeMilio, Janet and Jim Ebert, Gus Geissinger, Gary George, Sally Gibson, Tracey Glass, Mike Gravely, Donna Held, Ray and JoAnn Hower, Geraldine Keim, Karen Moyer,

Molly Nicholas, Carol Raszler, Joey Raszler, Bert Smith, Leona Snyder, Barry Stephens, 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.

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

Shop at Boscov's on Wednesday, October 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. 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 Carol Raszler before or after worship.

LEHIGH VALLEY SAVEAROUND BOOKS

This coupon book, good for all of 2026, contains discount offers for restaurants, hotels, car rentals, entertainment venues, amusement parks, clothing, food, and much more. Cost is \$25 per book. A sample copy is on display in the lounge area. See Carol Raszler to make your purchase.

RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS

What better way to shop for those on your holiday gift list than by purchasing gift cards through RaiseRight. While you're shopping, don't forget to add a few for yourself. Choose from almost 150 vendors in various dollar amounts. Order forms can be found on the church's website, in October's newsletter, and on the table in the lounge.

Deadline for order form and payment is October 31. Checks are payable to St. John's UCC, Fullerton. If you have any questions, contact Karen Stoitsits at (610) 262-0746 or littlekdr@yahoo.com.

ST. JOHN'S BAZAAR AND ITEMS NEEDED

Saturday, November 8, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- * Crafts * Yard Sale Treasures * Bake Sale * Candy Sale
- * Come for Lunch - Beef Vegetable Soup, Chili, Hot Dogs, Burgers, Snacks and Beverages

Deadline to receive items is Sunday, October 31. Clean out your closets, basement, and garage. 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, household furnishings, books, small appliances, small furniture, tools, craft supplies, 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. Bring in your items now and drop them off in the office or in Rooms 303 & 306. If you have any questions, need items to be picked up, or would like to help in any department, contact Amy Feidler or Carol Raszler.

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

For the months of October & November, we are collecting boxed or packaged stuffing mix for the Thanksgiving meal. 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

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. Pastor 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.

BUS TRIP TO NYC

Spend Saturday, December 13, in NYC and enjoy the city during the holiday season. See a play, visit a museum, or do some Christmas shopping. Cost of the trip is \$50 per person with the bus leaving St. John's parking lot at 9:00 a.m. & leaving NYC at 7:00 p.m. **Deadline for reservations and payment is Sunday, November 9.** Please make checks payable to St. John's UCC, Fullerton. If you have any questions, see Brian Fisher, Amy Feidler, or Pastor Steve.

CROP HUNGER WALK

This year's walk is scheduled for **Sunday, October 19**, starting at 1:30 p.m. at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church located at 140 S. Ott St. in Allentown. Take the 10K Route or the "Golden Mile" Route through the Hamilton Park neighborhood. The CROP Walk helps food-insecure neighbors locally through the Lehigh Conference of Churches, and the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank and across the U.S. and globally through Church World Service. If you would like to make a contribution to the CROP Walk or volunteer to be a walker, please see Cindy Reck or Marion DeMilio. Special offering envelopes can be found on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. Checks are payable to **CWS/CROP**.

300th ANNIVERSARY OF GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH

On October 15, 6:30pm at UCC Greenawalds, the Penn Northeast Conference will be celebrating our Reformed tradition heritage in worship. Come join us and others from around the commonwealth!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Two-thirds of the NIN offering is used by UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. One-third of the offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministry, witnessing to Native values and culture. Special offering envelopes were in the October newsletter and in the bulletin. Contributions will be received up until the end of October.

PEEPS MEETING

The PEEPS Women's Group will meet on **Tuesday, October 21, starting at 6:30 p.m.** in Fox Hall. We will reflect on scripture for encouragement and direction, followed by time in small committees to plan activities for future meetings. It'll also be a time to relax and socialize by playing favorite board games. Refreshments will be served. If you would like to know more about this Women's Group, contact Regi Mohr.

OUR STAFF

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

OCTOBER 2025

Overall	
Overall Target	22,500.00
Overall Total	6,554.20
Overall Percent	29.1%

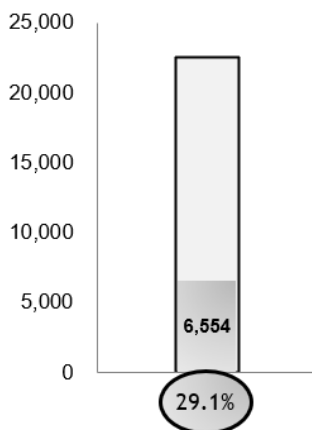
Last Week	
Start:	10/5/25
End:	10/11/25
Total:	4,117.00

Amt needed to reach Target

OCTOBER 2025	15,945.80
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Progress

□ Overall Target
■ Overall Total



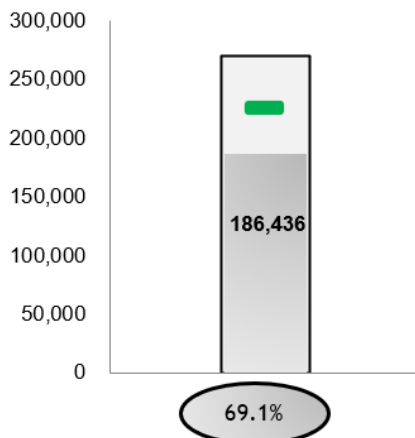
YTD OFFERINGS

OCTOBER 2025

Overall	
Overall Target	270,000.00
On Track Target	225,000.00
Overall Total	186,436.46
Overall Percent	69.1%

Progress

□ Overall Target
■ Overall Total
■ On Track Target



**CHURCH CALENDAR
FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12 – OCTOBER 19**

Sun 10/12	8:15 am	Adult Faith Formation
		Friendship Class
	9:30 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Congregational Meeting
	10:30 am	Choir Breakfast
Mon 10/13		Office Closed
		Indigenous People/Columbus Day
Tues 10/14	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Elders
	7:00 pm	Consistory
Wed 10/15	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	12 noon	Painting Group
	5-9:00 pm	Dine and Donate, Grove St.
	6:00 pm	Painting Group
	6:30 pm	Zumba
	7:00 pm	SAA Recovery Group
Thurs 10/16	6:00 pm	Bells
	7:00 pm	Choir
Fri 10/17	5:00 pm	St. George Church School
	6:00 pm	Bingo
Sun 10/19	8:15 am	Adult Faith Formation
		Friendship Class
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Social Hour
	1:30 pm	Road Rally
	1:30 pm	CROP Walk
		Newsletter Deadline