



St. John's UCC, Fullerton

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**September 14,
2025
9:30am**



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

Fourteenth 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 returns today!! Faith Formation for children begins in the early part of our worship service in the sanctuary, including the Children's Message. The children then proceed to Room 101 for the "Holy Moly" Faith Formation lesson. Parents are invited to accompany their children to the classroom for a brief orientation and to sign them in. Children should be picked up from Room 101 following the worship service.

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

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

- Fall Mums—orders due today!
- Dine & Donate at P.J. Whelihan's, tomorrow!
- Ministry Fair during Sunday Social, September 21
- Walking Challenge, begins September 21
- BINGO Tickets for October 17 (See Tom Moyer)
- New Hymnals—Worship and Rejoice

***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 *God's Gracious Love*
New Hymn for Worship

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Sherri Gangewere

One: The wise seek after you, God of Grace and glory, for you sent Jesus, our Lord, to guide us.

All: Like a woman searching the shadows for a lost coin, he comes, so we may find your greatest treasure. Like a brother who has lost touch with his siblings, he comes, to reconcile us as your family. Like a sister who would stay awake while the younger children sleep, he comes, to be our true friend.

One: In every moment, in every place, Jesus comes to us.

All: Like a shepherd who would face danger in rescuing his sheep, he goes, to the cross, experiencing our death, so he can carry us into the resurrected life.

***Gathering Hymn**

I Surrender All
Verses 1, 2, and 4

found on page 3

Sacrament of Baptism

Jett Anthony Stoudt

Parents:

Cy Nolan and Arianna LaBella Stoudt

Sponsors:

Anthony Viola and Madyson Lecaue

Questions to Parents and Family



Congregational Response

All: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that this child, Jett Stoudt, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal. Amen

I Surrender All

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1 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, all to him I free-ly give;
 2 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, hum-bly at his feet I bow,
 3 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, make me, Sav-ior, whol-ly thine;
 4 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;

I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres-ence dai - ly live.
 world - ly pleas-ures all for-sak - en: take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 may thy Ho - ly Spir - it fill me, may I know thy power di - vine.
 fill me with thy love and pow-er, let thy bless-ing fall on me.

Refrain

I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all,

all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

WORDS: Judson W. VanDeVenter (1855-1939)
 MUSIC: Winfield S. Weedon (1847-1908)

SURRENDER
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Baptismal Hymn

I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry

BAPTISM

488 I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry

1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no
 you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -
 see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es
 child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as
 light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."
 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.
 I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

TEXT and MUSIC: John C. Ylvisaker, 1985
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Hymn

God’s Gracious Love
All Verses

God’s Gracious Love

Matthew 6:33–34 | Isaiah 12:2

♩ = 69–76

— D G maj7 G 6

1. Day by day, God’s gra - cious love sur - rounds me As a
2. Day by day, the Lord is ev - er near me, Grant - ing
3. Help me rest in qui - et con - so - la - tion. Help me

A A 7 D Bm

balm to soothe my trou - bled heart. Count - less cares and wor - ries that con -
lov - ing mer - cies for each hour, And my care He glad - ly bears, and
trust Thy prom - is - es, O Lord. When I’m faced with dai - ly trib - u -

G maj7 G 6 A A 7 D

found me Fade a - way or qui - et - ly de - part, For His
cheers me With His coun - sel pure and ho - ly pow’r. I’ll not
la - tion, Help me find the strength to live Thy word. Then, dear

D/F# D maj7(sus4)/G G G 6 E m

heart is kind be - yond all mea - sure, And He com - forts
fear for what may come to - mor - row, Though the path a -
Lord, when toil and trou - ble find me, Hold me stead - fast

us as He knows best. Ev - 'ry day, with all its pain and
 head I can - not see. He as - sures that in all joy or
 in Thy pow'r - ful hand. Day by day, Thy strength will bear me

plea - sure, Min - gles tears with peace and rest.
 sor - row, "As thy days, thy strength shall be."
 kind - ly Till I reach the prom - ised land.

Text: Lina Sandell-Berg, 1865;
 English transl. Andrew L. Skoog, 1921; alt.
Music: Oscar Ahnfelt, 1872;
 harm. Albert Lindström, 1885; alt. | BLOTT EN DAG
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Scripture Reading:

1 John 2:7-11

Read by: Rev. Janet Boyd

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says, "I am in the light," while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister abides in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates a brother or sister is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

**Sunny Days:
Learning to Love a Grouch**

Song of Praise

Lamb of God, I Come

Arr. Sean Paul

Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come to Thee. O Lamb of God, I come to Thee. Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot. To thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come to Thee!

Surely, You have borne our griefs Surely, You've carried all our sorrows. Broken, wounded, You have borne our sins, and with Your stripes we are healed. We are healed!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, with welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve. Because Thy promise I believe. O Lamb of God, I come to Thee. O Lamb of God, I come to Thee. I Come.

We Love

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

Rev. 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**

Sung Response

Lord Have Mercy

found on page 8

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 -

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-cy have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a series of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The lyrics 'Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer -' are written below the notes. The second staff starts with a '12' above the first measure, indicating a repeat sign. It contains a series of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The lyrics '-cy have mer - cy on us.' are written below the notes. The final note is a half note G4.

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: Sherri Gangewere

All: Steadfast and sheltering God receive these offerings as signs of our trust in you and our desire to live differently, to live redemptively, and to live hopefully. Empower us to live humbly, always remembering that we are redeemed and called to reflect your mercy in everything we do. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

We Serve

***Closing Hymn**

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Verses 1 and 2

found on page 10

***Benediction**

Rev. Davis

***Postlude**

Praises Unending

Jason Krug

Patrick Sandt, Director of Music

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 Honor of the 41st Wedding Anniversary of Gregg and Val Fisher
by Gregg Fisher

Our Worship & Faith Formation Sunday Schedule

8:15am Friendship Class

9:30am Worship/Faith Formation: Holy Moly

10:30am Sunday Social

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us 440

1 Sav - ior, like a Shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
 2 We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3 Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare:
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray;
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bos - oms fill:

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to thee;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

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WORDS: Attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847); *Hymns for the Young*, 1836
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

BRADBURY
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Attendance – Sept 7
Onsite – 97 Online – 28

14th Sunday after Pentecost, September 14

Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14

Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17 and Luke 15:1-10

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Sherri Gangewere Scripture Reader: The Rev. Janet Boyd

Worship Tech: Bill Castello Altar Guild: Linda Apple

Greeter: Charlotte Kerrigan Ushers: Charlotte Kerrigan
Carole O'Connell

15th Sunday after Pentecost, September 21

Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9

Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7 and Luke 16:1-13

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Robin Brensinger Scripture Reader: Tyler Shankweiler

Worship Tech: Bill Castello Altar Guild: Charlotte Kerrigan

Greeter: Kim Hillegass Ushers: Emilie and Tom Moyer

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 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 and Becca Stephens, Martha Strauss, and George Williams.

We pray for the family of Emma Kuczek Repp, who died last Saturday, September 6th. Private interment took place September 11th.

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 or Carol Raszler before or after worship. Save the shopping date at Boscov's: **Wednesday, October 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

LEHIGH VALLEY SAVEAROUND BOOKS

We 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, 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. So, start bringing 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. Be sure to put the Bazaar date on your calendar—Saturday, November 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

For the month of September, we are collecting cereal, pancake mix, pancake syrup, baked beans, canned fruit, instant mashed potatoes, and coffee. 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.

PASTIE SALE

Choose from meat pasties, melts, and fruit turnovers. Order forms can be found on the table in the lounge. 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 TODAY. Checks, payable to St. John's, must accompany all orders. Give your orders to Carol Raszler.

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. Cost of the trip is \$50 per person with the bus leaving St. John's parking lot. Additional information regarding drop-off at the Big Apple will be provided shortly. Please make checks payable to St. John's UCC, Fullerton. If you have any questions, see Brian Fisher or Amy Feidler.

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.

DINE & DONATE – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Come to the Dine & Donate event at **P. J. Whelihan's Pub & Restaurant located at 3395 High Point Blvd., in Bethlehem** (near Lehigh Valley Airport) from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Menu items include appetizers, salads, soups, burgers, wraps, tacos, wings, chicken, fish, and desserts. Gluten-free and children's menus are also available. Flyers are available in the lounge area but not needed—be sure to tell the server you are from St. John's. The church will receive 15% back from all sales including beverages.

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. Envelopes will be in the bulletin on September 28 and October 12 for contributions. Make checks payable to CWS/CROP. Walkers please see Cindy Reck or Marion DeMilio.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14 – SEPTEMBER 21

Sun 9/14	8:15 am	Friendship Class
	9:30 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Social Hour
		Newsletter Deadline
Mon 9/15	11-close	Dine and Donate, PJ Whelihan's
Tues 9/16	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	10:00 am	Community of Practice
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Mixer at Grace UCC
	6:00 pm	Elders
	7:00 pm	Consistory
Wed 9/17	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	12 noon	Painting Group
	6:00 pm	Painting Group
	6:30 pm	Zumba
	7:00 pm	SAA Recovery Group
Thurs 9/18	7:00 pm	Choir
Fri 9/19	5:00 pm	St. George Church School
Sat 9/20	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun 9/21	8:15 am	Friendship Class
	9:30 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Social Hour, Ministry Fair
		Walking Challenge begins

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

SEPTEMBER 2025

Overall	
Overall Target	22,500.00
Overall Total	5,273.37
Overall Percent	23.4%

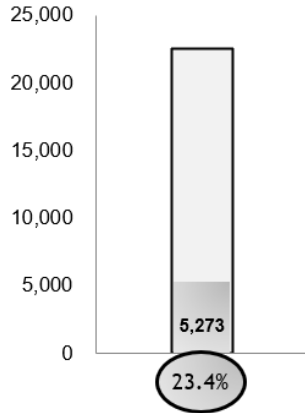
Last Week	
Start:	9/7/25
End:	9/13/25
Total:	2,734.97

Amt needed to reach Target

SEPTEMBER 2025	17,226.63
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Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total



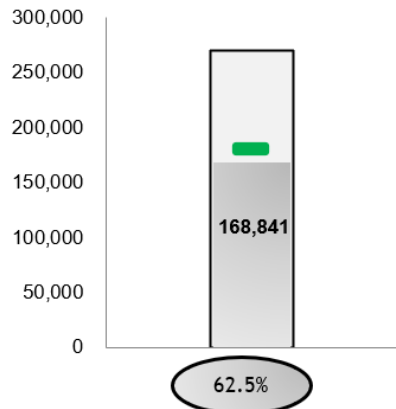
YTD OFFERINGS

SEPTEMBER 2025

Overall	
Overall Target	270,000.00
On Track Target	180,000.00
Overall Total	168,840.55
Overall Percent	62.5%

Progress

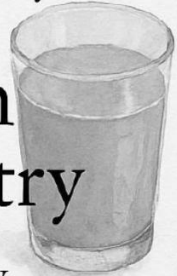
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- Overall Total
- On Track Target





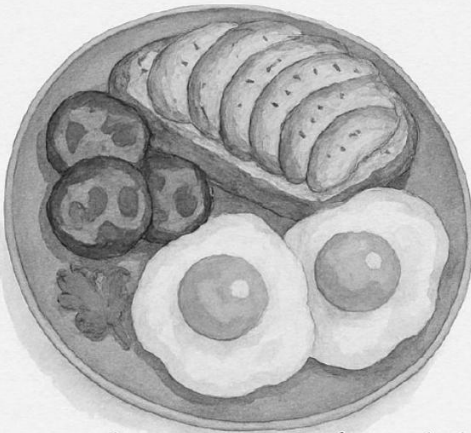
St. John's Music Ministry
cordially invites you to

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.
OUR STAFF

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