

St. John's UCC, Fullerton



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

**July 10, 2022
9:30am**

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Order of Worship

~ We Worship ~

* Those who are comfortably able, please stand

Chimes

Prelude

“Panis Angelicus”
Cesar Franck

Milton Focht, Bassoon
Emilie Moyer, Piano

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steven Davis

*Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

From UCC Worship Ways

One: God of salvation, we lift our souls to you.

All: The paths of the Holy One are steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: In trust, we wait on you to speak, to reveal, to send.

All: The paths of the Holy One are steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: Lead us in your truth with mercy and righteousness.

All: The paths of the Holy One are steadfast love and faithfulness.

*Opening Hymn

“We Meet You, O Christ”

Words: Fred Kaan

Tune: *Hanover*

**We meet you, O Christ, in many a guise;
your image we see in simple and wise.
You live in a palace, exist in a shack.
We see you, the gardener, a tree on your back.**

**In millions alive, away and abroad;
involved in our life you live down the road.
Imprisoned in systems, you long to be free;
we see you, Lord Jesus, still bearing your tree.**

**We hear you, O man, in agony cry;
for freedom you march, in riots you die.
Your face in the papers we read and we see.
The tree must be planted by human decree.**

**You choose to be made at one with the earth;
the dark of the grave prepares for your birth.
Your death is your rising, creative your word;
the tree springs to life and our hope is restored.**

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Prayer of Confession

From UCC Worship Ways

One: Everlasting God, you build up and tear down. We confess that we have erected idols that need to be demolished in our time. We embrace complacency and comfort over following your vision of beloved community and liberation. We measure ourselves not against your precepts but by the standards of this world.

We close our ears to voices we do not want to hear and
our eyes to sights too painful to see.

**All: Tear down the fear of discomfort within us and
rebuild us with the pillars of holy love,
compassionate care, and Spirit-led action. In your
mercy, make us new. Amen.**

(Time for Silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

From UCC Worship Ways

One: The Righteous One remains near to us and delights in
prospering the fruit of our bodies, our soul, and our
acts.

**All: The way of God is not too hard for us, nor is it too
far away. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Children's Message

*Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Janet Ebert

*Please stand in body or in spirit for the reading of the Gospel.

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Davis

Faith & Core Values: We Are a People of Compassion

“Go and Do Likewise”

Musical Offering

“On Eagle's Wings/It Is Well”

Michael Joncas and Philip P. Bliss

Arranged by John F. Wilson

Milton Focht, Bassoon

~ We Love ~

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Davis

God of many names, in faith we name these persons and needs before you, trusting you to bring your peace, healing and hope to people and circumstances. Hear our prayers for...

Holy God of compassion, mercifully receive the prayers of all your children of all faiths and no other faith but their soul's groanings as they cry out to you. Grant that we may know and understand what things we ought to do, and also may have grace and power to faithfully accomplish them. Hear us as we pray for...

We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus, the Christ, who loves and liberates us all and who taught us to pray, saying...

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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**

Prayer Response

From the hymn "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

**O Light that follows all my way,
to you I yield my flickering flame;
Renew my spirit's feeble ray,
that from brilliant sunlit day**

it may new brightness claim.

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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 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

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*Prayer of Dedication

From UCC Worship Ways

**Architect of our faith, use these humble offerings to
construct your plan of peace, hope, and love for life
abundantly. Amen.**

~ We Serve ~

*Hymn

“The Summons”

(verses 1,2,4)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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*The Benediction

Postlude

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

John Darwall

Arr. Cindy Berry

In Our Prayers

Please remember all our sick, shut-ins and those in our area hospitals in your prayers: Jackie Maxon (Pastor Steve's mom), Sharon Antrim, Nancy Cusati, Andi Dallago, Shirley Downing, Tracey Glass, Geraldine Keim, Roger Knauss, Emma Kuczak-Repp, Alan Miller, Karen Moyer, Jack Ohl, Joey Raszler, Marietta Seyfried, Ron and Doris Smith.

Also remember those Serving in our Armed Forces:

E4 Colin Haydt

Chief Petty Officer Jacob Smith

Worship & Music Committee - Opportunities to Serve

Sponsor the wheat basket at the altar to support the food bank. Sponsor altar flowers on a Sunday. Sign up to be an usher/greeter.

Please Share Your Talent

Do you like to sing, play an instrument or have other talents to share for our summer worship services? The Sundays are July through August. You can sign up for one or more Sundays. Please see Emilie Moyer or Pastor Steve.

Serving in Worship Leadership

July 10

Worship Tech – Bill Castello

Ushers – Colleen Kulhamer, Cindy Reck

July 17

Acolyte – Maya Williams

Ushers – Linda Apple, Charlie Apple and Marion DeMilio

SONGS WE LIKE TO SING!

From now through July 17, please share the title of a hymn you like to sing for our "Music Sunday" on July 31! There's a sheet for your favorites to be noted on the back table in the Parlor. Share your favorites!

Church Calendar for the Week of July 10 - July 17, 2022

Sun, 7/10	9:30 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Faith Home Gathering, Rm 201/Zoom
Mon, 7/11	1:00 pm	Faith Home Gathering, Fellowship Community
	7:00 pm	Faith Home Gathering, Rm 201/Zoom
Tues, 7/12	10:30 am	Visitation Committee
	1:30 am	Staff Meeting

	6:30 pm	Elders
	7:00 pm	Consistory
Wed, 7/13	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	7:00 pm	Faith Home Gathering, Rm 201/Zoom
Thurs, 7/14	1:00 pm	Faith Home Gathering, Rm 201/Zoom
	7:00 pm	Music and Worship
Sat, 7/16	1:00 pm	Ice Cream Social
Sun, 7/17	9:30 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Faith Home Gathering, Rm 201/Zoom

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URGENT FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our financial circumstances continue to raise a serious and growing concern for the people of St. John's to act and respond in generosity. There are many in our congregation who for various reasons over the last two years have stopped contributing or who significantly undersupport the church ministry. The Stewardship & Finance Committee asks for EVERY PERSON to prayerfully consider what you can do to promote regular, sustained support.

Offerings received in the first week of July were \$5,114, a combination of offerings received electronically, in the mail, and in the Sunday offering plate. To reach our monthly giving "break even target" of \$22,500, we will need

\$4,345 weekly for the remainder of July. We continue to run behind on income sufficient to meet 100% of the month's expenses. Recently we have seen a downward trend in giving. Through June, we are **\$24,028** behind in overall income compared to expenses.

Please do whatever you can to help us increase our weekly contributions and avoid serious negative possibilities that would undermine our efforts to sustain and expand our ministry future! Your faithfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated!



Welcome to St. John's! Patrick Sandt

Director of Music Ministry & Organist

The Personnel Committee is pleased to introduce and welcome our new Director of Music Ministry and Organist, Patrick Sandt.

The Personnel Committee received applications and Patrick was quickly determined to be one who possessed not only great skills, but also a great heart and passion for ministry. He brings to St. John's a unique and exciting history of organizing and building a music program. In his application, Patrick shares his desire for this position to be one where he could "share my love of music, fellowship with building and nurturing a choir, and most importantly be able to share my love of faith through the gift of music."

Patrick is married to his husband, Sean, and they are the proud dog-parents of "Archie." They will soon be moving into their new home in Bethlehem at the beginning of August in addition to starting at St. John's on August 1. Patrick also has shared in additional leadership for many years as the Front of House Supervisor/Host Trainer at the Olive Garden in Easton where he will continue to be employed.

Our first opportunity for the congregation to meet Patrick will be after worship on Sunday, July 24, at our 4th Sunday Social at the Pavilion. Music ministry participants will also have a special opportunity in a "Meet & Greet" on Wednesday, August 3 at 7pm in the Choir Room/Rm

201, to welcome Patrick to his new role in leadership and to the warm embrace of St. John's UCC, Fullerton!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Don't forget about the Ice Cream Social taking place in the pavilion on Saturday, July 16th at 1:00 pm! Novelties will be there for purchase.



OUR FAITH HOME GATHERINGS

Sign up to take part in an "Our Faith Home" small group in July as we discuss our plans, programs and possibilities for this Fall, with "St. John's 22.0!" Take part in a group TODAY following worship in Rm 201!

IRONPIGS BASEBALL

We have 63 people going to the IronPigs vs Syracuse Mets baseball game on Thursday, August 4, at 7:05 pm. Tickets along with food vouchers and raffle tickets should be available and distributed sometime in mid-July. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Raszler at 610-393-7572 or at craszler@aol.com.

"FUN" RAISING HIGHLIGHTS

Weis and Giant Gift Cards –Various denominations available for purchase. See either Tom Moyer or Cheryl Weaver after church to purchase. The church receives 5% back on the Weis and Giant Gift cards that we sell. Save your Redner's grocery receipts – Place your receipts in the designated basket in the parlor area. The church receives 1% back from Redner's receipts.

UKRAINE RELIEF FUND - THE NEED CONTINUES

Your contributions so far have helped with Ukrainian relief through your giving to UCC National, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, Project HOPE, and World Central Kitchen. As long as this crisis continues, we will receive donations by mail, at worship, or by on-line and text giving. We have just sent another \$390 to UCC National in June. For the month of July, any funds received will go to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. Be sure to note that your contribution is for "Ukraine Relief Fund." Special offering envelopes along with yellow and blue lapel pins showing your support can be found on the table in the lounge area by the sanctuary.

BACKPACKS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR WHITEHALL-COPLAY SCHOOL DISTRICT

We are collecting school supplies for the WCSD. A collection box can be found in the coatroom area by the sanctuary along with a complete shopping list of

items. There will also be a **School Supplies Donation Drive-by on Saturday, July 23, from 10:00 am to Noon at the pavilion.**



Items needed are: backpacks, notebook paper, black markers, crayons, yellow highlighters, plastic water bottles, pencils, pencil sharpeners, pens, colored pencils, 1" 3-ring binders, dividers with tabs, pocket folders, glue sticks and rulers. Also, only Texas Instruments T1-30XS Multiview calculators and earbuds/headphones compatible with Chromebook. **Deadline to receive articles is Sunday, July 24.**

Taking my faith along to the polls: an Invitation from Rev. Becca Stephens

As a member of POWER Lehigh Valley, I see this year's upcoming general election as an opportunity for me to witness to my faith as it relates to our current political climate. Many think that separation of church and state means that we can't talk about politics in church, and as a church we cannot promote a particular candidate because that would violate the terms of our non-profit status. However, we can focus on political policies which impact all of us.

I believe that Jesus was modeling God's kingdom on earth, which we pray for every Sunday. Think about Jesus' ministry. Jesus intentionally reached out to people on the margins. That's what his ministry was all about.

As a woman of faith, I am looking at the policies advocated by political candidates. I am looking for candidates who are advocating for people on the margins: People dependent on food banks because their wages are too low, those living without homes, the LGBTQ community. I am looking for candidates who will support the rights of women, who will support the rights of all citizens to have access to the ballot, who will protect our voting rights, rather than restrict them. That's how I am looking at this year's election.

POWER Lehigh Valley is sponsoring a mass meeting August 3rd, 6-8pm at Resurrected Life Community Church, as an opportunity to learn about POWER Lehigh Valley, our campaigns and the work we are going to do together for the 2022 Election. Register here: bit.ly/powerlv22

I see voter engagement as a perfect way to put our faith into action. If you would like to know more you can reach me at 484-529-8369 or rystephens49@ptd.net

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

For the month of July, we are collecting **ground drip coffee, pancake syrup, instant potatoes and dry cereal**. Any other nonperishable food items are always welcome as well as monetary donations. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom area by the sanctuary where you can place your donations.