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

August 21, 2022

9:30am

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Order of Worship

~ *We Worship* ~

* Those who are comfortably able, please stand

Welcome to St. John's UCC, Fullerton!

*As the music begins, please find your place and begin
to center your spirit for our worship of God together.*

Prelude

“Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love”

T. Colvin & Charles Webb

David Mohr, vocal solo

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steven Davis

*Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

*Call to Worship

From UCC Worship Ways

One: Our God knows us intimately.

**All: God, you knew us before we knew us before we knew
ourselves.**

One: Our God is holy.

All: Holy God, you consecrate us.

One: Our God will reassure.

All: Holy God, you will give us words to speak.

*Opening Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision” (vs 1 & 2)

Hymn can be found on Page 2

Be Thou My Vision

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1 Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word,
 3 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 high King of heav - en, my Treas - ure art.
 still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er thou of all.

WORDS: Irish hymn, 8th c.; tr. Mary E. Byrne (1880-1931); versed Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935)
 MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Jack Schrader (1942-)

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Prayer of Confession

From UCC Worship Ways

One: Transforming God, too often we have been afraid to speak out against the injustices of this world. We have worshipped in ways that made us feel good rather than honor you in our words and deed. Show us the path to faithful living. Show us how to build beloved and just communities. Teach us how to do your work in this world. Empower us in your grace to show love, faith, and hope.

All: We rejoice in knowing that our steps are guided by you, and you are reliable. We delight ourselves in your presence and give thanks as you deliver us from fear and let your love have its way in us. Embolden us to speak your truth to power and let the power of your truth always guide us in your grace. Amen.

(Time for Silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

From UCC Worship Ways

One: The Mystery we name God, leads us into all truth. Feel the gentle nudges without and within, helping us to course correct. Life in the Spirit is not static, and neither are we.

All: Let the grace of God help us to build that which last and plant what nourishes. Amen.

Children's Message

*Scripture Reading

Luke 13:10-17

Joy Gravely

*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 Grace

Musical Offering

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Horatio Spafford and Philip Bliss

Joy Gravely, vocal solo

~ *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...

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**

Praise Response #775

“And God Will Raise You Up”

And God will raise you up on eagles' wings,

Bear you on the breath of dawn.

Make you to shine like the sun,

And hold you in the palm of God's hands.

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.*

*Prayer of Dedication *From UCC Worship Ways*

Fount of Every Blessing, receive these gifts in the joy in which we bring them. May they bless your church universally, our community and our world. May none suffer lack and may we always give from generous hearts. May we always take joy in being blessed to give and to share with you and each other. Amen.

~ We Serve ~

*Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
(vs 1 & 4)

Hymn found on Page 6 of bulletin

*The Benediction

Postlude "Postlude on Lobe Den Herren"
Noel Rawsthorne

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 71

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-
 2 Praise to the Lord, a-bove all things so won-drous-ly reign-
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal-
 ing; shel-tering you un-der his wings, and so gent-ly sus-
 you: sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai-ly at-
 him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais-es be-

va-tion! Come, all who hear; now to his
 tain-ing! Have you not seen all that is
 tend you. Pon-der a-new what the Al-
 fore him. Let the A-men sound from his

tem-ple draw near, join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
 need-ful has been sent by his gra-cious or-dain-ing?
 might-y can do, if with his love he be-friends you.
 peo-ple a-gain; glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 MUSIC: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

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In Our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill or are in our area hospitals: Larry Albright, Sharon Antrim, Bob Beckwith, Andi Dallago, Shirley Downing, Tracey Glass, Ron Glass, Ginny Hess, Ted Hess, Geraldine Keim, Roger Knauss, Alan Miller, Karen Moyer, Jack Ohl, Joey Raszler, Marietta Seyfried and Nancy Weaver.

Our thoughts continue to be with our homebound friends and neighbors: Shirley Abel, Anita Beil, Jean Coombe, Sandra Diefenderfer, Susan Felegy, Milton Focht, Roberta Haberern, Sylvia Hafer, Lucille Hicks, Adrienne Kiesbar, Elaine Lentz, Jean Litzenberger, Roy Luckenbill, Frank Nolt, Marilyn (Jean) Piskula, Bert Smith, Eleanor Smith, Peggy Snyder, Bonnie Weikel.

If you or a family member is admitted to the hospital, tell them you are a member of St. John's UCC, Fullerton, using our code 473.

Worship & Music Committee - Opportunities to Serve

As we expand to 2 Sunday worship services, there are many opportunities to assist with worship leadership!

Please sign up to be an usher/greeter, or scripture reader.

Sponsor the wheat basket at the altar to support the food bank. Sponsor altar flowers on a Sunday. Help with worship tech/sound!

Altar Flowers

One vase in memory of Betty D'Argenio by daughter Karen Stoitsits;
Two vases in loving memory of my grandfather, Harvey E. Saylor's birthday on August 13, from granddaughter Sandy Koch.

Serving in Worship Leadership

August 21

Worship Tech – Michelle Gutekunst

Acolyte - Austyn Venanzi

Ushers – Kim Hillegass and Tom Moyer

August 28

Worship Tech – Bill Castello

Acolyte – Elijah Fox

Ushers – Colleen Kulhamer and Marion Demillio

Attendance - August 14

Onsite - 68 Online - 4 (technical issues)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Offerings to date for August are \$12,080. With two remaining Sundays, we need \$10,420 to reach our break even target of \$22,500 in offerings. Through July, we are \$17,825 behind in overall income compared to expenses.

FALL WORSHIP & FAITH FORMATION

Beginning September 11

8:15 & 10:45am Worship

9:30am Faith Formation

Our Consistory has voted 10-2 to welcome the church and community to two Sunday morning worship services, with Faith Formation (Sunday School) in between. We will worship at 8:15 & 10:45 beginning September 11, and have our “Welcome Home” rally at 9:30. Faith Formation classes are beginning to form now. If you’re interested in participating in your previous class or trying something new, explore the possibilities with us. You will begin seeing opportunities shared to take part in some well established groups and some new things! Come check them out any Sunday beginning September 11.

CONFIRMATION CLASS REGISTRATION

Confirmation in the Church is an intentional period of growth and preparation when young people can learn more about the Christian faith, how we experience that faith in the United Church of Christ, and who we are together in our faith as St. John’s UCC, Fullerton. Persons participate in weekly sharing from September to May, to acknowledge the pledge of faith that may have been made for them as infants/children in baptism, and to affirm the core faith and values we share.

If your young person is in the 7th or 8th grade and has not yet gone through a Confirmation Class, we invite you to register using the link on the website. Contact the Church Office for more information about our 2022-23 Confirmation Class.

CELEBRATION!

On September 18, we will be celebrating the 100th birthday of Emma Kuczek-Repp. Make sure to stop by Room 201 after worship and write a personal note to Emma.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

The next Men's Breakfast Group will meet on Saturday, September 3, at 8:30 am at the Hamilton Family Restaurant located at 2027 Hamilton St. in Allentown. If you would like to know more about this group, please contact Bob Bold at 610-393-6123 or QVRRBold@aol.com

HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

Calling all St. John's Walkers. I'm looking forward to the 2022 Fall Walking Challenge. Please plan to join in the fun and rewards of counting your daily steps. The weather will be cooler and the trees will be changing colors. So much nature to see. Tentative dates are: beginning Sunday, September 11, 2022 and ending Saturday, October 8, 2022. October 9th is the Crop Walk. Please contact Sharon Antrim at 610-216-6207 or sharonantrim@yahoo.com.

"FUN" RAISING HELP NEEDED

Are you the type of person who enjoys planning fun events? We could use your help and skills on the FunRaising Committee. We are always looking for new ideas and extra hands to help with our fundraising events here at St. John's. We will need additional hands to help with the Gift Card Bingo being held on October 7th. Leadership opportunities are also available on the committee. Please join in the FUN and help your church without spending any money. We need YOU! If you are interested, please contact Cheryl Weaver.

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

For the month of August, we are collecting **coffee, pancake syrup, and pancake mix**. 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.

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. For the month of August, any funds received will go to Project Hope.. 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.

“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.

GIFT CARD BINGO

Tickets are now available for the October 7th Gift Card Bingo. See Tom Moyer after church or come to the church office. Cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Church Calendar for the Week of August 21-28, 2022

Sun, 8/21	9:30 am	Worship Service
	12:00 noon	Lehigh Valley Pride
Tues, 8/23	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
Wed, 8/24	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
Thurs, 8/25	6:30 pm	Property Committee
Sat, 8/27	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun, 8/28	9:30 am	Worship Service at the Pavilion
	11:00 am	Healthcare Ministry
		Furnace Fund Envelopes Collected

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