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No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.



Welcome to our Combined 10:15am Worship Service In-Person & Streaming Online



Sunday, February 6, 2022 Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Welcome

May God's loving presence be very real to you, and may you receive strength and guidance today That will enable you to handle life's challenges.

Children's Bulletins
Crayons and activity bulletins are available in the narthex.
The activities match today's Bible readings and are designed for 3-6 & 7-12 year olds.

Biblias Bilingües en Español y Inglés están disponible en el vestíbulo narthex en la mesa de visitantes azul. (Bilingual Bibles in Spanish & English are available in the narthex hallway on the blue visitors' table).

Persons of all ages (including children) are very we come to participate in the entire worship service. Due to the COVID pandemic, for the safety of children, we are currently not offering a nursery during worship. Normally, we have supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, located on the first floor.

For the safety of children, we are not offering Junior Worship during the pandemic. Normally, the option of "Junior Worship" is offered downstairs, on the 1st & 2nd Sunday of the month, following the children's sermon, for elementary age children to learn more about today's scripture lessons.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located both on the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

Changing Tables

All four of our restrooms have changing tables. Each restroom has two "child care protection seats" to keep toddlers safe and secure while their parents use the restroom.

Water Fountains

For the safety of all, our water fountains are disabled during the pandemic.

Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation Classes Classes for all ages are held at 9:00am.

Sunday Worship Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am.

Prayer and Care

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please call or email the church office. You are welcome to take home with you a copy of *Our Daily Bread* daily devotional booklet, located on a table in the narthex hallway.

Looking for a Church to Call Home

If you are looking for a new church family home, we would be happy for you to consider St. Paul's or Zion United Church of Christ. For more information about St. Paul's, Zion, and the UCC, we invite you to talk with our pastors, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our churches.

More Information....

Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the *Blue Visitor Table* in the narthex hallway, or contact us using the contact information on the front page of this bulletin.

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you or if there is any way in which we can help make your worship experience more meaningful.

{Symbols used in this bulletin: *= if able please stand; h = Red Hymnal Page; <math>f = Blue Hymnal Page









Virtual Worship Service

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If you have any access problems, please let us know at 610-621-5770 or Office@sprucc.org

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

We Gather

We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God, and provide for one another our love, support, and care.

Please Do Not move the red ribbons or sit where they are placed.

They are there for your safety and the safety of those around you to help designate social distancing.

Masks are required today for the whole service except for the leaders and under age 2.

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE - "This Is My Father's World" - Franklin L. Shepherd; arranged for piano by Cindy Berry

GREETING AND WELCOME

{To center your hearts and minds, you are invited to individually offer this prayer silently during or before the Prelude}

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP (Silently Before Worship Begins)

"Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

{Those who are able, please rise}

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult"

all verses W&R # 345 printed at the back of the bulletin.

*Invocation

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

*Call to Worship from Psalm 138

Leader: I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name.

People: before the angels I will sing your praise.

Leader: I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,

People: for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

Leader: When I called, You answered me:

People: you increased my strength within me. Leader: You will make good your purpose for me;

People: O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever.

We Repent

This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.

*Call to Confession (Leader)

We come before the altar of God to confess our sins and to be restored fully to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

*Confession of Sin (Unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}

*Prayer for Mercy "Kvrie" Red #518

Leader (spoken):

People (sung):
Leader (spoken):

People (sung):
Leader (spoken):

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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*Assurance of Pardon (Leader)

Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*CALL TO PRAISE

Leader: The Lord has been made manifest to us.

People: Illumined by the Spirit, we sing to the Lord our praise.

*SUNG RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Take my voice and let me sing, Always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

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{Please be seated}

We Hear the Word of God

We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings.

We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God."

Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and

PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 5:1-11

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Lord, You Have Come Down To The Lakeshore"

all verses W&R #347 printed at the back of the bulletin One License #A-714101

Children's Message

Sermon - "Calling Me?!

Service of Ordination & Installation **

Being Installed

Sheri Rowe - Elder & Consistory President
Elsa Wertz - Elder & Consistory Vice President
Dale Mentzer - Head Trustee & Property Committee Vice Chair
Jon Henning - Trustee, Property Committee, Investment Advisory, & UCC Delegate
Eric Ostimchuk - Investment Advisory Committee
Mark Moyer - Investment Advisory Committee
Michael Clay - Cemetery Board

GREETING

Leader: Grace, mercy and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the head of the church in

heaven and on earth.

People: To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations,

forever and ever. Amen.

Introduction

Leader: Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church

of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church or in various

settings in the life of the world.

Leader: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

People: There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

Leader: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives

ability to each of us for our particular service.

People: The Spirit's presence is shown in some ways in each person for the

good of all.

Leader: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

People: It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.

Leader: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is

praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

People: All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

{Those who are being ordained and/or installed as Elders & Deacons of Consistory please come forward}

{Those who are being installed to new leadership positions please come forward}

PRESENTATION (Leader)

These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

COVENANT (Leader)

Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church.

Elders shall assist and support the Pastor in the spiritual affairs of the church. Elders shall take heed of themselves that they may be examples unto others, watch faithfully over the spiritual interest of the congregation, aid in visiting the sick, and minister according to their ability to the edification and comfort of all the members of the congregation. Elders are to be the advisers and counselors of the Pastor, and are to be to the Pastor as hands and eyes, acting with the Pastor and for the Pastor, and representing the Pastor's presence throughout the congregation

The office of **Deacons** has regard especially to the wants of the poor. Deacons shall assist and support the Pastor in those ministrations which pertain to the more outward needs of the congregation. They shall aid in securing the funds necessary for the support of the congregation in its various activities, foster the principles of stewardship, and dispense the charity of the congregation. They must not lose sight of the true spiritual character of their office, which is a proper branch of the Christian ministry.

Trustees are called to the ministry of care of the church building, the House of the Lord, and its property, enabling the worship, study, prayer, mission, and other ministries to occur within the church's facility, and to symbolize well the presence of this house of faith and sanctuary of Christ within and for our local community.

Those serving on the **Evangelism Committee** are called to lead all members to be connecting people in a living relationship with the loving God.

Those serving on the **Mission & Fellowship Committee** are called to lead all members to be serving others, and lead all members to be well connected with each other.

Those serving on the **Worship Committee** are called to lead all members to be participating in worship and increase the number of not-yet-members in worship.

Those serving on the **Christian Education Committee** are called to lead all members to be studying scripture and increase the number of not-yet-members learning scripture.

Those serving on the **Property Committee** are called to lead all members to be caring for this House of Worship.

Those serving on the **Pastor-Parish Relations Committee** are called to help facilitate a good, healthy, and Godly relationship between the Pastor and the parishioners.

Those on the **Investment Advisory Committee** have the responsibility of discerning the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in the stewardship of the long-term investments of the church.

Those on the **Cemetery Board** have the responsibility of the long-term care of the Heidelberg Cemetery and the reverent care of the mortal remains interned there.

Those serving as **Delegates** to the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference and the Covenant Association are called to help foster good relationships and communications between the congregation and the Conference, Association, and wider United Church of Christ, to attend the annual Conference and Association meetings, and to share information from those meetings with the congregation.

Leader: Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of

your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in

Christ's name and for the glory of God?

Newly Elected: I am.

Leader: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and

faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Newly Elected: I do, relying on God's grace.

Leader: Do you promise with the help of God and the guidance of his

Holy Spirit to discharge to the best of your knowledge and

ability the service for which you have been chosen?

Newly Elected: I do, with the help of God.

COVENANT WITH CONGREGATION

Leader: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the

promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and

witness to the commitment we now make?

{Those members of St. Paul's United Church of Christ who are able please rise}

*Members of St. Paul's United Church of Christ: (Unison)

We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

{Congregation please be seated}

PRAYER (Leader)

Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name. We pray in the name of our Lord and Saviour, who taught us when we pray to say....

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 (Leader)

Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

DECLARATION (Leader)

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the people of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, I rejoice to announce you are installed and affirmed in your ministry.

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

Leader: In accordance with the faith and order of this church, I extend

to you the hand of Christian love.

People: Thanks be to God.

{All may be seated}

We Respond with Thanks

We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped, we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by re-affirming our faith in God, praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and

{Those who are able, please rise}

*Affirmation of Faith - The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith (Unison) (Section Two and Three: Jesus and the Holy Spirit

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself. You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen

{please be seated}

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray....

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God of grace, **People:** hear our prayer.

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE "Take My Life And Let It Be"

Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.

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OFFERING TIME AND TALENT

{Prayer Needs, Joys, Opportunities for Study and Service, and other Announcements}

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Leader: We bring our talents, our time, and our money.

People: Why should we do this?

Leader: We could hoard our talents, our time, and our money. **People: We could! We could save them for the future.**

Leader: We could let our talents shrivel into nothing.

People: But God has other plans for our talents, time, and treasure!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM - A Gospel Medley - "He Keeps Me Singing" and "Sunshine in My Soul"

*Offertory Prayer (Leader)

Heavenly Father, help us to own our talents and use them for your glory. Help us to re-adjust our schedules and make time for your kingdom at the top. Make good your purpose for us so that witness and generosity will be our legacy. **All: Amen**

We Are Sent Out

In response to God's love and grace, we go out into the world to share God's Good News through our words and actions.

*Commission

Leader: To be a congregation, we can't all be teachers

People: unless we think of the way we live our lives as teaching.

Leader: To be a congregation, we can't all be musicians

People: unless our lives display harmony.

Leader: To be a congregation, we can't all be custodians and property people

People: unless our lives display orderly discipleship through clean minds and

hearts.

Leader: Let us go forth with praise and joy without counting the cost!

People: Amen.

*Benediction (spoken)

*Benediction (sung)

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

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*SENDING HYMN

"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"

all verses W&R #344

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{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us, as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}

Postlude

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

Everyone Is invited

to share in a time of Refreshments and Fellowship in the downstairs Miller Fellowship Hall

The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshiping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others

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About Today

Church Season: Epiphany - Season of the manifestation of God incarnate to the world. In Greek "phan" is "shine" or "manifest," and "epi" is "upon." The season of Epiphany continues from January 6 until Ash Wednesday.

Color of the Paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

Red - symbolizing the tongues of fire of the Holy Spirit imparting the spiritual gifts of discipleship.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year C**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Luke.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church). The first four books of the NT are called the "Gospels," which Christians consider the most central books of the Bible.

This Sunday, Januray 16 -- Lectionary Reading for the Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

Isaiah

The book of Isaiah (OT) is attributed to three prophets. The first of whom is from where the book gets its name, and is about Isaiah's call to become a prophet and his prophecy that Jerusalem will face God's judgement regarding its immorality in order to be God's Holy City (chaps. 1-39, written 738-688 B.C.), the second is about living in exile in Babylon (chaps. 40-55, written 597-539 B.C.), and the third is about the return from exile to Judah and the rebuilding of the Temple (chaps. 56-66, written 520-515 B.C.). A prophet is one who is divinely appointed by God to lead and instruct.

Psalm 138

This is an OT song giving thanks for God's deliverance, which is attributed to the authorship of King David.

The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

This NT Epistle (letter) was written by the Apostle Paul between 53-54 A.D. to a gentile congregation he had founded several years earlier in Corinth (the capital city of the Roman province of Achaia, a large and prospering urban center that was ethnically, culturally, and religiously diverse). This letter is in response to issues within the Corinthian church, in particular fractions caused by one-upmanship and privatization of faith. Paul encourages humility, unity within diversity, and witnessing to God's grace. Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and church leader, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus' ascension into heaven. Paul wrote more of the NT than any other person.

The Gospel According to Luke

The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles is attributed to Luke "the beloved physician," written around 59-90 A.D. (C.E.). Not having met Jesus personally, Luke undertook the task of "investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account" of Jesus Christ, "so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed."

Next Sunday, February 13 -- Lectionary Reading for the Sixth Sunday After

Epiphany Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26

Link to Website's **Upcoming Events**

CONFERENCE

February 6, 2022

Become a part of Bethany's legacy!

Have your heard about our Legacy Brick Campaign?

Bethany Children's Home is entering its 159th year, and so our campus has a rich history.

Bethany's campus while providing continued opportunity to become a permanent part of support to the youth we serve every day. We now are offering our supporters the



as a permanent reminder of those who have and continue to support beauty of More Memorial Park, and will serve A path made of Legacy Bricks will add to the the mission of Bethany.

How do I purchase a brick?

Bricks can be purchased by calling our Archivist Jennifer Koch at 610-589-4501 Ext. 305

by going to Bethany's website (bethanyhome.org) and clicking on the red banner "click here for more information on our brick campaign"

All orders must be in by June 30.

PSEC Welcomes New Staff Member

The Pennsylvania Southeast Conference office Associate Conference Minister for Search and welcomes The Rev. Kevin J. McLemore as our Help us welcome Kevin to our wonderful Call. Kevin's first day was February 1st. Conference!



Disaster Relief Challenge has begun in PSEC & PNEC

The Susquehanna Area Mission Council and PSEC to share in its annual mission project. The challenge is to raise funds of the Penn Northeast Conference has challenged all churches in both PNEC

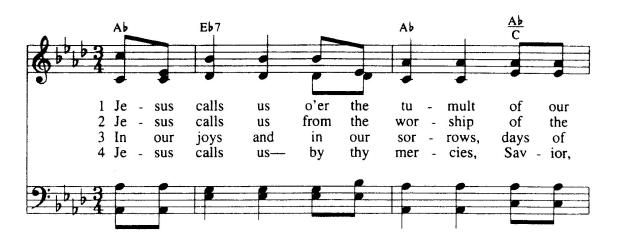
Relief

Disaster to support our common disaster relief ministry. some of the funds raised will be used to help a family in Sinking Spring, Emergency Services, and Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Berks County, recover. They sustained damage to their home and car have supported the work of a Liberty Lutheran Services case worker. The unmet need that our funds would support is helping provide Organizations Active in Disaster, Berks County Department of transportation for employment and to the children's medical due to the remnants of Hurricane Ida. The Berks Community appointments for chronic medical conditions.

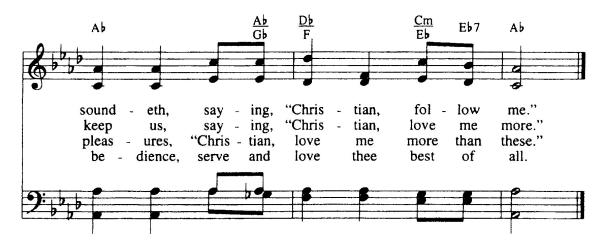
Conference office marked "High 5 for Disaster Relief Berks Ida need." Donations from your church should be forwarded to the PSEC

McLemore, and Rev. Nancy Hardy, our host from SAMC. The link will be 2022, at 3:00 PM ET, featuring Lesli Remaly, UCC national Minister for A virtual Celebration will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 27, Disaster Response and Recovery, Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, Rev. Kevin shared at a later date.

Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult







You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore





- 1 Tú has venido a la orilla; no has buscado ni a sabios, ni a ricos; tan sólo quieres que yo te siga. Estribillo
- 2 Tú sabes bien lo que tengo: en mi barca no hay oro no espadas; tan sólo redes y mi trabajo. Estribillo
- 3 Tú necesitas mis manos, mi cansancio que a otros descanse, amor que quiera sequir amando. Estribillo
- 4 Tú, Pescador de otros mares, ansia eterna de almas que esperan. Amigo bueno, que así me llamas. Estribillo

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus 344

