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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



July 3, 2022 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:15 a.m.

### 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 en Español

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).

### Nursery

Persons of all ages (including children) are very welcome to participate in the entire worship service. For safety, during the COVID pandemic we temporarily ceased having supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, on Sunday, September 11, 2022. In the meantime, parents who would like to do so, are welcome to watch their own children in the nursery, where a closed circuit TV is located, so that you can still see and hear the worship service.

**Junior Worship** 

For safety, during the pandemic we temporarily ceased offering Junior Worship. We will resume Junior Worship on Sunday, September 11, 2022. The option of Junior Worship is offered downstairs, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, following the children's sermon, for elementary age children to learn 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.

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Phone Stream at 1-888-649-5770 - Live or Listen Later

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

### 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.

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP (Unison)

Gracious God, our helper, we greet you this morning with joy and thanksgiving. We feel your welcome and anticipate your teaching. Show us this day what you would have us do. Whether it be great or small, we want to do what you command. Let our ears be attentive to your Word, and our hearts be responsive to the opportunities you grant us to bear one another's burdens in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PIANO PRELUDE "America the Beautiful/My Country 'Tis of Thee" arranged for piano by Cindy Berry

{Those who are able, please rise}

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "America the Beautiful"

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\*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 ②

Leader: The kingdom of God has come near.

Enter this time of worship with joyous expectation.

People: We will extol you, O God, for you have drawn us up.

You have healed us and turned our mourning to dancing.

Leader: Sing praises to God, all faithful ones.

Give thanks to God's holy name.

People: We will praise you, O God, and not be silent.

We will give thanks to you 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)

O God, how often we have wanted to define truth for everyone else and to judge others by standards we ourselves cannot keep. Whether our sins reside in what we have done, in what we have failed to do, or in prideful comparisons with other people, let us confess them now before our Lord God and before one another. Let us pray...

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN ② (Unison)

Gentle God, angry God, gracious God, we know we have let you down in many ways. We have not lived up to your high intentions for us. You send us out as ambassadors of peace, and instead we pick fights with our sisters and brothers. You commission us to travel light, and we become bogged down with our possessions. You ask us to help ease the burdens others carry, but we add to them. You call us to joy in your inclusive kingdom, but instead we create our own ghettos of injustice, poverty, and division. Patient God, forgive us again. Amen.

### \*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

\*Sung Prayer for Mercy "Lord, Thy Mercy, Now Entreating"

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Lord, Thy mercy now entreating, Low before Thy throne we fall; Our misdeeds to Thee confessing, On Thy Name we humbly call.

### \*Assurance of Pardon ② (Leader)

Demons fall when Christians pray and witness together. Lives are healed when pretensions are cast aside. God extends mercy and peace to all who are sincerely penitent. Turn away from temptation, knowing that God will strengthen you in fulfilling the law of Christ. **Amen.** 

### \*CALL TO PRAISE (10)

Leader: Uplift your voices in praise to God.

People: We weekly gather to sing praise to the Lord.

\*Sung Praise "All Creatures of Our God and King"

\$\$ E&R#15

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

(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 John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.

**Proclamation of Scripture** 

First Lesson: Isaiah 66:10-14

Second Lesson: Galatians 6:1-16
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: <u>Luke 10:1-11, 16-20</u> Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**HYMN** "Faith of Our Fathers" E&R #282

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** 

CHILDREN'S SONG "God Hears My Prayer"

God, our Father, hears my prayer

Anytime and anywhere, He will listen when I pray, Hear the loving words I say.

**SERMON** 

### 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 aiving of ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

(Those who are able, please rise)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) "Apostle's Creed"
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again, ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body.

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

### **OFFERTORY INVITATION 2**

Leader: Our offerings support the ministry of this church as we reach out together to announce the better way God intends for all of us.

People: In our giving, we extend a welcome, practice hospitality, offer healing, become reapers in God's harvest, and extend the peace of God to the

woria.

Leader: May our offerings honor the one who gives us all we have.

People: We give to God the first fruits of our harvest of time, talent, and

treasure.

{Those who are able, please rise}

\*Offertory Solo "America, Our Heritage" by Helen Steele soloist Brian Keppley

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Old Hundredth Doxology" 
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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.

{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person.

A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.)

Whether worshiping in person or online, the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church is through St. Paul's UCC secure <u>Online Giving</u> option on our website at **sprucc.org**. <u>St. Paul's UCC Click Here</u> Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul's UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551 or Zion UCC; PO Box 97; Womelsdorf, PA 19567}

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER (Leader) 6 & 10

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the freedoms of this nation, which at times we take for granted. We give thanks for the lives lost defending her, her freedoms, and us – for all gave some, and some gave all. We pray that we might not take those lives for granted, nor the lives that defend our nation still today. As we present our tithes and our offerings, we give you thanks, O God, for we return to you what you have given us out of your abundance. We dedicate these tithes and offerings and our very lives to you. Use them to help build a more just society where the signs of your reign may be manifest every day: where there will be no need for war and your shalom - your divine peace - will reign, where we may live in true freedom, where security will be based on dignity and respect for all human beings regardless of race. color, orientation, ethnicity, gender, or class. Let us see a world where love reigns above all things and true understanding exists among each other, a world where no more lives need be sacrificed for freedom. Accept these gifts that we bring to you and commission us to fulfill your great mission of taking the discipleship of Christ into all the world. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.** 

### Sacrament of Holy Communion o

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the central act of Christian worship, bringing us more fully together with one another and the Triune God, through the sacrifice of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 26:20-30, Mark 14:17-26, Luke 22:14-23, John 13:21-30)

### \*Invitation (Leader)

This table is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow Christ's way. Come to this sacred table not because you must, but because you may. Come not because you are fulfilled, but because in your emptiness you stand in need of God's mercy and assurance. Come not to express an opinion, but to seek a presence and to pray for a spirit. Come to this table, then, sisters and brothers, as you are. Partake and share. It is spread for you and me that we might again know that God has come to us, shared our common lot, and invited us to join the people of God's new age.

### \*COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.** 

Leader: We give thanks to you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in

the Church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith and

times, we praise you with joy and sing...

### "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Seraphic Hymn {Sanctus is Latin for "Holy." Seraphic Hymn refers to the song of the Seraphim Angels. Sabaoth is a Hebrew name for God, referring to God as both creator and ruler of the world}.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory,

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

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{Please be seated}

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### Leader:

Lord, we remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Ordained Minister:

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory. We offer you these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people.

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, here within the sanctuary and within our homes, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united in communion with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

ALL: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen.

### BREAKING THE BREAD AND RAISING THE CUP

### 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.

### **CALL TO THE SUPPER**

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come, for all things are ready.

### BREAKING THE BREAD, RAISING THE CUP, AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

{For those who have the pre-filled cups: open the first seal - unleavened bread wafer}

Pastor: The Body of Christ broken for you. Take and eat.

People: Amen.

{You may eat the bread}

{For those who have the pre-filled cups: open the second seal - the fruit of the vine - grape juice}

Pastor: The Blood of Christ shed for you. Take and drink.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

{You may drink the wine or grape juice}

{Those who are able, please rise}

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise**.

Leader: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table

by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 ②

Leader: God sends us out as lambs among wolves.

It is not easy to proclaim the gospel.

People: We will not fear to let our faith be known.

We want to carry God's peace into our world.

ALL: Amen.

\*BENEDICTION

\*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

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\*Sending Hymn "My Country 'Tis of Thee"

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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

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### 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) We experience the greater oneness with God and each other through Communion

(9) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others



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### **About Today**

**Church Season: Pentecost** —which is the season of the church in mission. It is the time between the ascension of Christ and his second coming, which is the time we are presently living in today, and as such is the longest season of the church year. During this season we focus on how we, as disciples of Jesus Christ, are called by God to go out into the world and share his Good News through both our deeds and words.

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

**Green** –symbolizing the growth of the Christian church, as we go out into the world and share God's Good News with both our words and actions, and invite others into the church of Jesus Christ.

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; the rest of the NT takes place after his ascension into heaven.

### This Sunday, July 3, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for the 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-9 Galatians 6:7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

### 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 e God's Holy City (chaps. 1-9, 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 66:1-9

This OT song of praise and thanksgiving affirms God's providential deliverance of God's people.

### The Letter of Paul to the Galatians

This NT Epistle (letter) was written to the churches of Galatia by the apostle Paul sometime between 49-55 A.D. Within this letter is the critical theological doctrine of justification by faith (salvation by God's actions through Jesus Christ, not by our own actions). 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, July 10 -- Lectionary Reading for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

## Communitas

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# From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Step Four

We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

The purpose of the Fourth Step is to find out who we really are. As we prepare for this step, our fear must be put aside. Instead, we turn to the loving, personal God that we have found. A written inventory will help us to unlock parts of our subconscious that deny our true nature. Honest self assessment is one of the keys to our new way of life, and most of us find that we are neither as terrible nor as wonderful as we once thought.

Step Four is not a confession of how horrible we are or what a bad person we have been, rather we gain strength and insight. Steps One, Two, and Three are the necessary preparation before taking this step. We put our inventory on paper so that we can see it for what it really is and release it. Writing honestly and thoroughly may seem impossible but we turn to our Higher Power for the strength to be fearless and thorough. We write about our defects, assets, relationships and past and present history. The way to write an inventory is to simply write it. Thinking or talking about it will not get it written.

At times this may seem difficult or painful but we come to realize how much we have to gain, and the pain of doing it is less than the pain of not doing it. Pain can be a motivating factor in recovery.

When issues surface, we write about them. The inventory process releases the stress trapped inside of us. We ask for God's help to reveal the things that cause us pain and suffering. We are not perfect, we are human, but we develop an ability to survive our emotions using the tools in recovery. We want to continue this journey by taking an equally

## Lifting Up Our 2022 Anniversary Churches Celebrating 200 Years of "Being Church"

### First UCC, Schuylkill Haven

Pastor since 1999—Rev. Shawn D. Van Dyke

The mission of First UCC is to:

- Seek and serve Christ, our risen, living Lord and Savior
- Accept the joy and cost of discipleship, following Christ's example
- Be a center for Christian Education, spiritual growth, worship to God, and service to others in our midst and in the community
- Care for each other, the facilities, property and finances of First UCC
- Welcome and involve all seekers and worshipers to our family of faith





Welcome Sign

Confirmands & Food Pantry

### Saint Paul's UCC, Ringtown

Pastor since 2010—Rev. Craig Zimmerman



St. Paul's is busy with food fundraisers and is looking into the possibility of forming a "Community Garden". They stream their services weekly.







