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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



May 1, 2022 Third Sunday of Easter 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 2nd and 3rd 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.

{Symbols used in this bulletin: *= if able please stand; $\mathfrak{I}\#=$ Red Hymnal Page; $\mathfrak{I}\#=$ Blue Hymnal Page}







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Phone Stream at 1-888-649-5770 - Live or Listen Later
Zoom: Meeting ID: 104 401 368; Passcode: 301301 (or call 1-301-715-8592) - Live Only

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®

Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with us today in manifold ways as we witness and celebrate a child's baptism and the profession of faith by a son of this congregation. May we please you, Jesus, the model of love, as we welcome this family more fully into your kingdom. In your name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Unite and Join Your Cheerful Songs"

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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 a adapted from Psalm 30

Leader: Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful; **People:** give thanks in holy remembrance.

Leader: God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.

People: Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning. Leader: You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.

People: Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

Leader: You have turned my fear into dancing.

People: You have clothed me with joy.

Leader: My heart sings to you without ceasing.

People: O'Lord my God, I will give you thanks 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)

God of love and protection and forgiveness, hear now our confession of sins which separate us from you.

*Confession of Sin @ (Unison)

Sometimes we are like Paul. We think our actions are directed by you. Sometimes we are like Peter. We deny you. Sometimes we are like John and you give vision to us. Help us to make sure our actions and words and visions really do come from you. Maybe you have better actions and reactions and visions in store for us. Help us to look for them and behave accordingly.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

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*PRAYER FOR MERCY

"Kyrie"

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Leader (spoken):
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON @ (Leader)

God reminds us, "Yes, my child, I am here with you. I created you, I love you, I accept your confession and forgive you. Accept my forgiveness."

*CALL TO PRAISE

Leader: Let us sing praise to our risen Saviour!

People: We give praise to the risen Christ our Lord!

*Sung Praise "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

W&R 59

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Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sins and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

(Please be seated)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism [®]

and

Order for Reception of New Member

Newly Baptized Child: Jenkins Ellis Henning

Parents:

Jordan Thomas Henning & Laura Marie Henning

Sponsors:

Justin Robert Henning Melissa Anne Fllis

New Member Candidate: Jordan Thomas Henning

INVITATION

{Child, Parents, Sponsors, & Elder are invited to come forward to the Baptismal font}

WELCOME

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

{Those who are able please rise}

*CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the

gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the ones about to be baptized, as

they live and grow in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in

the triune God.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His Son?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, His Son. Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

{Please be seated}

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

Pastor: Christ be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray...

ACT OF BAPTISM AND NAMING

{Those Who Are Able, Please Rise}

- *PRESENTATION
- *PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED
- *LIGHTING OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE
- *BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go in the peace of Christ. **People: Thanks be to God.**

{please be seated}

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HYMN "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

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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: Acts 9:10-20

Second Lesson: Revelation 5:11-14
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 21:9-19
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING "Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children"

 Praise him, Praise him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.
 Praise him, Praise him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

- 2. Love him...
- 3. Thank him...

SERMON "The Fish and the Lamb"

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 giving of ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

(Those who are able, please rise)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Uni

The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith (Section Five: The Promise)

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. 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, in your mercy, **People: hear our prayer.**

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

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

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Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

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OFFERTORY INVITATION ®

Leader: We praise you for the springtime.

People: We praise you for our risen Christ.

Leader: We praise you for your provision of our daily needs.

People: In thankfulness, we bring our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"This Is the Feast"

John W. Arthur/Richard Hillert

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Sung by Congregation

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We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be, All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

(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) o

O Lord of fish and lambs, we thank you for all that you have given to us. Keep us mindful that it is your generosity that sustains us. We thank you! 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: As we go into the light of the world **People:** help us to increase the brightness.

Leader: As we go into the nastiness of the world

People: help us to share your love. Leader: How much love is needed? People: Bushels and bushels of love!

ALL: Help us, loving Jesus!

*BENEDICTION

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*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

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*SENDING HYMN

"Peace I Leave with You, My Friends"

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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



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: Easter – The Easter Season begins on Easter Sunday, and continues for seven weeks until Pentecost. 40 days and six Sundays before Easter; a season of penitence as we reflect upon our personal sins, which led to the need for the sacrifice of Jesus' life for us upon the cross.

The root word of "Lent" means to "lengthen", referring to the lengthening of days as we anticipate spring and the new life granted through the resurrection – moving form darkness to light.

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

White – symbolizes Christ as the Light of the World; Emmanuel, God is with us; the presence of Christ, for the Kingdom of God is near; the purity through Christ's baptism.

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, May 1, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for the Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:10-20 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:9-19

The Acts of the Apostles

The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles (NT) are attributed to Luke "the beloved physician" written around 59-90 A.D. This is essentially volume 2 of the Gospel of Luke. The Book of Acts records the ministry of the early church after the ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven, and guides us how we are to live, act, work, and be the church.

Psalm 30

This OT song extols God, giving thanks to God for the healing God provides.

The Revelation to John (Apocalypse)

This is the last book in the NT, which is a prophetic book written by a person named "John" who was probably born into the Jewish faith in Palestine and moved to Asia Minor between 66-73 A.D. This is probably not the same John who wrote the Gospel of John or the Letters of John. This book is believed to be written between 64-96 A.D. Some scholars believe that this book developed over a period of time, with 1:4-11 and 4:1-22:5 being written around 64 A.D., and the rest of the book being written sometime between 81-96 A.D. The genre of this book is apocalypse (revelation). Biblically, an apocalypse is usually a first-person narrative (generally written under a pen name of a noted Biblical character) where the author retells a vision about the future, heaven, or both.

The Gospel According to John

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 and orderly account" of Jesus Christ, "so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed."

Next Sunday, May 8 -- Lectionary Reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30

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May 1, 2022

OFFICIAL CALL - PSEC ANNUAL MEETING 2022

Living the Jesus Life: Contemplatives in Action

You are invited! Back in Person!

Friday, June 3—Saturday, June 4, 2022

@ West Chester University

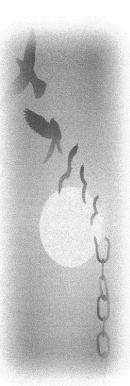
700 S. High St. , West Chester, PA



Has your church registered their delegates for the upcoming Spring Meeting? Are you aware that everyone is invited to the Spring meeting, whether a delegate or not? Come enjoy and experience being together with others from around the Conference.

Register at: https://psecspring2022.eventbrite.com

Changing The Way The Church Views Addiction



May 11, 2022 1:00—4:00 pm

@ St. James, 321 S. Limerick Rd., Limerick

PSEC Addiction and Recovery Task Force

Register at: https://psecrecovery.eventbrite.com

Phoebe Seeking Volunteers

Want to make a difference in the lives of the seniors in your community? Become a volunteer! Phoebe is currently looking for volunteers who could contribute significantly to the exceptional quality of life for Phoebe residents.

Volunteers could assist with:

- Companion/Visitor
- Escort/transport residents
- Library assistant
- Pastoral care assistant
- Activity/group leader or helper
- Present a program
- Distribute water
- Deliver mail
- Receptionist
- Office helper
 - Tour Guide.

Different positions at different Phoebe locations. If interested visit phoebe.org/volunteer to learn more.

Quiet Days

1st Tuesday of Every Month



Come away for a time of quiet and solitude, individual reflection, and fellowship and sharing.

Quiet Days are held on the first Tuesday of each month from 9:30 am-1 pm

Quiet Days are designed to open new avenues of communing with God, and to provide an opportunity for sharing faith journeys and stories. They allow for Sabbath time and renewal in the midst of our busy world. There is no formal registration, but a minimum donation of \$5 is requested on Quiet Day. Each participant is asked to bring a Bible, journal, pen and a bag lunch. Come and see what God has in store for you!

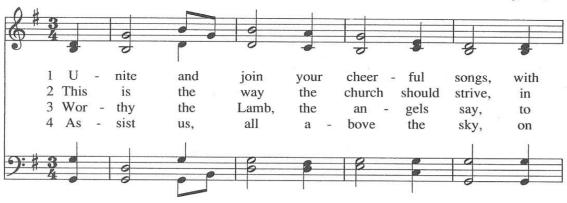
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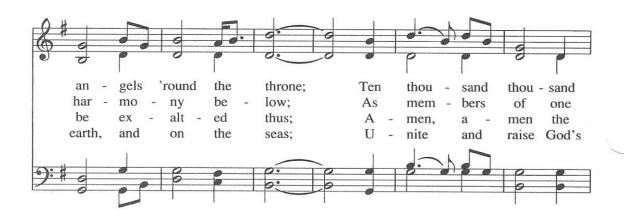
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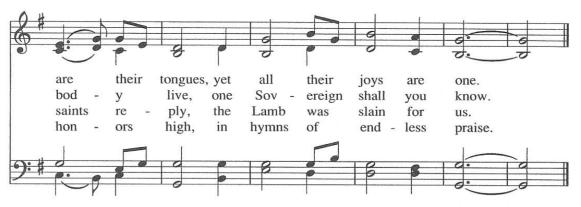
Unite and Join Your Cheerful Songs

Rev. 5:9-14

Hymns and Spiritual Songs, ed. James O'Kelly, 1816; alt.







This hymn appears in Hymns and Spiritual Songs, a collection of hymn texts (without tunes), published in 1816 in Raleigh, North Carolina. It may have been written by the book's editor, James O'Kelly, an itinerant preacher who broke away from the Methodist Church because of its hierarchical government. O'Kelly founded the Christian Church in the southern United States in 1794. In 1931, the Christian Church merged with the Congregational Church to form a predecessor denomination of the United Church of Christ. The themes of unity and freedom appear throughout O'Kelly's collection of hymns.

Tune: AMAZING GRACE (NEW BRITAIN) C.M.
from Columbia Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829
Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900
Alternate tune: LAND OF REST

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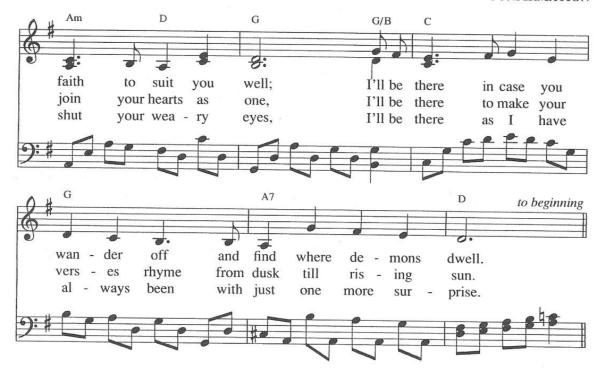
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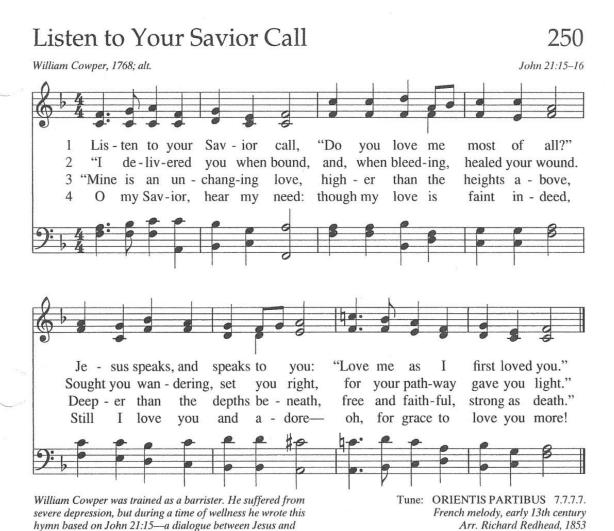
I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry



John Ylvisaker is the composer of a number of collections of music in the "contemporary" or "folk" idiom, as well as soundtracks for various media productions. This is perhaps his best-known song.

Tune: BORNING CRY 9.7.9.6.D. John Ylvisaker, 1985





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EASTER SEASON

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Peace I Leave with You, My Friends



EASTER SEASON

