

United Church of Christ

301 West Penn Avenue, Robesonia, PA 19551

*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 17, 2022
Sixth 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 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; ♯ = Red Hymnal Page; ♯ = Blue Hymnal Page}*



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Virtual Worship Service

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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)

**Ever-present God, we feel your presence and we praise you. Hallelujah!
Help us to think about your promises and depend on them. Each time we
realize a promise has been fulfilled, help us to shout your praises to the
universe and to each person we meet. In the name of the Son, our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

PRELUDE

{Those who are able, please rise}

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Jesus, Come for We Invite You”

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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 **Promises of God** (Contemporary English Version)

Leader: The Lord promised to do many good things for Israel, and he kept his promise every time. (Joshua 21:45)

People: Our Lord, you are true to your promises, and your word is like silver heated seven times in a fiery furnace. (Psalm 12:6)

Leader: God made great and wonderful promises,

People: so that his nature would become part of us. (2 Peter 1:4a)

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 ⑩ (Unison) – from the New Century Hymnal page 2

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

“Kyrie”

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Leader (<i>spoken</i>):	Lord, have mercy upon us.
People (<i>sung</i>):	Lord, have mercy upon us.
Leader (<i>spoken</i>):	Christ, have mercy upon us.
People (<i>sung</i>):	Christ, have mercy upon us.
Leader (<i>spoken</i>):	Lord, have mercy upon us.
People (<i>sung</i>):	Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON ⑩ (Leader) – from the New Century Hymnal page 3

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 ⑩

Leader: May you be filled with the Holy Spirit.

People: **May we continually gather and sing praise to God.**

*CHORUS OF PRAISE *“Rejoice in the Lord Always”*

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**Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!
Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!**

(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: [Genesis 18:1-10a](#)

Second Lesson: [Colossians 1:15-28](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: [Luke 10:38-42](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"In the Bulb"

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATION SINGS *"Jesus Loves Me"*

Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.

Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

SERMON

"Jesus Comes to Us and Makes Promises"

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 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 of grace,

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.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION ⑩

Leader: God speaks about our offerings. He says our decisions about our offering depend on:

People: how we feel about sharing the Good News;

Leader: how deeply we feel about loving our neighbors;

People: how much we want to grow in our faith in an alive congregation;

Leader: how much we care about keeping God’s kingdom on earth alive.

People: God, help us to be fair to you, and fair to our families, and fair to ourselves. Increase our trust in your promises.

OFFERTORY

{Those who are able, please rise}

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** (*Sung by Congregation*) “Take My Life and Let It Be”

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**Take my love, my God I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for 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 worshipping 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 [Online Giving](https://www.sprucc.org) option on our website at [sprucc.org](https://www.sprucc.org). [St. Paul’s UCC Click Here](#)
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) ⑩**

God of all creation, God of all relationships, God of all provision, enrich our relationship with you and with each other; all lovingly bound by your mercy and all lovingly free in your promises.

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 ⑩**

Leader: God of everything in this earthly kingdom and God of the heavenly domain, we have laid our treasure at your feet.

People: Walk with us now, enrich our lives. Walk with us into your promises.

Leader: Help us to proclaim your promises to our families and friends.

People: We believe your promise to help us in this challenging task. Amen and Amen!

***BENEDICTION**

***THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN**

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***SENDING HYMN "Standing on the Promises"**

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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: 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 17, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm 15

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

Genesis

The book of Genesis (OT) is a part of the Pentateuch (first five books of the OT, or Torah, or one of the five most central books in Judaism). Genesis means beginning. The book of Genesis tells about the creation of humankind and the entire universe by the will and power of God. Genesis creates a context for the reading of the entire rest of the Bible. The book is traditionally attributed to Moses, who led the Israelite people from Egyptian slavery to freedom, through the saving grace and divine providence of God.

Psalm 15

This OT song is attributed to the authorship of King David. It is intended as a liturgy for entering into the sanctuary. It asks and answers the question of who may have admission into worship.

The Letter of Paul to the Colossians

This NT Epistle (letter) was written to the gentile church in Colossae, was perhaps written in the mid-60s A.D. to deal with a controversy within this church and to support the teaching and leadership of Epaphras as their minister, who is also the founder of this congregation. Persons were drifting away from being centered in the word of truth of the gospel, and instead were following deceitful philosophy, familiar traditions, and Greco-Roman notions of celestial powers. This letter reasserts the importance of turning to Christ, who is the sole head of the church, which is his body, and the need for the members of the congregation to devote themselves more fully to prayer. 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 and orderly account” of Jesus Christ, “so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.”

Next Sunday, July 24, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-19

Luke 11:1-13



July 17, 2022

From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Step Five

We admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

The Fifth Step helps us sort through the contents of our inventory. Holding on to our past would sicken us and even lead back to using. We begin this step by sharing our inventory with the God of our understanding. Next, we share our inventory out loud with another person who knows what we are doing and why we are doing it. Most addicts will take this step with another member in recovery, such as a sponsor.

As with the previous steps, we want to be honest and thorough, not hiding any part of our past or trying to escape feelings. The Fifth Step will expose our motives and actions in order to avoid future guilt. It is imperative that we do not exaggerate or minimize our part in past situations. Before recovery, addicts hid behind phony images that they hoped would fool people. The masks have to go!

The person chosen to hear our Fifth Step shares his/her experience with us and we find that we are not unique. This step teaches us that we can be accepted just as we are. We find relief in sharing the secrets and burdens of our past.

Our inventory usually reveals some negative behavior patterns and bringing them out in the open makes it possible to deal with them constructively. These changes cannot be made alone. We need help from God and our recovery fellowship. The journey continues with Step Six

Lifting Up Our 2022 Anniversary Churches Celebrating 175 Years of "Being Church"

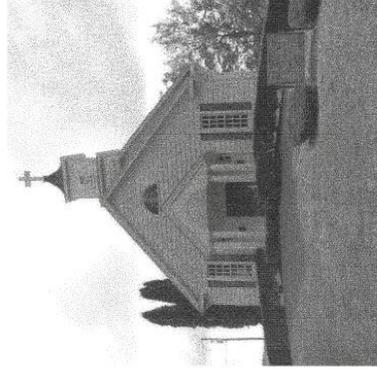
Reformed Church of the Ascension UCC, Norristown

Pastor since 1996 - Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier

The mission of Ascension Church is to reach out to the local and world community with faith and joy. We will commit our spiritual and material resources, and our personal involvement to share the word of God through worship and Christian living. We will provide spiritual support, care and hope for all as we teach and grow in the love of Christ through the Holy Spirit.



Saint Peter's UCC, Barnesville



669 Jesus, Come, for We Invite You

D G D F# D D F# G D F# D A C# D E7 B A D

1 Je - sus, come, for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,
 2 Je - sus, come! trans - form our pleas - ures, guide us in - to
 3 Je - sus, come in new cre - a - tion, heaven brought near by
 4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness; make us will - ing

A E E7 A D G D F# D D F# G D F# D

friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
 paths un - known; bring your gifts, com - mand your ser - vants,
 power di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,
 to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,

A C# D E7 B A D A E E7 A Em A7 C#

speak, and let us hear your word: lead us through our
 let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may
 chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of
 all the best you have to give: let us find your

D D F# A G D F# G D F# Em7 D Em G A A7 D

need or doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.
 work in se - cret, all shall see what you have done.
 your dis - ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!
 hid - den rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

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SICILIAN MARINERS
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1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

Gm7 C7 F

tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be
dy; there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness bring - ing hope to you and
ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni -

F F7 Bb C7 G F A Dm Gm6 A7

free! In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to
me. From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter -
ty; in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to -

Dm Bb C7 G F A Dm Gm7 C7 Bb F F

be, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
y, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
ry, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

3. Standing on the Promises

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G C

1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King, Thro' e - ter - nal
 2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail, When the howl - ing
 3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e -
 4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall, Lis - t'ning ev - 'ry

G

a - ges let His prais - es ring; Glo - ry in the high - est, I will
 storms of doubt and fear as - sail, By the liv - ing word of God I
 ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord, O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the
 mo - ment to the Spir - it's call, Rest - ing in my Sav - ior, as my

C6 D7 G G REFRAIN

shout and sing,
 shall pre - vail, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God. Stand - ing,
 Spir - it's sword,
 all in all,

C Em D G C G

stand - ing, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

C G D7 G

Stand - ing, stand - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.