

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*



August 7, 2022
Ninth 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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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

This morning's prelude is a handbell arrangement of the tune "Holy Manna" which is used for the hymn "We Have Come to Join in Worship" and also includes the hymn tune "Foundation" which is used for the hymn "How Firm a Foundation."

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP® (Unison)

Gracious God, you keep the promises you make. Our faith trusts these promises. When the world shakes around us, we have our faith. We hold this faith in our hearts. We hold this faith in our hands as we put hours and energy into activity. We hold this faith in our use of money as we remember people in need and we remember that worship increases our faith. Oh God, thank you for our faith! Amen.

PRELUDE "We Have Met to Worship" arr. by Kevin McChesney
handbell quartet: Elsa Wertz, Geri Gammel, Sheri Rowe, Barbara Borkert

{Those who are able, please rise}

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

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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 - adapted from Psalm 33 ®

Leader: The Lord looks down from heaven and sees all humankind.

People: God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

Leader: God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

People: Truly your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord,

Leader: upon those who wait for your steadfast love.

People: Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord, our helper and our shield.

Leader: Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.

People: Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

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 ⑩ (Leader)

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

*CONFESSION OF SIN ⑩ (Unison)

We confess that our determination to hold steady in our faith is not always steady. We drift along like a babbling brook which is nice but we get lost in the wonderful sound of the running water. Help our faith be strong like the waves in the ocean – the roar instead of the gentle babbling. May every thought of our minds, as many as the grains of sand along the shore, be focused on you without waver. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

*PRAYER FOR MERCY

“Kyrie”

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Leader (*spoken*): Lord, have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): Lord, have mercy upon us.
Leader (*spoken*): Christ, have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): Christ, have mercy upon us.
Leader (*spoken*): Lord, have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON ⑩ (Leader)

Let us be renewed in our faith. May this increased faith sweep over us and through us so that hope is our stabilizer and our energizer.

*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 *“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”*

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**He’s got the whole world in his hands
He’s got the whole world in his hands
He’s got the whole world in his hands
He’s got the whole world in his hands.**

**He’s got you and me, brother, in his hands,
He’s got you and me, sister, in his hands,
He’s got you and me, brother, in his hands.
He’s got the whole world in his hands.**

(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 15:1-6](#)

Second Lesson: [Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: [Luke 12:32-40](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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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

"By Faith"

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 - adapted from the Nicene Creed ⑩

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is – both seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. 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: Merciful God,

People: receive 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"

**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 – adapted from Luke 12 ⑩

Leader: Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out. Place your treasure in heaven. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." We give in faith. Our lives depend on this.

OFFERTORY MUSIC "There is a Balm in Gilead"

arr. by Robert Thygeron

{Those who are able, please rise}

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

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**Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for thee;
take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold,
not a mite would I withhold.**

*{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 [Online Giving](https://www.sprucc.org) option on our website at [sprucc.org](https://www.sprucc.org). [St. Paul's UCC Click Here](#)
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or Zion UCC; PO Box 97; Womelsdorf, PA 19567}.*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (Leader)** 10

Dearest and gracious God, receive this money because it belongs in your kingdom – both earthly and heavenly. Now that we have given it to you, thieves cannot steal it and moths cannot destroy it. For what purposes will it be used? We seek your guidance. Open our minds. In the name of your Son, we pray.

All: Amen.

Communion Service

One: The God of glory be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift your hearts in thanksgiving.

All: We lift them toward God.

One: Let us offer our thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

One: With all the company of heaven and earth we praise your holy name singing:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Blue #3

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Pastor)

On the night when Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

INVITING THE HOLY SPIRIT

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died. Amen.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS (Pastor)

The body of Christ, given for you. Take and eat.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Take and drink.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: May the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen us until eternal life.

All: Almighty God, we give you thanks for this refreshing and healing gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would increase our faith in you and our fervent love for one another. For the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray. 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 - adapted from Luke 12 ⑩**

Leader: Jesus says we shall be ready.

People: We shall be dressed and ready for action.

Leader: Our lamps shall be lit.

People: We shall have our house in order.

Leader: In faith we prepare and wait

People: for Jesus is coming at an unexpected hour.

***BENEDICTION**

***THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN**

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***SENDING HYMN**

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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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) 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, August 7, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

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 33:12-22

Because God is Creator, Lord, Savior, and Deliverer, he is worthy of our trust and praise. Because he is faithful and his word is dependable, we can rejoice and sing, giving thanks and praise.

Hebrews

The Epistle (letter) to the Hebrews (NT) is attributed to the Apostle Paul, believed to be written between 60-95 A.D. (C.E.). Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and leader in the Christian church, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus’ ascension into heaven. He wrote more of the NT than any other person. The title of this letter “Hebrews” presumably refers to the original audience of this letter as primarily Jewish-Christian.

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, August 14, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56



August 7, 2022

From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Step Eight

We made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

Our experience tells us that we must become willing to make a list of all persons we had harmed. This step is not easy; it demands a deeper kind of honesty about our relationships with others. This begins the process of forgiveness, and we become ready to understand rather than to be understood.

In preparation of making our list, it is beneficial to define harm. Examples could be defined as physical or mental damage, inflicting pain, suffering, or loss. Addicts have difficulty admitting that they caused harm because we believed that we were victims of our disease. A separation of what was done to us from what we did to others removes our ideas of being a victim.

Working this step helps us to repair the wreckage of our lives. In writing our list, we admit that we hurt others. We honestly examine our wrongdoings and become willing to make amends.

Thoughts and fears of making our amends can be a major roadblock both in writing our list and in becoming willing. Listening to other addicts experience will help us through this process. When our willingness has grown, we are free to begin making our amends and continue to Step Nine.

Global Ministries Hosts Mission Dash!

This August, Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is hosting its very first Mission Dash, and you are

invited to join us! Walk, roll, run, jog, advocate, or spiritually sprint wherever you are! You may choose to do the dash with your neighbors, friends, family, church, or on your own. The cost is \$25 per person, and each registrant will receive a collapsible water bottle and magnet.

Global Ministries



Throughout the 5K month of August, there will be opportunities to participate in climate justice advocacy actions in solidarity with international partners. Part of the registration fee will also support the work of international partners in their climate justice efforts and additional fundraising opportunities are available.

You are encouraged to do the 5K anytime between August 1 and August 31, 2022.

Make plans to join us today! For information on Mission Dash go to the UCC.org website and search "Mission Dash". The download of information is free.



FALL MEETING

November 13th

@ Salt & Light Community Church

Philadelphia



This will be a hybrid meeting. You will have the option to fully participate online or attend in person. Registration will open late summer.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives! 414

D A7/E D/F# G A7/E D A/E E7 A D D/F#

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What joy this
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to
 4 He lives, my kind, wise, heav - enly friend; he lives and
 5 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my

G D/F# Em D A D A7/E D/F# D D/F#

blest as - sur - rance gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry
 loves me to the end; he lives, and while he
 Sav - ior, still the same; what joy this blest as -

G D/F# A7/E D A D/F# G A7/E D Em/G D/A A7 D

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
 lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King!
 sur - rance gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

WORDS: Samuel Medley (1738-1799), alt.
 MUSIC: John Hatton (ca. 1710-1793)

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539 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. Ephesians 3:12

D A C# A A7 D A A7 A7 C# D A

1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3. While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4. When ends life's pass - ing dream, When death's cold, threat - ening stream

D Bm7 A E7 A A7 D D2 D G D D F# A7 E

5. Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my
 My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark-ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -

D G D D C# Bm Bm A G2 G D F# A7 D D F# G6 A A7 D C D

10. guilt a - way, O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re-move; O lift me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Optional transition to "My Hope Is in the Lord"

TEXT: Ray Palmer
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason

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MY FAITH, MY HOPE - A Worship Sequence
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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 575

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deuteronomy 33:27

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, Lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, Lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms. What a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms. O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,
 Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing on Je-sus,
 Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing on Je-sus,

Refrain

lean-ing, Safe and se-cre from all a-larms; Lean-ing on
 lean-ing on Je-sus, Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

ing, Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.