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 21, 2022 Eleventh 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; $\mathfrak{I}\#=$ Red Hymnal Page; $\mathfrak{I}\#=$ 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

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP® (Unison)

O commanding Lord, how strict do you want us to be about the Sabbath? Shall it be a day of severe restriction? Or shall it be a day of pleasure and rejuvenation? May we be filled with gladness when the sun rises on a Sunday? Thank you for your guidance! In the name of Jesus who helped people on the Sabbath, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE "Jesus Loves Me" William Bradbury, Claude Debussy, Fred Bock

{Those who are able, please rise}

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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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 103 @

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.

Leader: God forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

People: and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Leader: Lord, you are full of compassions and mercy,

People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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)

God of order, we confess that we do things on a Sunday that we do not enjoy doing. Help us to delay these things until the next day. We confess that we use the services of other people on the Sabbath that we could delay until the next day. We confess that we have pushed our bodies, minds, and souls to the limit by working seven days repeatedly. Forgive us, God of order. We know that in the end, this way of life does not work to our benefit.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

*Prayer for Mercy "Kvrie" Red #518

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON @ (Leader)

Friends, it is probably true that God will forgive us when we punish ourselves by not making time for restoration of body, mind, and soul. But, how can we expect to benefit if we don't change?

*CALL TO PRAISE @

Leader: May you be filled with the Holy Spirit.

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

*Chorus of Praise "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

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Bless the Lord, O my soul; Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul; Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me bless His holy name.

(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: <u>Isaiah 58:9b-14</u>
Second Lesson: <u>Hebrews 12:18-29</u>
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:10-17

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "He Touched Me" Blue #505

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATION SINGS "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Shy and quiet, glad and bright,
They are treasures in his sight.
Jesus blesses all the children of the world.

SERMON "Rising to a New Day"

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 - from The UCC 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: 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"

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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 @

Leader: The Lord gives us a day of rest. **People: We should use it in thankfulness.**Leader: The Lord provides food and shelter. **People: We should share this in gratefulness.**Leader: The Lord provides delight in being alive.

People: We give to match our delight!

OFFERTORY SOLO

"Give Me a Clean Heart" soloist – Terry Pastor

words and music by Margaret Doroux

*Offertory Response (Sung by Congregation) "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

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We give thee but thine own, what'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

We have brought our gifts. May these moneys take wings to spread your care and love to the people who are waiting for good news, or food, or safety, or a dwelling place, or healing. Help us to justify the amount we keep for this building and our paid staff.

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: May we fellowship with each other over hot coffee and cold tea.

People: Let us listen and contribute in conversation. Leader: When we step foot into the August weather,

People: will the people on the street know we have been

Leader: recharged with delight

People: because we have worshiped the Lord.

*BENEDICTION

*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

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*Sending Hymn "Sunshine In My Soul"

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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, August 21 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

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 103

This is an OT song of thanksgiving and praise for the ways in which God has helped.

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 28, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sirach 10:12-18 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14



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From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Step Ten

We continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

wreckage of our present. We form a habit of looking at ourselves, our This step helps us to stay aware of our defects and frees us from the actions, attitudes and relationships regularly.

helps us correct our present problems and prevents recurrence. We take problems that arose. We admit when we are wrong so that issues are the time to examine our day and what our role may have been in any Today we have a choice not to be trapped by old patterns. This step not left to fester.

spiritual state and whether or not we are being drawn into old patterns. A lot of our problems are due to lack of life experience so we look to We ask ourselves several questions about our physical, mental, or others for guidance. We take the time to examine our actions, reactions, and motives while it day. This step is preventative against repeating actions that make us feel is still fresh in our mind. This may be done by writing at the end of each

personal freedom. With a better understanding of who we are, we move This step helps us to accept ourselves in the here and now and gives us are hurting, we can use the things that helped us during those times. It is just as necessary to examine the good times so that when we on to Step 11.

From the PSEC Racial Justice Initiative Curriculum Recommendation (ages 8-14)

Justice Team would like to inspire you to consider With September quickly approaching, the Racial this richly impactful Sunday School curriculum –

Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints by Daneen Akers.



concepts of holy troublemaking as modeled by the people profiled in the have gone before on this path? How do we keep our joy and inner peace the religious boat. These lessons ask questions such as: What is holy and book, Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints, from diverse faiths, good trouble? What is not? What lessons can we learn from those who who worked for love, compassion, and justice, even when that rocked This 12-lesson digital companion curriculum are designed for participants. The lessons are designed to introduce children to the middle-grade children with activity options for younger and older while working for a world where all can flourish? What might my contribution be?

like Thich Nhat Hanh, Rachel Held Evans, Brian McLaren, Rev. Wil Gafney from Rumi, Harriet Tubman, Florence Nightingale to more modern folks Some of the thirty-six "Holy Troublemakers" featured in the book range and Fred Rogers, just to name a few.

in-person or online, in church settings, or at home. They even offer a free based on the size of your congregation. The lessons are written for either available on the following website https://www.holytroublemakers.com There are three licenses available with corresponding pricing digital version for whom funds are a challenge. The hardcover book, e-book and curriculum are published by Watchfire Media and are

The Racial Justice Team will be offering a curriculum tutorial/training in the near future.

Daneen Akers' second volume will be out soon and will feature "holy troublemakers" such as Deborah Jian Lee; Mary Magdalene, Sojourner Truth, Winona Laduke, Zhang Xin, and Bishop Yvette Flunder.

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Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive honor and glory and praise! Revelation 5:12



TEXT: Katholisches Gesangbuch, Würzburg, 1828; translated by Edward Caswall

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MUSIC: Joseph Barnby

He Touched Me 505

Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. Mark 1:41

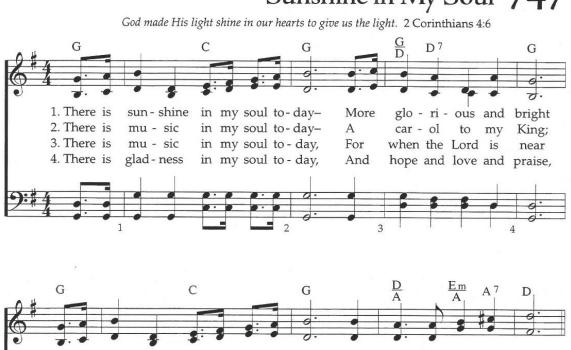


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