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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*



**June 5, 2022
Pentecost Sunday
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.

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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 WORSHIP¹⁰ (Unison)

On this day of Pentecost, Holy Spirit come upon us. Let your little dancing flames appear. Let that mighty wind blow. Let us really hear and understand each other as we praise you, Lord God Almighty. Amen.

PRELUDE *“Sonata on ‘Ebenezer-Come O Spirit, Dwell Among Us’”*
arr. for piano by Robert Thygerson

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *“Let Every Christian Pray”*

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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 WORSHIP¹⁰ adapted from Psalm 104

Leader: How manifold are your works, O Lord!

People: In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: You send forth your Spirit, and they are created.

People: And so you renew the face of the earth.

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

People: O Lord, rejoice in all your works.

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

People: I will praise my God while I have my being.

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)

O Lord, how exciting it is to think of the little flames dancing on people's heads and shoulders despite of, or because of, the mighty wind on the day of Pentecost. Blow our sins away. Light them on fire to become ashes. But save the flames. The flames will renew our hearts. They will light our own spirits on fire. Purify us! Amen.

*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.
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)

God says, "Here it comes!" Here comes my forgiveness with a mighty force. Let the truth of my word speak to your hearts and minds, leaving no space for evil thoughts or deeds. You are free. Enjoy the refreshing wind. Enjoy the boldness of the flames. Speak the truth."

*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 "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

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**As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.**

(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: [Acts 2:1-21](#)

Second Lesson: [Romans 8:14-17](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: [John 14:8-27](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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HYMN

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

1. 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

"What Was That You Said?"

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, 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"

**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 10

Leader: Can we capture the flames? Can we harness the wind?

People: Surely we have done that.

Leader: Can we change our habits?

People: Surely we have done that.

Leader: How far are we willing to change our habits?

People: Far enough to spread the flame and share the wind of the Holy Spirit.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Love Unmeasured, Love of God”

Susan Boersma/
Lloyd Larson

{Those who are able, please rise}

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***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 worshipping in person or online,
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church
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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

Loving and Gracious God, we thrive on your generosity. We give to you a portion from the top, however much that may be. We can never match your generosity but, O Lord, help us to be open to possibilities. **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: As we carry the little flames into the fresh air

People: will the people know that we care?

Leader: Will the people feel the power of the wind

People: and wonder about the source of this power?

Leader: Will the people understand our language

People: and will we clearly say, "It is the language of 'God With Us'"

*BENEDICTION

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*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

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*SENDING HYMN

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

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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. The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church.

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

Red – symbolizing the tongues of fire of the Holy Spirit.

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, June 5, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-27

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 104

This OT song gives praise to God, the creator of heaven and earth.

The First Letter of Paul to the Romans

This epistle (letter) is addressed "to all God's beloved in Rome." It was dictated by the Apostle Paul to Tertius in 58 A.D. in Corinth and delivered to Rome by Phoebe (she was appointed by Paul as a deacon, teacher, and leader of the church). 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, a highly educated man, wrote more of the NT than any other person.

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, June 12 -- Lectionary Reading for Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15



June 5, 2022

A week late, but well worth the read!

This Memorial Day weekend, our hearts are breaking. As we remember and honor the lives of those who died in military service, their memories live alongside those we have lost to the many other struggles that have become part of our daily life: our loved ones lost to COVID-19, to addiction, to gun violence, to mental health crisis and suicide, and so much more. This week, I got a message from a friend in Texas with four words: "Oh no. Another shooting." My heart seized as it did 10 days prior when a friend from Buffalo sent this terrifying reassurance: "Don't know if you've seen the news. But we're safe." Our nation is ripped open again in grief in the hours and days since these shootings have occurred. We have meanwhile passed a milestone that feels impossible to wrap one's head around: 1 million deaths from COVID-19. That's 1 million Americans: 1 million mothers, fathers, Pop Pop's, Nanas, aunts, uncles, children, co-workers and friends. In Berks and Montgomery counties alone, we have lost over 3,800 people to COVID-19. It is easy to become numb to such loss. But Memorial Day reminds us of the importance and power of memory. On Memorial Day, we refuse to let the lives of soldiers who died in wars become invisible. They too were fathers, brothers, sisters, mothers, and beloved friends. To honor their memory, we have the responsibility to work together to create a country and society that is worth fighting for. As a Christian pastor, I serve communion on the first Sunday of the month. Every time we do communion, we remember Jesus' broken body. In making Jesus' body visible, we make all broken bodies visible. We refuse to forget the consequences of human violence: those lost because of our inaction, or because of our desire for power, control, and greed. In times like these, faith and spirituality give us the capacity to feel the pain of our world while refusing to accept unjust suffering as the norm. We need a faith that gives us courage to act because the reality is that we are hurting. We are grieving, no matter how much that grief might be buried under the stuff of our daily lives. None of us want to live in a county, state, or country where we have to fear losing our lives to so many causes to which there are solutions, even when we disagree about those solutions. Faith should not lead us to put our heads in the sand or sit in our own partisan bubbles. It should equip us for

action and for complex conversations across our differences of how, through both policy changes and individual changes, we can make the world a better place. And so we will not forget. We will not forget our loved ones lost to war. We will not forget our loved ones lost to COVID-19. We will not forget the victims of gun violence in Uvalde, in Buffalo, in Parkland, and in our own neighborhoods. No matter who you voted for or no matter what your beliefs are about solutions to violence, to the pandemic, and beyond, may our patriotism this year be the kind that gives us the faith to work together for a country worth living in. A country we are proud of — where we all are safe, where we all are well, and where truly each one of us, even with our differences, can thrive.

Rev. Margaret Ernst is pastor of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Birdsboro.



Disaster Work/ Mission Opportunities

There are three opportunities for Disaster Work/Mission/Rebuild Teams in the coming months.

1. There is a continuing need for work groups for our work in the Eastwick section of Philadelphia. Dates are available throughout the summer and early fall. Housing is available at Salt and Light church. Tools and supervision are also available. For more information and to sign up, contact Sharon Sgriccia, Eastwick Volunteer Coordinator, at 610-689-0583, isaia recoveryvolunteers@gmail.com.
2. We are also pleased to support the Indiana Kentucky Conference as they begin to offer work camps in Graves County (Mayfield, KY) this May. Contact Rev. Greg Denk, IKC Conference Disaster Coordinator, for more information: gdenk5258@att.net or 317-709-1088.
3. We also ask for support for the Greater Dayton, Ohio area, where a tornado outbreak in May 2019 damaged thousands of homes. The Disciples of Christ's Week of Compassion and the UCC's Heartland Conference are helping families displaced from tornado-damaged rental housing become first-time homeowners. Volunteer teams of 4-10 people are needed. Jaye Herrick, formerly the Construction Site Manager for our work in Eastwick, will be doing the same in Dayton. For more information contact Rev. Caroline Hamilton-Arnold: 203-772-8597 or caroline@weekofcompassion.org.

Let Every Christian Pray

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Bb Cm7 Bb/D Eb Cm7 F7 Eb/G F7/A Gm/Bb F/A Gm7

1 Let ev - ery Chris - tian pray, this day and ev - ery
 2 The Spir - it brought to birth the church of Christ on
 3 On - ly the Spir - it's power can fit us for this

C7 Dm7 C7/E F Bb C7sus C7 F F/Eb

day, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Was
 earth to seek and save the lost: God
 hour: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! In -

Bb/D F7/C Eb/Bb F7/A Eb/G Dm/F F/Eb Bb/D Bb Am/C C7

not the church we love com - mis - sioned from a -
 nev - er has with - drawn, since that tre - men - dous
 struct, in - spire, u - nite, and help us see your

F F/Eb Bb/D F7/C Bb Bb/Ab Eb/G F7sus F7 Bb

bove? Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
 dawn, the gifts at Pen - te - cost.
 light: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!

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Unison $\frac{Bb}{C}$ F $\frac{G7}{D}$ C $\frac{C}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ Dm7 G7

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of

Csus C Am7 Gm Eb7 D $\frac{D}{C}$

flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
 Vine, to the Church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
 prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the

$\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ Gm F7 Bbmaj7 $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ $\frac{C}{Bb}$ Am7 $\frac{C7}{A}$ Dm7 Gm7 C7 F

new flame's ea - ger might: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 midst as gift and sign:
 peace be - yond com - pare:

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Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

D G A D Bm

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the wil - der-ness

E A D G A D

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

Bm G A7 D G D

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G D F# A

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

Em7 D Bm E A

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

D G A G Bm D/F# D

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Bm D/G Em7 A7 D A *to Refrain*

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.