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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 26, 2022
Third 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

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP[Ⓢ] *(Unison)*

**Dear Lord and Savior, Emancipator, the One who shows the way, free us
from following other gods. Be our GPS in the roadways of our lives. In your
name we pray. Amen.**

PRELUDE

"Hymn to Peace"

Gilbert M. Martin

{Those who are able, please rise}

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O Christian, Haste"

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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 16

Leader: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

People: my heart teaches me night after night.

Leader: I have set the Lord always before me;

People: because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Leader: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;

People: my body also shall rest in hope.

Leader: You will show me the path of life;

People: in your presence there is fullness of joy,

Leader: and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

People: I have set the Lord always before me.

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 (*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) – 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

“Glory Be to the Father”

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

(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: [1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21](#)

Second Lesson: [Galatians 5:1, 13-25](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: [Luke 9:51-62](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S SONG

God, our Father, hears my prayer
Anytime and anywhere,
He will listen when I pray,
Hear the loving words I say.

SERMON

"Freedom From What and For What?"

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: In our search for freedom,

People: let us not mistake selfishness for freedom.

Leader: In our search for freedom of a God-pleasing life,

People: let us not forget responsibility.

Leader: In our search for freedom in a kind and friendly society,

People: is the church doing enough to create that society?

Leader: Are we helping the world to change?

**People: Are we willing to use our money, time, talent and determination toward
that effort?**

PIANO OFFERTORY

“*Ashokan Farewell*”

by Jay Unger and featured in Ken Burns’
PBS film “The Civil War”

{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 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](#) option on our website at [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**

Lord of freedom of the soul, accept our offerings; offerings for the maintenance of the building, offerings for the other costs of having a congregation to serve you and the world. Offerings that prove we love our neighbors near and far. Offerings that prove our love and worship of you, our one and only God. In the son's name we pray.

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: Let's take the love of neighbor into the world.

People: Let's show the world the nine fruits of the Spirit.

Leader: What are they?

People: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

***BENEDICTION**

***THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN**

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***SENDING HYMN "Called As Partners in Christ's Service" – verses 1,3,4**

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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, June 26, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for the Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

The Book of First Kings

During the Middle Ages, the Book of Kings was divided into two parts. The first book provides a history of the Israelite people and their theological struggles from the death of King David (970 B.C.) through the reign of King Solomon, to the division of Israel into the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah, to the death of King Ahab, to the role of his son Ahaziah (850 B.C.).

Psalm 16

This is an OT sung prayer for God’s continual help, where the one who is praying also expresses their trust in God’s divine providence.

The Letter of Paul to the Galatians

This NT Epistle (letter) was written to the churches of Galatia by the apostle Paul sometime between 49-55 A.D. Within this letter is the critical theological doctrine of justification by faith (salvation by God’s actions through Jesus Christ, not by our own actions). 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 3 -- Lectionary Reading for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 66:1-9

Galatians 6:7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20



June 26, 2022

From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Step Three

We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him.

As addicts, our will and our lives were controlled by drugs affecting our total body, mind, and spirit. In recovery, we make a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand Him. Addicts do not need to come from a religious background to take this step.

For the first time since that first high, we made a decision for ourselves. This decision implies action and is based on faith. We see miracles happening in the lives of clean addicts and the relief of letting go and letting God helps us to develop a life that is worth living.

Surrendering to the will of our Higher Power gets easier with daily practice. At times during our recovery, the decision to ask for God's help is our greatest source of strength and courage. Principles such as open-mindedness, willingness, and surrender are the keys to this step. Our fears are lessened and faith begins to grow. We are no longer fighting fear, anger, guilt, self-pity, or depression. We are slowly beginning to lose the paralyzing fear of hopelessness.

Addicts enjoy living clean, and want more of the good things recovery has to offer. Upon completion of this step, we are ready for our first, honest self appraisal and move on to Step Four



IRS mileage reimbursement rates to increase on July 1

Beginning July 1, the standard mileage rates for business miles driven has **increased to 62.5 cents per mile**. Charitable mileage remains at 14 cents per mile

Anniversary Pastor Celebration at recent PSEC Annual Spring Meeting

Each year at our Annual Spring Meeting, we lift up pastors celebrating a 5 year (5-10-15, etc) anniversary of their ordination.

Special recognition is then given to those with 50+ years of ordained ministry. This year we lifted up Rev. Dr. Geneva M. Butz who celebrated 50 years of ministry and Rev. Dr. Gene W. Aulenbach who celebrated 55 years of ministry. A private luncheon honoring the two pastors followed the presentations.



Rev. Dr. Geneva M. Butz

Rev. Dr. Gene W. Aulenbach and Mrs. Vivien Aulenbach

Pastors not in attendance celebrating 50+ years of Ordination are:

- Rev. Laurence G. Horn—70 years
- Leandro Y. Gonzalez—60 years
- Rev. Dr. John H. Reid—55 years
- Rev. Dr. Alfred K. Schwerdt—55 years
- Rev. Maurine Doggett—50 years
- Rev. William M. Gaydos—50 years
- Rev. Franklin S. Pennington, Jr.—50— years

O Christians, Haste

B \flat Cm7 $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ $\frac{F7}{C}$ B \flat F7 Gm

1 O Chris-tians, haste, your mis-sion high ful-fill-ing,
 2 Pro-claim to ev-ery peo-ple, tongue, and na-tion,
 3 Give of your sons to bear the mes-sage glo-rious;

E \flat $\frac{F}{E\flat}$ $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ B \flat F7 $\frac{E\flat}{F}$ F F7 B \flat

to tell the world that God is one who cares,
 that God, in whom we live and move, is love.
 give of your daugh-ters, speed them on their way.

B \flat $\frac{F7sus}{C}$ $\frac{F7}{C}$ $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ B \flat D Gm $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ Cm6 D7 Gm

that God who made all na-tions is not will-ing
 Tell how God stooped to save a lost cre-a-tion,
 Pour out your soul for them in prayer vic-to-rious,

C7 $\frac{F}{C}$ $\frac{C7}{B\flat}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ Dm $\frac{Gm9}{B\flat}$ $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ C F

one life should per-ish, lost in deep de-spair.
 and died on earth that we might live a-bove.
 till God shall bring a new and joy-ful day.

Refrain

F7 Eb F7 Bb Bb D F7 Eb F7 Bb Bb Ab

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,

G7 Cm Eb Bb F7 Bb

tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

MINISTRY & SERVICE

589 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

D G D Em E A Bm7 A7 D Bm7 E9 C#m E7 A

D D G G# A

1 O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, win-ning word of love;
 3 Teach me thy pa-tience—still with thee in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the fu-ture's broad-ening way,

A Em A D G D A7 D A7 Bm A7 D Em A D

G G G F# F# E C# C# G A D

tell me thy se - cret: help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 teach me the way-ward feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way.
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o - ver wrong;
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.

581 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

A $\frac{D}{A}$ A E7 A $D(\sharp)$ D $\frac{A}{E}$ E7 A

1 Called as part - ners in Christ's ser - vice, called to min - is - tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat - terns for Christ's mis - sion, in a small or glob - al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor - row ways to or - der hu - man life

A $\frac{D}{A}$ A E7 E \sharp dim7 F \sharp m D $\frac{A}{E}$ E7 A

we re - spond with deep com - mit - ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol - low, nev - er fal - tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth - er's bur - dens, break - ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur - round each per - son's sor - row with a calm that con - quers strife.

F \sharp m $\frac{F\sharp m}{A}$ $\frac{F\sharp m}{C\sharp}$ C \sharp 7 $\frac{F\sharp m}{C\sharp}$ C \sharp A $\frac{D}{A}$ A $\frac{E}{B}$ B7 E7

May we learn the art of shar - ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom - en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
 Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal - lenge, said with care,
 Make us part - ners in our liv - ing, our com - pas - sion to in - crease,

A $\frac{D}{A}$ A E7 E \sharp dim7 F \sharp m D $\frac{A}{E}$ E7 A

e - qual part - ners in our car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac - tion, make us col - leagues, free and fair.
 mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.