

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 10, 2022
Fifth 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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Facebook Live (St. Paul's) at <https://www.facebook.com/www.sprucc.org/> - Live or Watch & Listen Later
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)*

O Lord, your commandments are meant to save us and to enable us to have a good life. Resisting your commandments will not benefit us. Help us to lean in to each commandment, not in strong determination but in gentle obedience, as you walk beside us and love us and guide us. Amen.

PRELUDE

{Those who are able, please rise}

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Trust and Obey”

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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 25

Leader: My God, I put my trust in you; let none who look to you be put to shame.

People: Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

People: In you I have trusted all the day long.

Leader: All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness

People: to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

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: [Deuteronomy 30:9-13](#)

Second Lesson: [Colossians 1:1-14](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: [Luke 10:25-37](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"God of the Ages, History's Maker"

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATION SINGS

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

"How Commanding are God's Commandments?"

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 is happy to receive our gifts for the work of God’s kingdom on earth.

People: Yes, God, we bring our offerings gladly.

Leader: If 1% is all we can bring, God welcomes our offering.

People: But what if 1% is much lower than we can bring?

Leader: The sky is the limit for the kingdom of God on earth.

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 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 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](#) 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**

Blessed giver of all provision, help us to be good stewards. Bless and guide us in our use or saving or giving of these provisions. 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: God, we are heading into the world of varied levels of obedience.

People: God, we choose to obey your commandments.

Leader: God, how will our obedience to your commandments fit with the world of "anything goes?"

People: God, your commandments work. Someone is watching and it will spread!

***BENEDICTION**

***THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN**

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***SENDING HYMN**

"We Are Called to be God's People"

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Thomas A. Jackson – words
Franz Joseph Haydn - music

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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 10, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-131

Psalm 25:1-10

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

Deuteronomy

The book of Deuteronomy (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). This book is traditionally attributed to the authorship of Moses. Much of the book is another listing of the laws to the Israelites when they arrived at the eastern edge of the Jordan River before entering the promised land, previously given to them on Mt. Sinai (also known as Mt. Horeb). The word Deuteronomy means “second law-giving”, and is dated between 721-535 B.C.

Psalm 25

In this OT song written by King David, we uplift our souls in prayer to God for guidance and deliverance. It is especially intended to be a sung prayer in times of trouble, seeking God’s forgiveness, help, and direction.

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 17 -- Lectionary Reading for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm 15

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42



July 10, 2022

**‘We will stand with you in protest’:
National officers speak out after
SC overturns Roe v. Wade**

By UCC Leadership / published Jun 24, 2022

The national officers of the United Church of Christ are speaking out against the U.S. Supreme Court decision eliminating, after almost 50 years, the constitutional right to an abortion.

Long before the Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, the United Church of Christ, by action of the General Synod, affirmed the right of every individual to follow their personal religious and moral convictions regarding their reproductive healthcare. We continue to stand by this conviction today. This religious and moral agency includes the autonomy of birthing people to decide whether to complete or terminate a pregnancy.

Our Synod resolutions, which represent the will of the church in light of scripture, highlight the importance of ensuring access to the full range of reproductive health care regardless of race, religion, or economic status. We do not take this stand in spite of faith, but rather because of it. Throughout sacred text humankind is tasked with care of self and others. Bodily autonomy is a human right given by God.

Today’s Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, discarding nearly 50 years of precedent, will endanger the lives and well-being of birthing people who do not choose to continue pregnancy. God loves and cares for people who have abortions, and so does the United Church of Christ. We believe all people have the right to make their own decisions about their bodies and medical treatment.

We believe women have an inalienable right to shape the direction of their lives as they see fit, and no institution established by humankind should supersede such freedom.

The Supreme Court’s decision to vacate Roe v. Wade and return the protection of a woman’s human right to states represents a continual effort to oppress women and people who can give birth. Such uniform repression targeted at one specific class of people, namely those who have a uterus, creates yet another stark division in a country that so desperately needs unity. In addition to gender bias, such a rendering also disproportionately affects birthing people of color and women in rural or low-income areas who face challenges in access to safe and medically supervised reproductive health care, including abortions. The gravity of this decision and the devastation of its impact cannot be overstated.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God offers these words of comfort to the Israelites during a challenging time: “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10) These are not words that assuage us with easy answers and shallow promises. There is no declaration that things will be better tomorrow. They will not be. But they do promise that we are not alone in our struggles.

We, the officers of the United Church of Christ, want those feeling the pain of today’s decision to know that you are not alone. God has not abandoned you and neither will we. We will do what we always do when the law loses its love. We will grieve with you and offer space for lament and mourning. We will work with you until the rights of every person are honored in this land. We will stand with you in protest. We will kneel with you in prayer. And we will maintain our commitment to educate people about abortion access and safe medically supported reproductive healthcare. Now and always, we remain firm in the knowledge that all are beloved of God, and this cause is right and holy.

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Trust and Obey

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1 When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a
 2 Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share, but our
 3 But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love un - til
 4 Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll

Bb F C F C7 F C C7

glo - ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a - bides with us
 toil he will rich - ly re - pay; not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a
 all on the al - tar we lay; for the fa - vor he shows and the joy he be -
 walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will

Refrain
 F Bb F/C C7 F C F

still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.
 cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's
 stows are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 go - nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

D Gm C7 F/C C7 F F/A Bb6 F/C C7 F

no oth - er way to be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

WORDS: John H. Sammis (1846-1919)
 MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner (1850-1919)

TRUST AND OBEY
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Unison C

1 God of the a - ges, his - to - ry's Mak - er,
 2 God of this morn - ing, glad - ly your chil - dren
 3 God of to - mor - row, strong o - ver - com - er,
 4 Lord of past a - ges, Lord of this morn - ing,

plan - ning our path - way, hold - ing us fast,
 wor - ship be - fore you, trust - ing - ly bow:
 princ - es of dark - ness own your com - mand:
 Lord of the fu - ture, help us, we pray:

shap - ing in mer - cy all that con - cerns us:
 teach us to know you al - ways a - mong us,
 what then can harm us? We are your peo - ple,
 teach us to trust you, love and o - bey you,

Fa - ther, we praise you, Lord of the past.
 qui - et - ly sov - ereign— Lord of our now.
 now and for - ev - er kept by your hand.
 crown you each mo - ment, Lord of to - day.

WORDS: Margaret Clarkson (1915-)
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody

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We Are Called to Be God's People 580

Eb Eb $\frac{1}{2}$ Eb Bb $\frac{Bb7}{D}$ Eb Bb7 Eb Ab $\frac{Eb}{G}$ $\frac{Bb7}{D}$ Eb $\frac{Fm}{Ab}$ Am7(b5) Bb

1 We are called to be God's peo - ple, show-ing by our lives his grace,
 2 We are called to be God's ser - vants, work-ing in his world to - day;
 3 We are called to be God's proph-ets, speak-ing for the truth and right,

Eb Eb $\frac{1}{2}$ Eb Bb $\frac{Bb7}{D}$ Eb Bb7 Eb Ab $\frac{Eb}{G}$ $\frac{Bb7}{D}$ Eb $\frac{Fm}{Ab}$ Am7(b5) Bb

one in heart and one in spir - it, sign of hope for all the race.
 tak - ing his own task up - on us, all his sa - cred words o - bey.
 stand-ing firm for god - ly jus - tice, bring-ing e - vil things to light.

Bb $\frac{Eb}{Bb}$ Bb Bb7 $\frac{Eb}{Bb}$ Bb $\frac{Eb}{G}$ $\frac{Fm}{Ab}$ Cm F7 Bb

Let us show how he has changed us, and re - made us as his own,
 Let us rise, then, to his sum - mons, ded-i - cate to him our all,
 Let us seek the cour-age need - ed, our high call-ing to ful - fill,

$\frac{Eb}{G}$ Ab Eb Ab $\frac{Eb}{G}$ $\frac{Bb7}{F}$ Eb Bb $\frac{Eb}{Ab}$ $\frac{Eb}{G}$ Ab $\frac{Eb}{Bb}$ Bb7 Eb

let us share our life to - geth - er as we shall a - round his throne.
 that we may be faith - ful ser - vants, quick to an - swer now his call.
 that the world may know the bless-ing of the do - ing of God's will.

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