

# 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*



**October 2, 2022**  
**17th 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 an additional option, we have supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, located on the first floor.

## **Junior Worship**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, following the mini message, the option of "Junior Worship" is offered downstairs for elementary age children to learn more about today's scripture lessons with fellow youth.

## **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

*{If you have not already done so,  
please sign and pass the pew welcome pad  
to the person next to you}*

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP® (Unison)

**God of mercy and love, fill us with the fruits of the Spirit so that we will love and serve our neighbors with generosity and dedication. Help us to remember that anyone in need anywhere is our neighbor. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**PRELUDE** “Let Us Break Bread” *arr. for piano by Cindy Berry & Victor Labenske*

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Lift High the Cross”

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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.**

### DEDICATION OF NEW PROCESSIONAL CROSS

Almighty God, giver of life and love, we come before you today to ask your blessing on our new processional cross. We thank you for this contribution to our worship experience. We see the cross as a symbol of resurrection: of life more than death. The unbroken ring reminds us of Christ’s unending and eternal love for us. This circle reminds us of the world and of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the globe, north and south, east and west. Today we are communing together, starting at dawn in the east and moving gradually to the west around to the beginning of a new day. With thanksgiving we dedicate this new cross to your glory, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, for all of the new days to come.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP - adapted from Psalm 37

Leader: Put your trust in the Lord and do good.

**People: Dwell in the land and find safe pasture.**

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord;

**People: put your trust in the Lord and see what God will do.**

Leader: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

**People: Take delight in the Lord!**

## 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 (Unison) adapted from the E&R hymnal, page 4

**Awesome and most merciful God, we humble ourselves before you. We have erred and strayed like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things we out to have done, and we have done those things we ought not to have done. May you, merciful God, forgive our sins so that our lives may be pleasing to you and to ourselves. Amen.**

### \*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

### \*SUNG PRAYER FOR MERCY “Lord, Thy Mercy, Now Entreating”

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**Lord, Thy mercy now entreating,  
Low before Thy throne we fall;  
Our misdeeds to Thee confessing,  
On Thy Name we humbly call.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON ⑩ (Leader)

Be assured, we are forgiven of our sins by our God of mercy. Now, we need to forgive ourselves. We need to be happy with ourselves. We need to do this so that we can love others as we love ourselves.

### \*CALL TO PRAISE ⑩

Leader: May we be filled with the Holy Spirit.

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

### \*CHORUS OF PRAISE “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

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**Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.**

*(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: [Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4](#)

Second Lesson: [2 Timothy 1:1-14](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: [Luke 17:5-10](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### HYMN

*"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"*

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### MINI-MESSAGE

*{Children may return to their pews and remain for the rest of worship,  
or 0-8 year olds may go downstairs to nursery,  
or on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month, elementary age children may go downstairs at this time  
for the additional option of "Junior Worship"}*

### CONGREGATION SINGS

*"Jesus Loves the Little Children"*

adapted Words of Traditional Chorus

**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

"Neighbors in Need"

## 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: 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.**

### HOLY COMMUNION

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  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, Holy, Holy. Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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**WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Pastors)**

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 (Pastors)**

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.**

**OFFERTORY INVITATION 10**

Leader: We surely try.

**People: Yes, we try to give our share.**

Leader: Our share to what?

**People: To maintain our building and pay our staff.**

Leader: And then there are the neighbors in need.

**People: Yes, we give with glad hearts to our neighbors near and far.**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**      *"This is the Feast of Victory"*      *from Book of Worship,  
Lutheran Church in America*

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Sung by Congregation) “God, You Give”**

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**Now I come to give myself  
Give my time and give my wealth.  
Give my gifts as generously  
As, O God, you give to me.  
As, O God, you give to me.**

*{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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or Zion UCC; PO Box 97; Womelsdorf, PA 19567}.*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (Leader) 10**

Gracious God, we thank you for helping us to give as much as we are able with generous hearts. Bless each gift we have given. Bless our neighbors in need as we share for their comfort and well-being. In the name of Jesus.

**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 us put on our servant clothing.

**People: Let us put on our servant attitudes.**

Leader: As we fill our stomachs,

**People: as we walk past people,**

Leader: may God open our eyes and hearts.

**People: May our trust in God’s provision make us better servants.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN**

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**\*SENDING HYMN “They Asked, “Who’s My Neighbor?”**

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*{During the hymn, today’s Greeters & Ushers may return to the rear of the sanctuary,  
to help greet after worship.}*

*{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, October 2, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost**

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

#### **Habakkuk**

This book is attributed to the OT prophet Habakkuk. It is believed to be written sometime between 609-597 B.C. This book provides important theological foundations for the development of the Christian doctrine of “justification by faith”, as well as significant prayer in the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter for the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai.

#### **Psalm 37:1-9**

This OT song was composed by King David vividly contrasting the wicked person with the righteous. The theme is to trust in the Lord and wait patiently for him to act.

#### **The Second Letter of Paul to Timothy**

This epistle (letter) is attributed to the Apostle Paul and is dated around the 60’s A.D. Timothy is a minister appointed by Paul, whom Paul is supporting to combat the false dissident teaching of some troublemakers within the church in Ephesus. 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, October 9, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19



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October 2, 2022

### “Creating a Culture of Safety in Your Ministry”

October 25th  
5:00—8:00 pm

Shenkel UCC (1580 Shenkel Rd., Pottstown)

Insurance Board is proud to present, “Creating a Culture of Safety in Your Ministry,” which is the theme of our upcoming Regional Workshops Series. With the various risks ministries face on a daily basis, such as: Active Intruder situations, Preventable Youth/Senior Abuse, Business Operations concerns, Financial Mismanagement and Cybersecurity threats, having a plan in place to mitigate these risks is critical.

Join us and your local agent to learn more about how your ministry can build a culture of safety and take precautions to protect your congregation. Insurance Board is committed to the ministries we serve through offering in-person educational workshops to help churches mitigate risks.



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<https://www.insuranceboard.org/safety-solutions-for-your-ministry-workshop-oct-25/>

- Presentations:
- 5:00—5:30 Arrivals and snacks
  - 5:30—6:30 Active Shooter Awareness and Response Protective Security Advisor—US Dept of Homeland Security
  - 6:30—7:00 Abuse Prevention Considerations
  - 7:00—7:30 Church Operations and Trending HR Concerns
  - 7:30—8:00 Financial Controls Best Practices in 2022 & Cyber Awareness and Best Practices

### Walking with God 2022 October 15, 2022

Please join us for a day of fellowship, fun, laughter, and learning, ending with worship and communion. This year’s retreat will be held in the New Goshenhoppen Church park (1070 Church Rd., East Greenville) where many activities can take place outside, (in God’s Good Creation). The park includes a covered band shell and dining hall, in case of inclement weather.

Things you need to know:

Please bring your own lunch and drink  
Bring a bible, notebook, and pen

CDC guidelines in effect as of October 15<sup>th</sup> will be followed  
\$15.00 will be accepted at the event, a donation toward use of the facilities

- Agenda:
- 9:00 - 9:30 am Registration and Breakfast Refreshments
  - 9:30 - 10:30 am Presentation – Rev Dr Charles A Maxfield
  - 10:30 - 10:45 am Break
  - 10:45 - 11:30 am Coloring Inspirational Images
  - 11:30 - 12:30 pm Lunch
  - 12:30 - 1:30 pm Text Twist
  - 1:30 - 2:30 pm Presentation – Rev Dr Charles A Maxfield
  - 2:30 - 3:30 pm Free Time (Roast Marshmallows - weather permitting)
  - 3:30 - 4:00 pm Worship and Communion, led by Rev Erick Kern
- Closing Remarks

Register at: <https://psecwv22.eventbrite.com>

## Lift High the Cross

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George William Kitchin (1827–1912)  
Rev. by Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916; alt.

John 1:29–34; Rom. 5:6–11; 6:3–8; Rev. 7:9–17; 22:1–5

## Refrain, in unison

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim; Let

## Last time, end

all a - dore and praise that sa - cred name.

## Stanzas, in harmony

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, the  
2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears  
3 O Christ, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, your  
4 Set up your throne, that earth's de - spair may cease, be -  
5 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: praise

## to Refrain

Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ the Child of God.  
on the brow the seal of Christ who died.  
death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.  
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Since its first inclusion in a U.S. hymnal in the 1970s, this hymn has become enormously popular. G. W. Kitchin and M. R. Newbolt were Church of England ministers. Sydney Nicholson was organist of Westminster Abbey.

Tune: CRUCIFER 10.10. with refrain  
Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916



# 273 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain (Unison)

D A7  
E

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love,

A A7  
E A D Em  
G A7 D

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

D Bm Em Em  
G A7

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
3 These are the ones we should serve,  
4 Loving puts us on our knees,

si - lent - ly wash - es their  
var - ied in col - or and  
these are the ones we should  
si - lent - ly wash - ing their

D D  
F# Bm Em  
G A7 D *to Refrain*

feet, race, love, feet,  
Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neighbors are near us and far a - way.  
all these are neighbors to us and you.  
this is the way we should live with you.

WORDS: Tom Colvin (1925-2000)  
MUSIC: Ghana folk song; adapt. Tom Colvin (1925-2000); arr. Charles H. Webb (1933- )  
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CHERE PONI  
Irregular

## They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor?"

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Jan Wesson, 1981; alt.

Luke 10:29-37

Unison

1 They asked, "Who's my neigh - bor and whom should I love; for  
 2 There once was a trav - el - er set on by thieves who  
 3 A cer - tain Sa - mar - i - tan then came a - long to  
 4 I know who's my neigh - bor and whom I should love, for

whom should I do a good deed?" Then Je - sus re - lat - ed a  
 beat him and left him to die; A priest and a Le - vite each  
 bind up his wounds and give aid; He took him to stay at an  
 whom I should do a good deed; For Je - sus made clear in the

sto - ry and said, "It's an - y - one who has a  
 saw him in pain; but they turned a - way and walked  
 inn un - til well, and for all the ser - vice he  
 sto - ry he told, it's an - y - one who has a

need, yes, an - y - one who has a need."  
 by, yes, they turned a - way and walked by.  
 paid, yes, for all the ser - vice he paid.  
 need, yes, an - y - one who has a need.

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