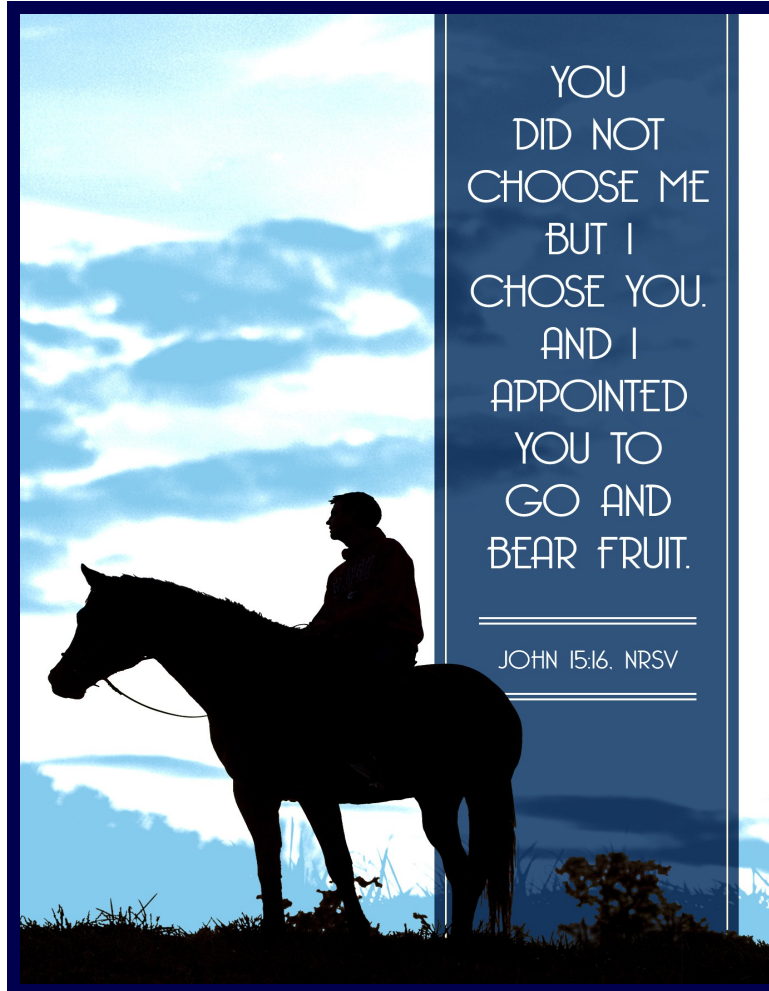


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*No matter who you are,
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*May God's loving presence be very real to you,
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**Sunday, May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Festival of the Christian Home & Mother's Day**

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

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.*

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*{To center your hearts and minds,
you are invited to individually offer this prayer silently during or before the Prelude}*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP [®]

Come, Holy Spirit, to lift us from empty routines to the surprising joy of your love. Loosen our tongues to praise you with sincere delight. Open our hearts to trust your leading through times of difficulty and days of despair. Calm our doubts and guide us through the mires of fear. You have called us together for mutual support in a time of worship that unites our spirits. We remember that we have been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Teach us to follow where Christ leads. Amen.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *“All Creatures of Our God and King”* vs 1 & 5 **Red #15**
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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 [®]

Leader: Come all who are born of God.
Abide in the love revealed in Jesus Christ.

**People: We come in response to the one who calls us friends.
We are here in obedience to Christ’s command.**

Leader: Remember God’s steadfast love and faithfulness.
Let hands and voices echo God’s praise.

**People: Let our lips pour out a joyful noise.
Let our hands reflect a serving Savior.**

***SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE** *“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”* vs 2 **NCH #495**

Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

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St. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, 1225
Tr. WILLIAM H. DRAPER, 1855-1933

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623
Descant by DAVID McK. WILLIAMS, 1937

8. 8. 4. 4. 8. 8. with Alleluias

DESCANT with stanzas 3 and 5

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -

UNISON

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing
2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven a - long,
3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for thy Lord to hear,
4. Dear moth-er earth, who day by day Un - fold-est bless-ings on our way,
5. And all ye men of ten-der heart, For - giv-ing oth - ers, take your part,

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - -

HARMONY

UNISON

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold - en beam,
O praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright,
O praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia! The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
O sing ye, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son,

- - - - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

HARMONY

Thou sil - ver moon with sil - ver gleam, O praise Him, O
Ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice, O praise Him, O
That giv - est man both warmth and light, O praise Him, O
Let them His glo - ry al - so show, O praise Him, O
And praise the Spir - it, Three in One, O praise Him, O

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - MEN.

UNISON

praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - MEN.

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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 judges the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity. God knows all that we have done and all that we avoid. God is aware of our obedience to the way of love and our rebellion against it. We are invited to confess all that God already knows so healing and freedom can be ours in Christ Jesus.

*CONFESSION OF SIN[®] (Unison)

Ever-present God, we confess to you our unloving thoughts and deeds. We live by standards that we bend and break in our own favor, while ignoring the commandments you have given. We find it hard to love everyone, for so many act in unloving ways. It is easier to treat people as things than to listen for their needs. We withhold ourselves rather than offer our lives, even for our friends. We hoard the gifts you entrust to us instead of letting them bear fruit for you. Cleanse us from these destructive ways, freeing us to love as you have loved us, we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON[®] (Leader)

Even now, God is giving us victory over the limitations we impose on ourselves. When we trust God's love, we can emerge from the shell of self-protection to celebrate the joy of friendship in Christ. We can dare to show love that is not dependent on others' responses. We can serve without the need for recognition. Praise God! **Amen.**

*CALL TO PRAISE

Leader: Let us sing praise to our risen saviour.

People: **We praise God's holy name.**

*SUNG PRAISE

"Alleluia"

♩ Blue #189

**You're my Savior, alleluia; you're my Savior, alleluia;
You're my Savior, alleluia; you're my Savior, alleluia!**

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{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 10:44-48](#)

Second Lesson:

[1 John 5:1-6](#)

Gospel Lesson:

[John 15:9-17](#)

HYMN

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

vs 1 & 3

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

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** (*Unison*) *The Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and buried;
he descended to the dead;
on the third day he rose again,
ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,[†]
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

[†]The word "catholic" means "the universal church" and was the word used in the original version of the Creed. It does not refer here to the particular denomination of the Roman Catholic Church, but rather the whole Christian church of all denominations, the body of Christ, as a universal fellowship.

{Please be seated}

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



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



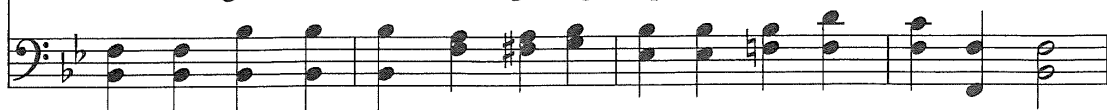
We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



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,



E-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
Blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether 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.



One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

John Zundel, 1855

For another key, see 43, 368

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray....

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER^③

Leader: God of all creation, pour out your blessing on all mothers
People: and those who provide motherly care.
Leader: You have made them in your image
People: and given them children to love and care for in your name.
Leader: Bless them with a heart like your heart;
People: loving and kind, comforting and strong, nurturing and grace-filled.
Leader: As they participate in your ongoing creativity,
People: give them discernment to help their children discover their unique gifts.
Leader: As they teach their children,
People: grant them wisdom to know what is truly valuable.
Leader: As they strive to share your unconditional love,
People: give them long-suffering patience and a lively sense of humor.
Leader: As they model your mercy,
People: help them extend the forgiveness that they themselves freely receive from you.
Leader: In all circumstances fortify their faith,
People: that they may love you above all.
Leader: We ask this in Jesus' name.
ALL: Amen.

SUNG PRAISE

"Alleluia"

♪ Blue #189

**You're my Savior, alleluia; you're my Savior, alleluia;
You're my Savior, alleluia; you're my Savior, alleluia!**

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OFFERTORY INVITATION^②

Leader: We are people whom God has blessed with many gifts.
People: God has done marvelous things for us.
Leader: How will we, who have been baptized by water and the Spirit, respond to God's generosity?
People: We offer the fruits of our labors, our time, talent, and treasure.

RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

Online Giving

*{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 our secure [Online Giving](#) option on our website at [sprucc.org](#). [Click Here](#)
Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul's UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551}.*

{Those who are able, please rise}

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"Alleluia"

♪ Blue #189

**You are worthy, alleluia, You are worthy, alleluia,
You are worthy, alleluia, You are worthy, alleluia**

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER** ² (Leader)

Generous and loving God, we dedicate to your service the work of our hands, the earnings of our time and efforts, and our vision for the future. May faith sustain us as we offer our best to you in praise and thanksgiving and joyous dedication. We seek to work for the reign of your truth and extension of the friendship granted to us in Jesus Christ. Let our offering bear fruit in the lives of all who are helped by it. **Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion ^{1 4}

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the central act of Christian worship, bringing us more fully together with one another and the Triune God, through the sacrifice of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 26:20-30, Mark 14:17-26, Luke 22:14-23, John 13:21-30)

***INVITATION**

Leader: Dearly beloved in the Lord: Our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ instituted the Holy Communion of his Body and Blood, that it might be the abiding memorial of his atoning death; the seal of his perpetual presence in the Church through the Holy Spirit; the mystical representation of the sacrifice of himself on the cross; the pledge of his undying love for his people; and the bond of his living union and fellowship with them to the end of time.

ALL: The celebration of the Lord's Supper has ever been regarded by the Church as the innermost sanctuary of the whole Christian worship. What we do here is not merely with signs, but with the realities these signs represent. We seek to approach the Lord's Table rightly, striving to be devout and repentant, with a believing mind.

Leader: We cordially invite to partake of this Sacrament all who are truly grieved and penitent for their sins, who look to the Lord Jesus Christ for righteousness and salvation, who abide in the fellowship of his Church, and who desire to possess his Spirit and walk in his ways. To all such the compassionate Redeemer himself says: Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

***COMMUNION PRAYER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader:

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, who created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, who made humankind in your own image, and whose tender mercies are over all your works.

We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none.

We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless.

We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory.

We give thanks to you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

{Please be seated}

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader:

Lord, we remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**ALL: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Ordained Minister:

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory. We offer you our gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people.

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, on this Sunday of the Festival of the Christian Home, both here at this table in this sanctuary and in the homes of those who are gathered as the church even though separated by physical distance, we are one in your spirit, and bless us that as we receive them, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united in communion with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

ALL: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.

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.**

LAMB OF GOD

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People: grant us peace.

CALL TO THE SUPPER

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come, for all things are ready.

BREAKING THE BREAD, RAISING THE CUP, AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*{For those who have the pre-filled cups:
open the first seal - unleavened bread wafer}*

Pastor: The Body of Christ broken for you. Take and eat.
People: **Amen.**

{You may eat the bread}

*{For those who have the pre-filled cups:
open the second seal - the fruit of the vine - grape juice}*

Pastor: The Blood of Christ shed for you. Take and drink.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

{You may drink the wine or grape juice}

{Those who are able, please rise}

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 ²

Leader: Friends of Christ, carry God's love into the world.
You have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.

People: **May the Holy Spirit inspire our words.
May God's love in Christ empower our deeds.**

Leader: Sing of the victory of self-giving friendship.
Witness to the saving power of love.

People: **In Christ, we are servants and friends.
We are learning to love as we have been loved.**

ALL: **Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

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*SENDING HYMN

"God, Bless Our Homes"

vs 1 & 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.}*

Frank von Christierson, 1957

1 God, bless our homes with peace and love and laugh - ter,
 2 May ev - ery heart re - ceive God's lov - ing spir - it
 3 For - give the hurts our self - ish - ness in - flict - ed
 4 O God, in grat - i - tude for homes and loved ones,

with un - der - stand - ing and with loy - al - ty.
 and know the truth that makes life tru - ly free;
 on those we love and those who love us best.
 we o - pen now our hearts to hu - man - kind.

May we to - geth - er fol - low Christ our Sav - ior
 Then, in that spir - it may we live u - nit - ed,
 Christ, heal the scars, and draw us all to - geth - er
 Grant us your spir - it— love for all our neigh - bors—

and know the bless - ing of com - mu - ni - ty.
 and find in God our deep se - cu - ri - ty.
 in God whose will is peace and joy and rest.
 so in your peace may we our con - cord find.

Frank von Christierson was born in Finland and came to the United States as a child. After completing degrees at Stanford University and San Francisco Theological Seminary, he ministered to and founded several Presbyterian congregations in California.

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 David Evans, 1927

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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 worshipping 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 greater oneness with God and each another through Communion
- (9) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others



† Prayer List †

*Please lift up those listed here in your prayers this week.
“Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.
The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” ~ James 5:16b*

Medical Concerns & Healing:

Alex
Sam B.
Lori & Ryan B.
Rich D.
Jacob E.
Jaden G.
Ann H.
Rev. David K.
Jim & Donna K.
Janice L.
Robin L.
Ella L.
Diane M.
George M.
Starr M.
Terry O.

Medical Concerns & Healing:

Paul P.
Fred R.
Julie R.
Jim S.
Rob & Jodi S.
Martha W.

Mourning:

Family & Friends of Barb B.
Family & Friends of Elaine R.
Family & Friends of Rev. Bill W.
Family & Friends of Marilyn W.

Social Concerns:

Those impacted by COVID-19
Those working on a vaccine for COVID-19

*Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you.
All are welcome to add names to the prayer list.*

*Names are generally left on the list for about four weeks.
Please let us know if you would like a name to remain longer or shorter.
If you would like someone’s name added to the prayer list,
please contact the church office at 610-621-5770 or office@sprucc.org.*

Visitation Care Team

Our Visitation Care Team (VCT) is composed of lay members who have been trained for visitation. If you are in need of prayer, a visit, or just a listening ear, they are here to be of support to you. To contact the Visitation Care Team with a visitation request or to share information about a potential care need email the VCT at CareTeam@sprucc.org. For more information, go to our “[Visitation Care Ministries](#)” page at www.sprucc.org under the “ministries” tab.

For the week of May 9 the Primary VCT is Rob Seifrit, the Secondary VCT is Geri Gammel.

For the week of May 16 the Primary VCT is Phleane Kissling, the Secondary VCT is Jon Henning.

††† General Announcements †††

Welcome!

We are glad that you are here to worship with us. May you find the worship and message meaningful and satisfying to your soul. May your week be blessed.

Post-Quarantine Church Book Study: April 18 - May 23

Tonight from 6:30-7:30pm via Zoom, continues the 6-week study series of the book, *The Post-Quarantine Church* by Thom S. Rainer. This is a combined study with Zion UCC of Womelsdorf. If you would like to participate in the book discussion, please join tonight using the following Zoom log in information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87452124156?pwd=RzI3dTI4Uy8vWGpBQnRzOGV2bnlrdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 5212 4156

Passcode: 783249

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Weekly Lectionary Bible Study

Every Tuesday morning Zion UCC of Womelsdorf offers a Zoom Bible Study based on the scripture passages for the coming Sunday. You may use any version of the Bible. The study goes from 9:00 to 9:45am. We would be happy to have you join us! Zoom login information may be found on our [website](#).

In-Person Sunday School

In-person Sunday school is available for children and adults. Sunday school will continue in-person until May 23. Classes will begin at 9:00am and finish at 10:00am.

As always, the youth may continue to learn about God's Word through the information available on our website. Sunday school music, videos, and an assortment of other materials are available for downloading. Click on this link for [Sunday school for youth](#).

Devotional music for all ages, courtesy of Pastor Bob, is also available on our website. Click on this link for [Devotional Music](#).

For our Sunday school COVID precautions click on this link: [COVID-19 Safety Precautions](#).

Summer Schedule

On May 30 we will switch to our Summer schedule. There will be no Sunday school classes and worship service will begin at 9:30am. Please make note of the upcoming changes.

Telephone Live Streaming & Playback Worship

This service is being offered to those who do not have internet access. You may call us at our toll free number **1-888-649-5770** and listen to the worship service live using a landline or cell phone. (No internet, smartphone, tablet, or computer is necessary - this works with a standard corded phone, cell phone, or even with a rotary phone). You also have the option for the church to automatically call you when the live stream worship begins (rather than you calling the church); which you can sign up for at the above toll free number, or you can call the church office, and we can add you to the call list. If you have any questions, difficulties, or issues, please let us know by calling the office at 610-621-5770. There is no charge to you for this service. If you know of someone who does not have internet access, please let them know of this feature, especially as they cannot log onto the website and find out about this themselves.

About Today

Church Season: Easter - Easter is the 50 days from the Saturday of Holy Week to Pentecost. Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and is the most joyful season of the church year. The first Sunday of Easter, Resurrection Sunday, is the highest and holiest day of the Christian Church.

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

White - symbolizing the defeat of death and the darkness of sin with the resurrection to eternal life.

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 B**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Mark.

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).

This Sunday, May 9, 2021, Lectionary Reading for Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

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.

The First Letter of John

This epistle (letter) is a homily attributed to the apostle John, as is the Gospel of John. Of the core 12, John is believed to be the "beloved disciple" (John 19:26). This epistle is believed to be written in Ephesus around 100 A.D.

The Gospel According to John

John is the latest of the four Gospels, written around 80-90 A.D. probably in Ephesus, and attributed to John the son of Zebedee, the beloved disciple of Jesus. This Gospel was "written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and through believing you may have life in his name" (20:31).

Next Sunday, May 16, 2021, Lectionary Reading for Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19



Link to Website's
Upcoming Events