



Sunset Hills United Presbyterian Church

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10:15 am WORSHIP

June 26, 2022

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

- Galatians 5:22

The fruit of the Spirit is not push, drive, climb, grasp, and trample. Life is more than a climb to the top of the heap.

- Richard J. Foster, Twentieth-Century Theologian

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Preparation

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Debbie Edwards

Leader: God, who rules the universe, calls us;

People: Christ, who takes up his cross, calls us;

Leader: Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul, calls us.

People: Let us faithfully answer by worshipping the triune God.

*Hymn: *Christ of the Upward Way*

**Christ of the upward way, My guide divine,
Where You have set Your feet may I place mine;
And move and march wherever You have trod,
Keeping face forward up the hill of God.**

**Give me the heart to hear Your voice and will,
That without fault or fear I may fulfill
Your purpose with a glad and holy zest,
Like one who would not bring less than the best.**

**Christ of the upward way, My guide divine,
Where You have set Your feet may I place mine;
And when Your last call comes serene and clear,
Calm may my answer be, "Lord, I am here."**

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*Call to Confession (based on Luke 9)

Christ did not call down destruction upon those who rejected him. How much more will he show mercy to those who seek his forgiveness. In faith, let us confess our sins using the prayer of confession.

*Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, Holy Trinity, help us to confess our brokenness. You give us a place in your creation, and you intend that we live in love with all that you have made. We confess that we abuse what you give us. By our thoughts, actions, and the meditations of our hearts we show how enslaved we are to life made corrupt by brokenness. Far from walking in the Spirit, we stumble on paths that lead to death. O Fire of heaven, have mercy on us. Satisfy the longings of our souls by taking us up into your Spirit that we may love our neighbor. Rekindle our desire to follow our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose passion for obeying you leads us to our inheritance, which is your promised kingdom. To you and the Son and the Spirit, One God, be all worship and praise, now and forever.

(Silent Confession)

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The crucified Christ has set us free to live in the Spirit of life. Hear the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response: *Gloria Patri*

**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.**

*The Passing of the Peace, American Sign Language

Speaker: Peace be with you.

Respond: And also with you.

Special Music by GPM

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51-55

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be received up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him; ⁵³ but the people would not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to bid fire come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them.

New Testament Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another take heed that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you would. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are plain: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, ²¹ envy, ^[b] drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *First Church of Apples and Oranges*

Rev. Laura Strauss

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith: The Confession of 1967, 9.55 and 9.56

With an urgency born of hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

Joys & Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Presenting Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

*Response: *Doxology*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

Hymn: *O For a World*

**O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.**

**O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.**

**Or for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.**

*Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you: wherever he may send you: may he guide you through the wilderness: protect you through the storm: may he bring you home rejoicing: at the wonders he has shown you: may he bring you home rejoicing: once again into our doors.

*Response

*Postlude

**If you are able to do so, please stand.*

A Special Thank you to Frank Cepits, Dave Petty, Mike Robinson & Keith Yanda (GPM/Gathering of Presbyterian Men) for leading our music today while Shelby is away.

Happy Birthday to Ryan Gracey (28th), Jacob D'Amico (29th), Angela Ellis (1st) & Dave Petty (1st)!

The Chancel Flowers were given today by Jody Colby in memory of Alleyne Blanning.

The Flower Delivery will be made by Dottie Fleming and Carol Noonan.

Our Greeters today were Dottie Fleming and Carol Noonan.

Deacon Food Drive Donations for June: Pancake/Muffin Mix

Special Items Needed for Refugees & Immigrants: Dried Beans, Lentils, Rice, Flour, Cooking Oil, Sugar, Spices (Salt, Pepper, Garlic Powder, Chili Powder, Turmeric) & Disposable Diapers

Hospital visits by Pastor Laura can be scheduled through the church office. If you or someone you know is having surgery or is in the hospital, please let us know so that Pastor Laura can be there to visit and pray with you and your loved ones.

PRAYER LIST

Prayer Circle - Tom & Judy Stacey and Jeannine Stimmel

June - Karen (friend of Pet Ellis), Lisa Ursitz, The family of Beth Menke Philburn (Laura Flaus' sister)

May - The family of Robert Taylor, Isla (Jessica McCulloch's daughter, Susan Pochek's granddaughter and Meg MacDougall's great-granddaughter), Barbara Howell (Carla Greenfield's sister), Evelyn Lape, The family of Norma Edwards (Debbie's mother), Beth (Laura Flaus' sister), Dee Borman

Ongoing - Nancy Brumfield, Eneless Frank, Mya Kelly, Joanna, Becca, our Mission Co-Workers: Rev. Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar and their children; Cindy Anna Flor & Nathan who serve at the U.S.-Mexico Border, our sister church, Litchenza CCAP in Malawi, Africa, Pabatso Makhalanyane, Healthcare and all Essential Workers



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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun, June 26

8:30 am Adult Sunday School - Zoom
10:15 am Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am Children's Church

Wed, June 29

7:30 pm Sunset Hills Book Club

Sun, July 3

8:30 am Adult Sunday School - Zoom
10:15 am Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 am Children's Church
11:15 am Men's Chorus Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Sunset Hills Book Club:** Please join Pastor Laura via Zoom this Wednesday at 7:30 pm in person at the church to discuss this month's book; *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.
- ❖ **Men's Chorus Rehearsal:** All of the men of the congregation are invited to stay after worship service next Sunday, July 3rd, to rehearse a song that will be sung at the worship service on July 10th.
- ❖ **VBS Volunteers Needed:** CE is looking for volunteers for VBS (July 18th - 22nd/9:00 am - 12:30 pm). If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the form outside of Findley Hall or contact Taylor at sunsethillsCE@gmail.com.
- ❖ **VBS Registration:** Registration for VBS is now open. VBS will be held the week of July 18th - 22nd (9:00 am until 12:30 pm). To register, you can fill out a form online at <https://forms.gle/UEUcoQayqWR62kraA> or pick up a form outside of Findley Hall. There will be a small fee of \$25 for the week. You can pay online through tithe.ly, send a check or cash will be accepted. Payments can be made in person on the first day of VBS.