



# Sunset Hills United Presbyterian Church

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10:15 am WORSHIP  
June 4, 2023

**Trinity Sunday/Graduation Sunday**

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## IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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*O Lord our God, we believe in you, Father and Son and Holy Spirit....Let me remember you, let me understand you, let me love you. Increase these things in me until you refashion me entirely.*

- Augustine, Fifth Cent. African Theologian

*Go and baptize the nations in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

- Matthew 28:19

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## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

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Prelude

Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Preparation

Call to Worship (based on 2 Corinthians 13:13)

Liturgist: Kara Yates

**Leader:** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**People:** **And also with you. Amen.**

\*Hymn: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

No. 139

\*Call to Confession

Creation displays the glory of God, but our sin keeps us from celebrating the love God reveals. Yet Christ Jesus the Son loved us to the cross, and the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us so that we can praise God, our Maker, Savior, and Life-Giver. Let us confess our sins, that we may receive such grace.

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

**Presence, Life, fire, God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into service. We pray for mercy because you are merciful. Flame of Love, purify us from sin; Eternal Now, lead us to your truth; Risen One, baptize us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone, God who is Trinity. Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

\*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Holy One of Israel, the Redeemer of all the world, and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life forgives the sins of all who repent. I declare you, therefore, that you are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all.

**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.**

Anthem: *Come, Receive God's Blessing*

Besig & Price

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

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Children's Story Time

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brethren, farewell. Mend your ways, heed my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup> All the saints greet you.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Laura Strauss

Hymn: *Glorify Thy Name*

**Father, we love You, we worship and adore You,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

**Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

**Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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Affirmation of Faith: The Shorter Catechism, 7.004 – 7.006, written in 1649 and adopted by the American Presbyterian Church in 1729

Leader: What is God?

**People: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.**

Leader: Are there more Gods than one?

**People: There is but one only, the living and true God.**

Leader: How many Persons are there in the Godhead?

**People: There are three Persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.**

Recognition of our 2023 High School graduate and Mehaffey Scholarship winner:

▪ Ben Kennedy

Recognition of our 2023 College graduate:

▪ Jessalynn Ellis

Joys, Concerns, & Testimonies

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.

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastoral Prayer

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread

The Sharing of the Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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### **DEPARTING TO SERVE**

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Hymn: *Come, Great God of All the Ages* (Tune: *Called as Partners*)

No. 132

\*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.*

**Happy Birthday** to Karl Hetrick (6<sup>th</sup>), John Ellis III (7<sup>th</sup>), Tiffani Fitzwilliam (7<sup>th</sup>) & Debbie Edwards (10<sup>th</sup>)!

**Happy Anniversary** to Keith & Wendy Yanda (4<sup>th</sup>)!

**The Chancel Flowers** were given today by Dee Borman in honor of SHUP friends.

**The Flower Delivery** will be made by Jenn Kennedy and Carol Noonan.

**Our Greeters** today were Jenn Kennedy 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** – The Sembrat family: Matt, Brienne, Colby & Ty and Robert Shetler

**June** – The family of Kathy Greenfield (Dave's cousin)

**May** – Rev. Dr. Bill Gracey

**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, Jon Weaver (Sarajane's friend)



## WELCOME TO SUNSET HILLS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

### CONNECT with us!

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sun. June 4 – Graduation Sunday

9:00 am Adult Sunday School - Library  
 10:15 am Worship – Sanctuary  
 10:45 am Children’s Church  
 11:15 am Graduation Celebration – Findley Hall  
 11:30 am Mission Meeting – Cort Room  
 11:30 am CE Meeting - Library  
 5:00 pm AA Meeting – Findley Hall

### Tues. June 6

9:15 am Yoga – Crystal Hall  
 7:00 pm Square Dance Class – Crystal Hall

### Wed. June 7

4:30 pm Quilting Group – Findley Hall  
 6:30 pm Tai Chi – Crystal Hall  
 7:30 pm Neighborhood Outreach Mtg. - Zoom

### Thurs. June 8

6:45 pm Yoga – Crystal Hall

### Sun. June 11

9:00 am Adult Sunday School - Library  
 10:15 am Worship - Sanctuary  
 10:45 am Children’s Church  
 5:00 pm AA Meeting – Findley Hall

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Graduation Sunday Fellowship:** Please join us in Findley Hall to congratulate and celebrate our 2023 graduates.
- ❖ **Adult Sunday School:** Next Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, the class will begin studying *Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit*, a video series by Mathew L. Skinner, Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary. They will “explore the six key themes that illustrate the ways in which reading Acts is capable of igniting the imagination about the character of the Christian message, the work of God’s people, and the challenges of living faithfully.”
- ❖ **VBS Volunteers:** VBS will be held the week of July 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> from 5 pm -8 pm. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Taylor at [sunsethillsce@mail.com](mailto:sunsethillsce@mail.com) or sign up on the sheet outside of Findley Hall. All clearances must be done by July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Outdoor Worship Volunteers Needed:** We will be holding outdoor worship (weather permitting) on the last Sunday of every month this summer. Our first one will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of volunteers to help set-up for these services. If you are able, please join in the parking lot by 8:00 am to help set up tents, chairs, and audio equipment.
- ❖ **Welcome to our Temporary Facilities Assistant, Riley Farabaugh:** Riley, a rising senior at Mt. Lebanon High School and church member, has signed on to serve as our summer Facilities Assistant. He will be preparing the church for worship on Sunday mornings and managing our trash collection. This is in addition to his service running the lights during our worship service. Thank you and welcome to Riley!

## **Have a question or concern? Contact a commission chair!**

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