



# Sunset Hills United Presbyterian Church

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10:15 am WORSHIP  
June 19, 2022

**The Second Sunday after Pentecost**

## **IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*The radical tension between good and evil, as man sees it and feels it, does not have the last word about the meaning of life and the nature of existence. There is a spirit in man and in the world working always against the thing that destroys and lays waste.*

- The Reverence Howard Thurman, African-American Theologian

*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

- Ephesians 6:12

## **ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE**

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Prelude

Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Preparation

Call to Worship (based on Galatians 3)

Liturgist: Bev Knasko

Leader: There is no longer Jew or Greek,

**People: There is no longer slave nor free,**

Leader: There is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ.

**People: We are children of God through faith.**

\*Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

No. 281

\*Call to Confession

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our brokenness to God and one another using the prayer of confession.

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful and gracious God, we walk in a way that is not good. We follow our own devices. We ignore your image in ourselves and in our neighbors. Do not turn away from us, O God, but hear our cry for blessing. Lead us out of the tombs we inhabit. Guide us into your light so that we may walk in your way.**

(Silent Confession)

\*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: You belong to Christ and heirs of the promise of freedom. In full assurance of justification by grace through faith, by the authority of God's beloved Son, I declare to you the absolute forgiveness of all your sins. In the name of the blessed Trinity, One God.

**People: 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.**

Solo: *I Need to Be Still*

B.J. Thomas

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

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### Children's Message

#### Gospel Reading: Genesis Luke 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup> Then they arrived at the country of the Ger'asenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup> For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. <sup>34</sup> When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Ger'asenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

#### New Testament Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *The Problem of Evil*

Rev. Laura Strauss

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

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Hymn: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

No. 260

\*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 Jane Huston (19<sup>th</sup>)!

**Happy Belated Anniversary** to Luke & Sarajane Obarsky (June 14<sup>th</sup>)!

**Happy Anniversary** to Bernie & Carol Berklich (22<sup>nd</sup>), Richard & Lynda Hoffman (22<sup>nd</sup>) and John & Pat Ellis (25<sup>th</sup>)!

**The Chancel Flowers** were given today by Beth Romig in memory of loved ones.

**The Flower Delivery** will be made by Karen Heim and Maralee Williams.

**Our Greeters** today were Karen Heim and Maralee Williams.

**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** - Robert Shetler and Dottie Smith

**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



## WELCOME TO SUNSET HILLS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

**CONNECT with us!**

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### Sun, June 19

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

#### Sun, June 26

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Youth Mission Trip:** The youth leave for their mission trip to work with Youthworks in Philadelphia today.
- ❖ **Outdoor Worship:** We will be holding worship service outside next Sunday (weather permitting). Please remember to bring a chair.
- ❖ **VBS Volunteers Needed:** CE is looking for volunteers for VBS (July 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>/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](mailto:sunsethillsCE@gmail.com).
- ❖ **VBS Registration:** Registration for VBS is now open. VBS will be held the week of July 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> (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](http://tithe.ly), send a check or cash will be accepted. Payments can be made in person on the first day of VBS.