



**ONE UNITED  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**Sunday, April 14, 2024  
10:30 am Worship  
Third Sunday of Easter**

***Adapting, Welcoming, Serving,  
Growing in Faith***

# One United Church of Christ

Pastor.....Rev. Rebecca Hoover  
Lay Pastor.....Mrs. Nancy McNabb  
Director of Music.....Jeff Miller  
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**Bold face type indicates optional congregational responses.**

\* Indicates please rise in body and/or spirit

## *Gathering*

Welcome & Greetings

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,  
**and so we mix our worship and our work,  
our faith and our life.**

We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,  
**we gather as people who have been called to see the world  
from a different viewpoint.**

God has called us together,

God has called us to be part of a community.

**God challenges us to consider questions of priority  
as we engage with the world.**

In this time together,

**may God open our hearts, minds and eyes,**

allowing us to see deeper,

helping us to live in the world

while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world.

**We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Hymn

“*Bless God, O My Soul*” Hymnal #549

*Response:*

*Bless God, O my soul!*

*All within me bless God's name!*

*Bless God, who was, and is,  
and shall ever be the same!*

*1. When we suffer, God sends healing;  
when we sin, our God forgives;  
From the grave our God redeems us,  
and by grace we rise to live! [Response]*

*2. With compassion God works justice  
when oppression shackles truth;  
Like the phoenix, God restores us  
to the vigor of our youth. [Response]*

*3. God will not be always chiding,  
nor forever angry be;  
God will deal with us in mercy,  
not according to our sin. [Response]*

*4. As a parent's love is endless,  
so God's mercy follows us;  
For the One who framed our being  
well recalls that we are dust! [Response]*

*5. God removes all our transgressions  
far as east is from the west;  
For the grace of God is great  
as heaven stands high above the earth!*

*Bless God, hosts of heaven,  
everyone who does God's will!  
God's dominion never ends!  
Bless God, O my soul.*

## Call to Reconciliation

How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole.

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most.**

**Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God.**

Musical Response (*unison, singing*)

# Come As You Are

Written by David Crowder, Matt Maher, Ben Glover

Musical score for the song "Come As You Are". The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is accompanied by guitar chords. The lyrics are: "So, lay down your bur - dens, lay down your shame. All who are bro - ken lift up your face. O wan-der-er come home; You're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart: Come as you are." The chords are: G, Cmaj7, G, Cmaj7, D, Cmaj7, Em, Cmaj7, D, G.

## Assurance of Pardon (*Responsively*)

This is the good news we have declared: God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ.

**This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Musical Response (*unison, singing*)

# Halleluja

Traditional Caribbean Melody (author unknown)

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le -

lu - ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

## Listening

### Introduction to the Scripture Reading

### Scripture Readings

### Acts 9: 36-43 (CEB)

<sup>36</sup> In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas). Her life overflowed with good works and compassionate acts on behalf of those in need. <sup>37</sup> About that time, though, she became so ill that she died. After they washed her body, they laid her in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two people to Peter. They urged, “Please come right away!” <sup>39</sup> Peter went with them. Upon his arrival, he was taken to the upstairs room. All the widows stood beside him, crying as they showed the tunics and other

clothing Dorcas made when she was alive.

<sup>40</sup> Peter sent everyone out of the room, then knelt and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up!” She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and raised her up. Then he called God’s holy people, including the widows, and presented her alive to them. <sup>42</sup> The news spread throughout Joppa, and many put their faith in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Peter stayed for some time in Joppa with a certain tanner named Simon.

### Children’s Moment

\*Hymn            “*Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?*” Hymnal #539

*Won’t you let me be your servant  
Let me be as Christ to you  
Pray that I may have the grace  
To let you be my servant too  
We are pilgrims on a journey  
We are travelers on the road  
We are here to help each other  
Go the mile and bear the load  
I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the shadow of your fear  
I will hold my hand out to you  
Speak the peace you long to hear  
I will weep when you are weeping  
When you laugh, I’ll laugh with you  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we’ve seen this journey through*

*When we sing to God in heaven  
We shall find such harmony  
Born of all we’ve known together  
Of Christ’s love and agony  
Won’t you let me be your servant  
Let me be as Christ to you*

*Pray that I may have the grace  
To let you be my servant too*

Special Music

“Just As I Am” Ellie Tipsword, solo

Sermon

Intercessory Prayers/The Lord’s Prayer (*responsively*)

**...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.**

### *Sending*

\*Song

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” Hymnal #551

*Pass me not, O gentle Savior,  
hear my humble cry;  
While on others you are calling,  
do not pass me by.*

*Refrain:*

*Savior, Savior,  
hear my humble cry;  
While on others you are calling,  
do not pass me by.*

*Let me at your throne of mercy  
find a sweet relief;  
Kneeling there in deep contrition,  
help my unbelief. [Refrain]*



*Trusting only in your merit,  
would I seek your face;  
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,  
save me by your grace. [Refrain]*

*Be the Spring of all my comfort,  
more than life to me;  
Not just here on earth beside me,  
but eternally. [Refrain]*

\* Benediction (*responsively*)

Go forth,  
strengthened to do the work of Christ,  
standing in the gap,  
extending the invitation to the eternal banquet,  
rejoicing in God.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone  
and don't worry about anything.  
The God who created you,  
the Christ who redeems you  
and the Spirit who empowers you  
is with you today and ever more.

**Amen.**

Liturgist: Izzy Tipsword

*Our greeters for today are: Judy Spencer and Barb Lausch.*

**Copyright Information for Today's Service:**

“Bless God, O My Soul”, Music by Stephen J. Morris; Lyric by  
Russell E. Sonafank II

“Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?” By Richard Gillard

“Just As I Am”, Music by William Bradbury; Lyric by Charlotte Elliott; Arrangement by Jeff Miller

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” Words by Fanny Crosby; Music by William H. Doane

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The Call to Worship ~ posted by Rev Gord on his blog, **WorshipOfferings**. <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>

Assurance of Pardon — written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his excellent [Lectionary Liturgies](#) blog.

Benediction – from [Standin in the Gap](#), written by Rev. Dr. Bob Gross, OCC, pastor at Lake Avenue United Church of Christ, Elyria, OH and posted on the [United Church of Christ](#) website.

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***Welcome to worship with One UCC! We're glad to share this time of prayer and praise together!***

Please check our website ([www.oneucc.org](http://www.oneucc.org)), weekly email news, and Facebook page for updates to our ministry. The contact information for the church is found on the front cover of the bulletin. Videos of our church life together and Sunday worship can be found on One UCC's YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHUua\\_X9q0Auo11gEn7vahQ?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHUua_X9q0Auo11gEn7vahQ?view_as=subscriber)



**Dee's office hours:** are usually Mon, Wed, Thurs 12:30 – 3:30 pm but if there are changes for the next week, the new hours will be listed.

**Pastor Becky office hours:** only on Sundays 9 am - noon.

**Nancy McNabb office hours:** Tuesdays from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Please call the office before you stop by to make sure no one's schedule has changed.

*In case you need the contact information:*

- We are on Facebook and search for One United Church of Christ! Like our page!
- Pastor Becky's Contact Info:  
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The fastest way to reach Pastor Becky is by texting her cell phone.

***Please keep in your prayers the following people and situations:***  
*Gavin Baker, Gwen Baker, Gene Bare, Dan Brouse, Parker Burkert, Randy Bond, Diane Clouser, Colleen, Catherine Conkey, Margaret D'Amico, Dan, Renee and Phil Ferraro, Frankie, Jim Geiger, Catherine Good, Adam Griffin, Judy Hertzog and family, Joy Himmelmann, Brenda Hoffer, Nate Hosler, Matthew Hoyer, Grace Kauffman, Kevin & Nancy, Alice Kline, Cheryl Kohl, Spencer Kohl, Josh Knarr, Larry, Kenneth Lausch, Maggie & Skyler Lutz, Susana Matthews, Sissy McCaffery, Becky Miller, Brittany Nelson, Laura Perry, Sally Pierson, Nancy Ritter, Izzy Rivera, Rosie, Ray Saylor and family, Bobbilyn and Robert Schadler, Caitlyn Sine, Terry and Faith Sinsich, Sam Snyder, Stephanie Sowers, Katie Szajek, Bonnie Szajek, Steve Szajek, Carol Thomas, Brenda Walker, Sadie West, Holly Wood, Zach, those with addictions and those who love them, and our U.S. military personnel*

## **Things You Need to Know This Week at One UCC**

The next Eat-Pray-Meet gathering will be on **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** following worship. At our Annual Congregational Meeting, we decided to make our Eat-Pray-Meet meals be themed potlucks some months. The theme for April is charcuterie! Please sign up to bring something by clicking the link OR scanning the QR code:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA8AC2FABFAC34-48607033-april>

You can bring anything from a cut up pepper to a box of crackers to that impulse purchase at the grocery store you want to try but can't justify eating all yourself. If you want to bring something but can't figure out how to sign-up online or don't have online access, please

contact Pastor Becky (email, text, call, etc...), and she will sign you up. Looking forward to seeing everyone in April!

### **Everybody's Birthday Party!!**

Sunday, **April 28** following worship  
Join us for lunch, fun & games, cake & ice cream!

Tickets \$5.00 (children under 3 are free)

See Judy Spencer to get your tickets!

Deadline to buy your tickets: April 21



**“You Are Not Alone” Event**  
**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**  
Saturday, April 20 1:00 – 5:00 pm  
Calvary Reformed United Church of Christ,  
640 Centre Ave., Reading, PA 19601

This program is being presented to provide resources, connections and support for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

Register: <https://psecraisegrandchildren.eventbrite.com>

**One UCC is officially a partner with CommunityAid!** Going forward, we will be collecting clothing, shoes, and accessories in good and sellable condition at church. These items then will be taken to CommunityAid for resale, and One UCC directly receives financial credit for any donations made under our name and with our partner number. The Mission Ministry team has set up a collection container in the church building. If you wish to take items directly to CommunityAid (any location), you can donate them under One UCC's name and partner number, and our congregation will get credit for your donation. **Our partner number is 50161.**



For more information about CommunityAid and the types of donations they accept, please visit [www.communityaid.org](http://www.communityaid.org).



### **Volunteer Reading Tutors needed for Ready.Set.READ! Program**

Help make a difference in a child's life! Volunteers are needed to tutor 1st grade students who need extra support with reading at Mifflin Park Elementary on Wednesdays from 12:30 - 1:30 PM. No previous teaching experience is required. This opportunity is for anyone interested in volunteering weekly for one hour from January through mid-May. Current background clearances are required prior to assignment. Please contact Darby Wiekrykas at United Way 610-685-4574 or [darbyw@uwberks.org](mailto:darbyw@uwberks.org).



Would you like to be more involved in the worship life of our congregation? Pastor Becky is working to **reestablish liturgists** who help weekly in leading worship. Liturgists assist with leading different parts of our worship service. Training and all materials for worship are provided. If you have served as a liturgist in the past, Pastor Becky will be checking in with you. If you would like to be a liturgist, please let Pastor Becky know.

**The Little Food Pantry is getting good use in front of the church!** Any donations you can make are greatly appreciated.





**\*\*We're so excited to tell you we have an online giving platform, easyTithe! If you would like to set up a gift on the new platform so you can become familiar with it and help our donors as we move**



*forward, please use this link:*

<https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/oneucc>

You can set up an account or contribute without setting up an account. (If you think you would like to regularly give to One UCC online, you might wish to set up an account.) When you donate online, you can select what category in which you would like your contribution to be designated. All physical envelope offering categories are included. If you have no idea where you would like your contribution to go, please select "General Fund."

We are continuing to test easyTithe, and so any feedback you have is most appreciated. If online giving is not your thing, that's perfectly fine. One UCC will continue to receive your financial contributions as we always have.



**\*\*Want to sing in choir, or be in the bell choir? Or want to try it to see if you enjoy it? No commitment! Simply talk to Jeff, or contact him via cell (610-406-1664), or email ([jeff@simonapple.com](mailto:jeff@simonapple.com)).** For now,

rehearsals are as needed, not weekly. Choir rehearsal is occasional, after Sunday service, for about 15 minutes. Bells are also occasional, typically on a Wednesday, for 45 minutes starting at 6:30 or 7pm. Reading music is not required, or necessary. It's all very low-key, no pressure, and flexible to accommodate everyone's schedule. Also, anyone who would like to perform special music in the service at any time, please contact Jeff.



## Help Both Our Church and Our Planet at the Same Time!

Recycle your used printer ink cartridges through Planet Green Recycling! Drop off used ink cartridges at church and we will submit to “Planet Green Recycling.” The church will receive funds directly from Planet Green Recycle, \$1.00 for every cartridge (commonly used cartridges).

If you choose to mail in your cartridges yourself, it is very important to make sure to include the church’s Organization Program Code so we receive credit for your cartridges. See the weekly church email for details about how to send in cartridges yourself. *Thank you so much for your support!!!*

## Just a reminder...

services continue to be livestreamed and available on our YouTube Channel.

If you are sick or feeling unwell, we kindly ask you to worship from home. Our



We are still collecting aluminum cans for recycling - **ONLY** aluminum cans. No other trash is accepted. Thank you for your consideration!





**CHURCH CALENDAR: Apr. 14 thru Apr. 21, 2024**

**Sunday (4/14) Third Sunday of Easter**

10:30 am      Worship

11:30 am      Eat, Pray, Meet Gathering

**Tuesday (4/16)**

6:30 pm      Alcoholics Anonymous

**Wednesday (4/17)**

6:30 pm      Alcoholics Anonymous

**Thursday (4/18)**

9:00 am      C, D & B Senior Group

**Saturday (4/20)**

6:30 pm      Narcotics Anonymous

**Sunday (4/21) Fourth Sunday of Easter**

10:30 am      Worship

11:30 am      Worship Ministry Meeting

*\*Note: if you have an event or meeting that is scheduled at the church, please let the church office know (oneucckenhorst@gmail or 610-777-5211) so that it can go on the calendar for the bulletin. Thank you!*