ONE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday, June 22, 2025 10:30 am Worship

Adapting, Welcoming, Serving, Growing in Faith

One United Church of Christ

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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*)

People of God, when we gather for worship we bring everything with us:

Our joys and worries; our skepticism and hopes; our frustrations and thanksgivings.

God is a God of transformation. When we bring everything we are to God our blessings increase and our difficulties diminish.

We come today in search of a power greater than our own, a power to change lives, to heal suffering, to transform us into more than we are now.

Beloved people of God, the power of Christ flows among us. May his love give us hope and strength as we worship God together!!

*Hymn "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]

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Jesus, sometimes we're not ready for the changes you bring. You challenged the comfortable habits of your time, and you continue to do so in ours. Safe and predictable are not traits that apply to you or those who would follow you. The way of life you call us to is shocking and risky. Forgive us for those times when we're not willing to follow because you seem to be too wild for our dependable brokenness. Point us in the direction of courage and surround us with your grace. Amen.

Musical Response (unison, singing)

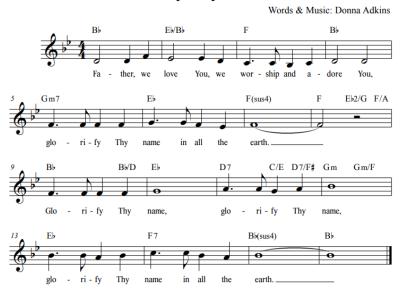


Words of Assurance (*responsively*)

Beloved of God, our sins and shortcomings are forgiven, always forgiven. With these words we find the courage to go forward, take up our journeys and follow anew.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Musical Response (unison, singing)



Glorify Thy Name

Listening

Introduction to the Scripture Reading

Scripture Reading Luke 8:26-39 (CEB)

²⁶Jesus and his disciples sailed to the Gerasenes' land, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷As soon as Jesus got out of the boat, a certain man met him. The man was from the city and was possessed by demons. For a long time, he had lived among the tombs, naked and homeless. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he shrieked and fell down before him. Then he shouted, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" ²⁹He said this because Jesus had already commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had taken possession of

him, so he would be bound with leg irons and chains and placed under guard. But he would break his restraints, and the demon would force him into the wilderness.

³⁰Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion," he replied, because many demons had entered him. ³¹They pleaded with him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³²A large herd of pigs was feeding on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs. Jesus gave them permission, ³³and the demons left the man and entered the pigs. The herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and drowned. ³⁴When those who tended the pigs saw what happened, they ran away and told the story in the city and in the countryside. ³⁵People came to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone. He was sitting at Jesus' feet, fully dressed and completely sane. They were filled with awe. ³⁶Those people who had actually seen what had happened told them how the demonpossessed man had been delivered. ³⁷Then everyone gathered from the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave their area because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and returned across the lake. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged to come along with Jesus as one of his disciples. Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return home and tell the story of what God has done for you." So he went throughout the city proclaiming what Jesus had done for him.

Children's Moment

"Healer" – Contemporary Hymnal

You hold my every moment You calm my raging seas You walk with me through fire And heal all my disease

> I trust in You I trust in You

I believe You're my healer I believe You are all I need I believe You're my portion I believe You're more than enough for me Jesus You're all I need

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

*Hymn "I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me" Hymnal #474

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

*Blessing

The Liturgist for today is: Pam Rathman

The greeters for today are: Sue and Bob Lehr

Copyright Information for Today's Service:

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

"Healer" By Mike Guglielmucci

"I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me" African-American spiritual (Author unknown)

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The liturgy was written by the Rev. Rebecca Hoover.

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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 (<u>www.oneucc.org</u>), 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_X9q0AuoI1gEn7vah Q?view_as=subscriber



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

Stacy Delinko office hours: Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30 am - 1:30 pm and Tuesday 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

Please call the office before you stop by to make sure there is someone available.

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: 301-471-3185, cell phone/texting revrjph@outlook.com

The fastest way to reach Pastor Becky is by texting her cell phone.

Please keep in your prayers the following people and situations:

Sheldon Ash, Gavin Baker, Gwen Baker, Gene Bare, Dan Brouse, Parker Burkert, Randy Bond, Diane Clouser, Colleen, Catherine Conkey, Andrea Curtis, Margaret D'Amico, Dan, John and Liz Dumond, Renee and Phil Ferraro, Frankie, Jim Geiger, Catherine Good, Adam Griffin, Joy Himmelmann, John Hoover, Katie Hoover, Ken and Cathy Hoshauer, Nate Hosler, Joan, Grace Kauffman, Kevin & Nancy, Alice Kline, Cheryl Kohl, Spencer Kohl, Josh Knarr, Larry, Kenneth Lausch, Maggie & Skyler Lutz, Ashley Long Malvern, Susana Matthews, Sissy McCaffery, Becky Miller, Brittany Nelson, Laura Perry, Sally Pierson, Nancy Ritter, Izzy Rivera, Gleniz Rodriguez, Rosie, Noel and Kathie Roy, Ray Saylor and family, Steven Sharp, Caitlyn Sine, Sam Snyder, Stephanie Sowers, Katie Szajek, Bonnie Szajek, Carol Thomas, Brenda Walker, Sadie West, Gary Winters, Holly Wood, Clarence Yoh, 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 Remembrance Candle! A candle is placed in the sanctuary that we will light to remember our loved ones who now live in the eternity of God's care. If you would like to sign up for the Remembrance Candle, please do so

on the sheet outside of the sanctuary or contact the church office. On your week for the Remembrance Candle, you are welcome to bring in a picture of your loved one to place next to the candle. There is no fee to sponsor the Remembrance Candle.

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 <u>www.communityaid.org</u>.



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

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" or other category. 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). For now,

rehearsals are as needed, not weekly. Choir rehearsal is occasional,

at 10:10 am on Sundays, prior to the service. Bells are also occasional, typically on a Wednesday, for 45 minutes starting at 6:30 pm or 7:00 pm. 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!!!

The Little Food Pantry is getting good use in front of the church! It is now that time of year when it's warmer outside and we need to make sure any donations to the Little Food Pantry will not melt. We appreciate all your donations!





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



CHURCH CALENDAR: June 22 through June 29

Sunday (6/22)10:30 amWorshipWednesday (6/25)6:30 pmAlcoholics AnonymousSaturday (6/28)6:30 pmNarcotics AnonymousSunday (6/29)10:30 amWorship

*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!