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**Sunday, August 17, 2025
10:30 am Worship**

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

One United Church of Christ

Pastor

Director of Music.....Jeff Miller

Administrative Assistant.....Stacy Delinko

Bold face type indicates optional congregational responses.

* Indicates you are invited to rise in body and/or spirit.

Gathering

Welcome & Greetings

Call to Worship (**responsively**)

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and
forevermore.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of God
is to be praised.**

It is good to give thanks to God, and to sing praises to your name,
O Most High;

**To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your
faithfulness by night.**

*Hymn “Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”
Hymnal #117

**Lift up your heads, O mighty gates;
behold the glorious Ruler waits!
The Sovereign One is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven’s employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to you; here, Christ, abide!
Let me your inner presence feel;
your grace and love in me reveal.**

**So come, my Sovereign; enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin;
Your Holy Spirit guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.**

Call to Confession (**responsively**)

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love.
**Blot out all our transgressions, according to your great
compassion,**

Wash away all our iniquities and cleanse us from our sin.
**For we know our transgressions, and our sin is always
before us.**

We have sinned against you and have done what is evil in your
sight.

As a sacrifice we bring our broken and contrite hearts.

Prayer of Confession (**unison**)

**Forgiving God, you do not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

**For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love toward those who fear you;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far you remove our transgressions from us. AMEN**

Musical Response (*unison, singing*)

His Mercy Is More

by Matt Papa & Matt Boswell

Musical score for the song "His Mercy Is More" by Matt Papa & Matt Boswell. The score is written in 8/8 time and features a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The score is divided into six systems, each with a measure number (4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19) at the beginning. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points: F, F/A, Bb, F, C, Dm, Bb, Csus, F, Gm7, F/A, Bb, F/A, Bb, F/C, Csus, F, Bb, F, Dm7, Csus, Bb, F, Csus, Bb, F, C, Dm7, Bb, F, Csus, F, Bb, F, Csus, F. The lyrics are: "What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om - ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y, His mer - cy is more. Our sins, they are man - y, His mer - cy is more."

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

God will create in each of us a pure heart.
God will not take the Holy Spirit from us.
God will restore to us the joy of salvation,
and grant us willing spirits to sustain us.

Praise to the God of mercy who loves and forgives us.

Musical Response (*unison, singing*)

Majesty

Jack Hayford

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship His maj - es - ty, Un - to Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise. Maj - es - ty, wor - ship His maj - es - ty, Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings!

Listening

Introduction to Scripture Reading

First Reading

Psalm 24

¹The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it; ²for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who

do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. ⁵They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. ⁶Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. ⁸Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Holy Gospel

John 14: 1-6

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am on the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

*Song

“I Can Only Imagine”

Contemporary Hymnal

I can only imagine what it will be like, when I walk by Your side...

I can only imagine, what my eyes will see, when Your Face is before me!

I can only imagine... I can only imagine.

Surrounded by Your Glory, what will my heart feel?

Will I dance for you, Jesus? Or in awe of You, be still?

Will I stand in Your presence, or to my knees will I fall?

Will I sing ‘Hallelujah!’? Will I be able to speak at all?

I can only imagine! I can only imagine!

I can only imagine, when that day comes, when I find myself standing in the Son!

I can only imagine, when all I will do, is forever, forever worship You!

I can only imagine... I can only imagine!

Surrounded by Your Glory, what will my heart feel?

Will I dance for you, Jesus? Or in awe of You, be still?

Will I stand in Your presence, or to my knees will I fall?

Will I sing ‘Hallelujah!’? Will I be able to speak at all?

I can only imagine! I can only imagine!

Message – *What Exactly is Heaven?*

Pastor Edward Robbins

Intercessory Prayer/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 “I Will Rise”

**There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say “It is well”**

**Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead**

**And I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees and rise
I will rise**

**There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes**

**Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead**

**And I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees and rise
I will rise...**

**And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
“Worthy is the Lamb”
And I hear the cry of ev’ry longing heart
“Worthy is the Lamb”
And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
“Worthy is the Lamb”
And I hear the cry of ev’ry longing heart
“Worthy is the Lamb”...
Worthy is the Lamb...
Worthy is the Lamb...**

**And I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle’s wings
Before my God fall on my knees and rise
I will rise...
I will rise**

***Blessing**

The Liturgist for today is: Robin West

The greeters for today are: Laurie Biehl and Christy Hylton

Copyright Information for Today’s Service:

**“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty”
Words: Georg Weissel; Music: Thomas Williams**

**"I Can Only Imagine"
by Bart Millard**

**“I Will Rise”
By Louie Giglio, Chris Tomlin Matt Maher, Jesse Reeves**

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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), 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_X9q0AuoIlgEn7vahQ?view_as=subscriber



Stacy Delinko's office hours for the week of August 17th are as follows:

Monday, 8/18, 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Tuesday, 8/19, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and Wednesday, 8/20, 9:30 am to 1:30 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!

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 Himmelmenn, John Hoover, Katie Hoover, Ken and Cathy Hoshauer, Nate Hosler, Joan, Grace Kauffman, Jane Keener, Kevin and Nancy, Alice Kline, Cheryl Kohl, Spencer Kohl, Josh Knarr, Larry, Kenneth Lausch, Maggie and Skyler Lutz, Ashley Long Malvern, Susana Matthews, Sissy McCaffery, Lois Merrill, 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, Nancy and John Troutman, Brenda Walker, Gary Winters, Holly Wood, Clarence Yoh, Zach, those with addictions and those who love them, and our U.S. military personnel.

The Executive Board has called Pastor Tammie Wisniewski to be our Bridge Pastor. The Pastor's first day of preaching will be August 31st.

The next step in this process is to fill out our church profile. Anyone who would be interested in assisting with this process, please contact Robin West.

Annual Church Picnic

**Sunday, September 14,
2025**

**Following the Worship
Service (Rain or Shine)**

**Items to be provided: Paper
plates, napkins, plastic ware,
hamburgers, hot dogs, buns,
condiments, and drinks**

**Items to Bring: Friend, chairs,
Bingo prizes, and food to
share with others (such as
salads, snacks, or dessert)**

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, accessories, linens, etc. 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.



*****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” 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: August 17 through August 24

Sunday (8/17)

10:30 am Worship

Wednesday (8/20)

6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday (8/23)

6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday (8/24)

10:30 am Worship

**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!*