

WELCOME TO
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Organist

July 17, 2022

9:30 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

“Summer Fruit”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

One: Let us gather in spirit and truth to worship the Holy One!

All: We come as green olive trees, fragrant with life and vibrancy.

One: Let us praise the God who reveals, questions, and listens.

All: We come as green olive trees, ripe with possibilities.

One: Let us give thanks for God’s abiding and faithful love.

All: We come as green olive trees, proclaiming the goodness of God and creation..

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

Divine Gardener, we need your care and nurture. Fertilize our soil and our souls. Plant seeds of wisdom, inspiration, and discernment. Prune us today for more abundance tomorrow. Refresh us with living water. Revive us again. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “God of Grace and God of Glory” (vs. 1 & 2) p.435

Prayer Transformation and New Life

One: Creator, we seek the transformative power of your grace that chastens, convicts, and challenges us to change.

All: Make us new in the pruning of bitterness and resentment, jealousy and comparison, apathy and indifference. Liberally water us in grace that we would bear fruit. Amen.

Words of Grace

Pruning makes way for flourishing. Transformation and new life wait for us on the other side of the process of growth. Through it all, God is with us. Amen.

*Hymn: "Just as I Am" (all verses)

p.488

Scripture Reading: Amos 8:1-12

8 This is what the Lord God showed me: a basket of summer fruit. 2 He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. 3 The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day," says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" 4 Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, 5 saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, 6 buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat." 7 The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. 8 Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? 9 On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. 10 I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day. 11 The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. 12 They shall wander from sea to sea and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Reflection

Special Music

*The Pastoral Prayer...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, for ever. Amen.

*Invitation to Generosity

Colossians 1:18 reminds us that Jesus is the head of the church and first in all things. May we place Christ first as we share the gifts we have been given.

*The 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.**

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving (unison)

Alpha and Omega, may these gifts meet the needs before us, the community around us, and the call within us. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (all verses) p.431

*Benediction

As you go, make known the wonders of God, share the hope of God, and spread the love of God. The grace of God will sustain and guide you. The glory of God will propel you. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude



Summer Fruit: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost were written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored by Chester Yeakel in memory of his wife, Martha.
TODAY'S BULLETINS are in memory of Jackie Puschock sponsored by Patricia Sajkowicz.
TODAY'S LITURGIST is Robin Yoder.
TODAY'S GREETERS is Ruth Stansfield.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs.
Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.
All **loose change** in the offering plate today will go into our Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Mask Wearing - Consistory has agreed that individuals can make their own decision as to the wearing of masks during church services. If you find yourself testing positive for COVID, **please contact the church office** so we can alert others who may have been in contact with you during time spent at church. Thank you.

Want to share a **gift or talent** during worship this summer while our choir gets a break? Please speak with Pastor Lori 610-393-3522 or Carolyn Rhoads 610-737-0904. Sing, play an instrument, dance, read poetry, tell a story...Know a child who might like to share their talent in front of our congregation? - anything that gives thanks to God!

The Windows Committee is planning another Matching Gift Challenge in the fall to benefit Phase 3 of the restoration. Anonymous "challengers" are needed to make this a success. Please see or call Beth Massa (610-554-6368) or Ruth Stansfield (267-313-

4348) to participate or for more information. Also, have you seen the three beautiful hand-made quilts that are on display in the upper social hall? They are available for purchase on a first come, first served basis. Prices range from \$300 to \$500 and all proceeds will benefit the windows restoration. See Beth or Ruth for more details.

We would like to introduce our newest foodie group for the OZUCC Family, **"The Sunday Brunchers"**. Something we want to try out for the summer, since we have early church, and the possibilities are for more of a "Brunch" type meal after church. Our first gathering will be on Sunday July 24th, after church, at The Mercantile Club located at 427 Railroad St, Emmaus, PA 18049 (FYI – they are a cash only facility). Please RSVP to Linda or Mark Weaver no later than Wednesday, July 20th. Hope to see as many as possible with fine food and fellowship.

We are looking for **Mentors for the Confirmation Program** which will begin in September 2022. Mentors need to be members of the church who are willing to give their time to a student one Sunday a month after worship until 2 p.m. October 2022 to September 2023. Dates will be provided and negotiated. This includes lunch. The mentor may NOT be a family member of the student. This is a very rewarding experience as you deepen your faith and share with a student who is shaping their own faith. All materials provided. No experience necessary. You bring yourself to this program and the Lord provides the rest. Speak with Pastor Lori if you are interested. Thanks!

Week of July 17-23, 2022:

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday from
10am-3pm. Other times by appointment

Boy Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Consistory – Tuesday @ 7pm

Next Sunday – 9:30am Worship; Guest Pastor Denise Fry
Brunch after Worship at the Mercantile Club

Total Offerings from July 10:

General Offerings: \$1,245.00

Mission: \$25.00

Windows to the Future: \$150.00

Building Repair: \$60.00

Cemetery: \$10.00

Attendance: 32