

WELCOME TO
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Organist

August 21, 2022

9:30 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

“To Build and To Plant”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

One: Our God knows us intimately.

All: God, you knew us before we knew us before we knew ourselves.

One: Our God is holy.

All: Holy God, you consecrate us.

One: Our God will reassure.

All: Holy God, you will give us words to speak.

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

Mothering God, we rejoice that you placed us in the womb and called us forth. You called us forth to build and to plant. Give us the blueprint as we build and bless our hands as we plant. We rejoice in knowing that our steps are guided by you, and you are reliable. We delight ourselves in your presence and give thanks as you deliver us from fear and let your love have its way in us. Embolden us to speak your truth to power and let the power of your truth always be evident in us. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “There Is Power in the Blood” (vs. 1 & 4) p.329

Prayer Transformation and New Life

One: Transforming God, too often we have been afraid to speak out against the injustices of this world. We have worshipped in ways that made us feel good rather than honor you in our words and deed.

All: Show us the path to faithful living. Show us how to build beloved and just communities. Teach us how to do your work in this world. Empower us to plant seeds of love, faith, and hope. May we bloom where we have been planted to your glory.

Words of Grace

The Mystery we name God, leads us into all truth. Feel the gentle nudges without and within, helping us to course correct. Life in the Spirit is not static, and neither are we. Let the grace of God help us to build that which lasts and plant what nourishes. Amen.

*Hymn: "Thy Word"

p.184

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:10-17

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. **11** And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. **12** When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." **13** When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. **14** But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." **15** But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water?

16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?"

17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

The Divine source is the one from whom all blessings flow. We have an eternal invitation to bring our resources to God's house to use for the building of kingdom and as seed that there might be a continual harvest. These acts reflect the God who knows us and the God who calls us.

*Presentation of Gifts.....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)

Fount of Every Blessing, receive these gifts in the joy in which we bring them. May they bless your church universally, our community

and our world. May none suffer lack and may we always give from generous hearts. May we always take joy in being blessed to give and to share with you and each other. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "Take the Name of Jesus with You" (vs. 1 & 3) p.235

*Benediction

As you depart from this sacred space, do so fearlessly for God's word is in you.
Go and build beloved community wherever you roam and plant seeds of love,
faith, and hope. Amen

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude



To Build and to Plant: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday after Pentecost were written by Rev. Teña T. Nock-Hope, Associate Pastor of Digital Ministry, First United Church of Tampa, United Church of Christ.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored by Richard and Brenda Shoemaker in honor of their Wedding Anniversary.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Bob and Annie Souder in memory of loved ones.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Wendy Yeakel.

TODAY'S GREETER is Nancy Weitzel.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs.

Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.

All LOOSE MONEY 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.

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 or Ruth Stansfield 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 to purchase on a First come, first served basis. Prices range from \$300-\$500 and all proceeds will benefit the windows restoration. See Beth or Ruth for more details.

Would any of our members care to help with revisions for the "**Facilities Use Guidelines**". If this is something you would be interested in helping with, please contact Pastor Lori or a consistory member. Thank you in advance.

Our next **Sunday Brunchers** gathering will be next Sunday, August 28th, after church, once again at The Mercantile Club located at 427 Railroad St, Emmaus, PA 18049 (FYI – they are a cash only facility). Please RSVP back to Linda or Mark Weaver no later than Wednesday August 24th. Hope to see even more of you for the fine food and fellowship...

Membership and Evangelism Committee says “Thanks to all who signed up for the upcoming shows at the Pines Dinner and State Theatres. Tickets have been purchased and we look forward to some great fellowship at these upcoming events.”

Our **Worship Service** will begin again at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 11th with Sunday School and Confirmation Class beginning at 9:00 a.m. **Choir** rehearsals will start back up again on Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. Join us!

Week of August 21-27, 2022:

Boy Scouts – Monday @ 6pm
Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

Next Sunday – 9:30am Worship, Brunch at The Mercantile after Worship

Total Offerings from August 14:

General Offerings: \$1,183.00
Mission: \$0
Food Pantry: \$20.00
Disaster Relief: \$20.00
Windows to the Future: \$110.00
Communion: \$10.00
Parking Lot Maintenance: \$20.00
Cemetery: \$90.00
Attendance: 37