

WELCOME TO
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Organist

October 2, 2022

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

“Increase Our Faith”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

One: Increase our faith!

Many: Let our worship uncover clearer understandings of you.

One: Increase our trust!

Many: Let our worship unearth stronger connections to you.

One: Increase our hope!

Many: Let our worship unleash fresher possibilities from you.

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

Meet us here with all our questions and insecurities. Challenge our knowledge and certainties. Transform our beliefs and perceptions. Influence our commitments and actions. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation ” (vs. 1, 2 & 4) p.401

Prayer of Transformation (unison)

We don’t always get what you mean, Storytelling Jesus. We want to be better followers, so we exclaim, “Increase our faith!” Your response exposes our flawed approach, well-intentioned though it may be. Forgive us for transacting our faith for your favor.

Words of Grace

God’s abundance is illogical and immeasurable. Though we may not understand it, we are yet worthy of basking in the undeserved goodness of God. Praise be!

*Hymn: “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

p.391

Scripture Reading: Luke 17:5-10

5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" **6** The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. **7** "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? **8** Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? **9** Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? **10** So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Reflection

*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Choir Anthem

*The Pastoral Prayer

*Invitation to Generosity

The cost of discipleship is bold and radical. It requires a countercultural giving of possessions and self. Let us risk the safety of ordinary and choose to build with God by sharing our tithes, offerings, and our very selves.

*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)

We thank you for these gifts of money, time, and selves that we cheerfully give to you, Multiplying God. Expand and bless every single one in service to you and the work you've called us to do. Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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.

*Closing Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East or West" (all verses) p.428

*Benediction

As we go back into the ordinariness of the world out there, may God infuse our whole selves with the specialness that we've created here together. Let it shape everything we say and do as bearers of God's image. May it be so!

*The Sung Benediction

**The Lord Whom we love, Whom we worship and Adore,
We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us
Together And He it is who sends us apart. To be God's people, be
God's people. Amen.**

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude



***Increase Our Faith:** Service Prayers for after Pentecost were written by The Rev. Phiwa Langeni, the Ambassador for Innovation & Engagement for the UCC's CARDD, and the Founder and former Director of Salus Center in Lansing, MI.*

Congregation Meeting

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS and BULLETINS are in memory of Paulette and Bill Shankweiler and Darlene and Bob Schmeltzle from Arlene Scheirer, Paul Shankweiler and Family.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Sherri Farrell.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Mike and Diane Berger.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs.
Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.

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.

We are looking for people who like to **bake or make special treats** for the Sunday School children for a Third Sunday Treat time each month. Everyone is invited to share in this time of fellowship. Please speak with me or email me for further details. Thanks in advance for your help. The children (and adults) look forward to it! Sign up sheet is in the rear of the sanctuary.



Windows to the Future - The final phase of the windows restoration is underway and so is the 2022 Matching Gift Challenge. This year's challenge will benefit the restoration of the nativity stained glass window. The challenge is currently \$3,000 and all donations during September, October and November will help to reach this goal. Donations since September 4th have been \$828.00. Thank you for your continued support.

Our **Sound Team is looking for helpers.** Instruction and training provided. No experience necessary. See Mark Weaver or Dan Latshaw at the sound console any Sunday for more information.

Come to Supper Club – Supper Club will be meeting Friday, October 7, 6:00 p.m. at Bally Hotel, 660 Main Street, Bally. Please let Linda or Mark Weaver by Monday, October 3 if you will be attending. This is open to all church members.

Pastor Lori will be on Vacation, **Sunday, October 16** so you will have the opportunity to hear **the Rev. Jameson Baxter**, who is the new chaplain at the Independent Living buildings on the Phoebe Allentown Campus. Come out to church to hear this dynamic and young speaker.

We had another successful **Sunday Brunchers** in September with 16 in attendance at the Mercantile Club and the group wants to continue this outing. We will continue for now on a month-to-month basis. Please add another Sunday Brunchers to your calendar for Sunday, October 16, 2022. Again, to be held at the Mercantile Club in Emmaus (Cash Only). RSVP by Monday 10/10/22.

October 23 - 4-6 PM - Light in the Night at the Upper Milford Township Building. More details to follow soon. Any questions please contact Mandy Ritter beachy2125@gmail.com.



All Saint's Day Sunday will be October 30 at 10:15 a.m. during worship. If you have any questions about our All Saint's Day remembrance, please contact Pastor Lori. If your loved one has died this year, please plan on being with us to celebrate this moving ceremony of remembrance. We invite loved ones to come forward to light a candle in memory of the one who has died. Bring your whole family to mark this time in remembrance and celebration of the life that was lived.

Our annual **Bazaar & Filled Basket Auction** is scheduled for Saturday, **November 12th** this year. What fun basket are you going to contribute? Would you like to have your own table at the event? Contact Deb Schoenberger if you would like to reserve a space. We would love to have some homemade goodies for our bake sale. Also, we could really use some help **setting up tables on Friday night** (November 11) and **cleaning up on Saturday** after the basket auction. If you are able to help with either set-up or clean-up, please sign up with Patti Mittl. Thank you.



Sandwiches at the Craft and Basket Bazaar. This year Social and Aid will not be offering any food during the bazaar, including anything to preorder. Good news is the FUN group is selling the great pretzel sandwiches as well as hoagies again this year. **Order forms are located at the entrance to our Sanctuary.** Order forms with payment (payable to FUN Group) need to be in by Sunday, October 31. Pretzel sandwiches are \$6 and Hoagies are \$7. Your orders can be picked up during the Bazaar between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on November 12th.

GriefShare sessions are being held in our lower social hall on **Thursdays** from **1:00-3:00 p.m.** each week. We will meet until Thursday, November 17th. You may join in at any time. Please register with Pastor Lori, call or text at 610-393-3522. This group is open to all!



Poinsettia Order Forms can be found in your pew and at the entrance to the Church. Orders are due before Tuesday, November 29.

From Melissa Yenser – “The **Scout Popcorn Fundraiser** has begun. We like to advertise it as a donation to the Scouts with a popcorn prize and free shipping rather than buying expensive popcorn. Go to www.campmasters.org. Click "Buy Now". Choose "Support a Scout". Matthew's Scout KeyCode is: GQQF. The items are shipped to the buyer's home for free. Orders close on Oct 31, 2022.” Thank you for supporting the Scouts!

Week of October 2-October 8, 2022:

- Scouts – Monday @ 6pm
- Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm
- Sound – Wednesday @ 7pm
- Grief Share – Thursday, 1-3pm
- Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm
- Supper Club – Friday @ 6pm at Bally Hotel

Next Sunday – 9:00am Sunday School & Confirmation
10:15am Worship, **Pastor Appreciation Day**

Total Offerings from September 25:

General Offerings: \$1,532.00
Mission: \$110.00
Windows to the Future: \$208.00
Communion: \$30.00
Parking Lot Maintenance: \$25.00
Cemetery: \$58.00
Attendance: 55

