

WELCOME TO
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Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

October 16, 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: Righteous One, you are ever listening.

Many: We come boldly, lifting our praise to you, because we know you hear us.

One: Bringer of Justice, you reveal truth to us.

Many: You help us to see how things are and how they can be.

One: Eternal God, you persist in love and justice.

Many: We want to persist in love and justice too.

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

Righteous One, we are thankful that justice flows from you like a stream. You bid us to come and experience the equity of your love. We rejoice in knowing that justice is an aspect of your love and is without end. Enable us to be steadfast in our hope in you as we work alongside you to ensure those who need justice receive it. Amen

*Opening Hymn: “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (vs. 1, 2 & 4) p.101

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Source of Wisdom, we confess that at times, we can be self-serving, and we lose sight of community. Sometimes, we don't respect you, ourselves, or each other. Yet, you are just toward us even when we are not.

Many: We know that we can trust you, so we yield our hearts and minds to you. You are persistent in your desire to restore us because you want us to have what is best for us. Thank you for this moment of transformation. We give you thanks that we are better for it. Amen.

Words of Grace

God is the source and provider of grace, love, and justice, and because we are Imago Dei, we have the assurance that those gifts flow through us. They flow through us, to us. God's justice makes a difference in us and compels us to show up in the fullness of who we are.

*Hymn: "Peace like a River"

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Scripture Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. **2** He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. **3** In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' **4** For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, **5** yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" **6** And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. **7** And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? **8** I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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....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

God's justice is persistent in affecting change and invites us to be liberal and tenacious in our giving. Let us bring gifts to further justice and peace wherever they are desired and needed. Let these resources be used to facilitate a just peace for all. Amen.

*Presentation of our Offerings and 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)

Steadfast One, receive our gifts in the gladness we give them. Thank you that we have an abundance of resources to share so that every need is met. May we always give from wide open hearts, and may what we give, be used to bring a balm of justice. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "Blowing in the Wind" (on screen)

*Benediction

As you depart this space, may you be committed to persisting in prayer. May you add your voice with those who cry out for justice and take the actions to ensure justice prevails. Go forth knowing that you are heard, and you can hear. God is with you, now GO IN GOD. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude



Give Us Justice: *Service Prayers for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost* were written by Rev. Teña T. Nock, Associate Pastor of Digital Ministry, First United Church of Tampa, United Church of Christ.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored by Carlton and Emily Dreas in honor of their 63rd Wedding Anniversary.

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS are from Chris Schell in memory of his parents, Ruth-Ann and Carl Schell on their Wedding Anniversary.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Patricia Kuebler in memory of loved ones.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Cheryl Martucci.

TODAY'S GREETER 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.

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 welcome and thank **The Rev. Jameson Baxter**, who is the new chaplain at the Independent Living buildings on the Phoebe Allentown Campus, to our worship today.

Sunday Brunchers will meet after Worship today at the Mercantile Club in Emmaus.



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 \$1,168.00. Thank you for your continued support.

The remaining two quilts are on display in the upper social hall. The asking price is \$350 each or best offer. The holidays are coming and they would make great gifts for a special family member or friend. They will also be offered for sale during the bazaar and basket auction, so don't wait and miss this wonderful opportunity. All proceeds go to the windows fund. See Pastor Lori, Beth Massa or Ruth Stansfield.

ATF will be hosting the **Christmas Shoppers Shop** again this November for our food pantry clients. Set up will be on Sunday, November 13th after Church. A lot of help is needed to move items from downstairs storage to our upstairs social room. Help is also needed to unpack and arrange display tables. We will have a signup sheet listing the different jobs, (trimming the tree, setting up miscellaneous themed tables, etc.) so you can pick how you would like to help. Lunch will be provided. **We will also need help to sort and store** before the 13th. Get together dates will be all Mondays in October at 10am. If you can help please join in as many Mondays as possible. We have lots of fun and fellowship sorting through all the "piles of stuff". Please remember to keep Maynard and Debbie in your prayers! They have been so faithful to our mission!! May God continue to bless us, our work and our families in need. Any questions, please contact Millie Kohler, call or text. 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.

Next Sunday, October 23 - 4-6 PM - Light in the Night Candy Carnival at the Upper Milford Township Building for Zionsville-area children. Candy, prizes, games, crafts, & free hot dog supper that includes a snack bag, baked goodie, & beverage. This is a free event and all are welcome. Please bring a nonperishable food item donation for the community Food Pantry. Any questions please contact Mandy Ritter (beachy2125@gmail.com).

Lunch Bunch will meet on Friday, October 28 at noon at **Hamilton Family Restaurant**, 2027 Hamilton Street, Allentown. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark no later than Monday, October 24. The next Supper Club will be Friday, November 4 at the Washington Inn, 6 p.m.

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 30. 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.

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

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!

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!

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.

Zionsville Area Food Pantry needs 60 boxes of stuffing mix for Thanksgiving, due November 11, Thank You! They are also asking for donations of \$10 Walmart gift cards for Thanksgiving and \$25 Walmart gift cards for Christmas. Please bring these to church anytime or mail. Questions, please ask Millie Kohler.

Week of October 16-October 22, 2022:

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday from 10am-3pm.

Other times by appointment

Church Secretary: Brenda Seitz, hours Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm

Brenda will not be in the office on Monday and Tuesday

Sexton: Richard Shoemaker (with Thanks to his wife, Brenda)

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Consistory – Tuesday @ 7pm

Grief Share – Thursday, 1-3pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Next Sunday – 9:00am Sunday School & Confirmation

10:15am Worship

11:30am-2pm Confirmands and Mentors

Total Offerings from October 9:

General Offerings: \$1,239.00

Mission: \$35.00

Windows to the Future: \$90.00

Communion: \$30.00

Building Repair: \$40.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0

Cemetery: \$0

Attendance: 40