

Many: Help us to truly love our neighbor, whether family, friend, stranger, or foe, as ourselves and with the love you demonstrate toward us.

Words of Grace

Beloved, God's grace is sufficient to meet you in weakness. And yet, faith without works lacks power, conviction, and life. Let our commitment to the gospel and a life with Christ be reflected in our attitude and actions toward those with different life experiences, identities, and cultures. Be opened to the possibilities, wonders, and joy that the diversity of God's creation presents to us.

*Hymn: "His Strength Is Perfect" (sing 2 times through) p.573

Scripture Reading: Daniel 6 p.767

Reflection

Invitation to Generosity

James 2:8 states, "If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well." Let us do well in sharing and giving of our resources, gifts, and time within and beyond this faith community for the glory and love of God.

Offertory: "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" Baker

* Presentation of Gifts 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 Thanksgiving and Dedication (unison)

Sovereign God, receive our offerings for the nurture and expansion of your kingdom. May they be magnified and the spirit of generosity among your people amplified so that all may do well. Amen.

Choir Anthem

The Pastoral Prayer

Service of Holy Communion

*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

(We wait to partake together. White grape juice and purple wine is available. Gluten free wafers are available too.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Holy Creator, we remember the sacrifice of Jesus, and all who follow to bring love and justice to the world. May this bread and drink nourish us as they are the symbol of Christ's essence in all of us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

p.575

*Benediction

Go into the world as agents of healing
Appreciating the wonder of creation
In all forms, expressions, and ways
Boldly embracing the fullness of humanity
Welcoming the stranger
And considering the other as friend.
Go in peace.

*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: "The Solid Rock"

Bradbury

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**Inclusion: Service Prayers for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Year B** was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay who serves as Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored by the Richards-Brown Family in memory of Jack, Elizabeth and Doris Brown.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Maynard and Barbara Dreas in honor of the birthdays of their son Jeff, grandsons Dan and Tristan.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Alyson Miller.

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

**Thank you** to

for preparing our Communion for today.



Our church is equipped with an Assistive Listening System. You provide your own headphones which can be connected to the transmitter which will allow you to more clearly hear the Worship Service or any program being offered in the Sanctuary. See anyone at the sound booth to inquire.

**Ham and Cheese Sandwich** orders are **DUE TODAY**. Pick up is on Thursday, September 19 in our downstairs social room from 3pm until 5:30pm. Order forms can be found at the entrances to the Church or in your pew. Thank you for your support.

The **All Things Free Room** (ATF) Giveaway is tomorrow, Monday, September 9 from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, September 14 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Thank you for your help with this giving ministry. Please remember to not block the chair path when leaving donations in the stairway. Please call Millie with any questions.

**September Sunday Brunchers** will be after Worship on Sunday, September 15 at the Mercantile Club, 427 Railroad St., Emmaus. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark by Tuesday, September 10. **Lunch Bunch** is planned for Friday, September 27, 12 noon at Perkins, 3400 Lehigh St., Allentown. RSVP to Linda or Mark by Tuesday, September 24. All are welcome!

**Wooden Crosses** are available for sale. They are being decorated for Patriotic Holidays. You can also buy the flower/ribbon portion to attach to the cross you have previously purchased. The attachment costs \$15. The whole decorated cross costs \$30. See Richard Yeakel or Lisa Talecki.

On Wednesday, September 18 in our lower social hall we will be showing **"The Chosen, Season 2"** beginning at 1:00 p.m. Snacks included! Please join us every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. through Wednesday, October 30.

**Youth Group** will meet on Friday, September 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the lower social hall. All young people are invited to participate. There is something for everyone at Youth Group! Questions? Speak with Pastor Lori or Alyson Miller. If you would like to serve as a leader, speak with Pastor Lori. We could use one more leader at this time. Thanks in advance. See you all in there!



Final plans are underway for the **Dedication of the Windows on September 29 at 3 p.m.** Be sure to join us for this exciting celebration. And, there is more to celebrate. Four members have

offered to challenge the congregation to a \$5,000 Matching Gift Challenge that will take place from September through November. Your support of this fifth annual challenge could mean adding another \$10,000 to the windows fund and bringing us closer to completing the project. Let's make this another successful year!

**Phoebe Allentown's 25th Annual Basket Social** on September 26 and 27. Please help spread the word! The event will be open to the public and will take place at 1925 West Turner Street in Allentown. This annual event raises funds for their Community Life Program, which provides daily activities that keep their residents active, engaged, and in good spirits. These activities include visits from miniature therapy goats, musical performances, arts and crafts projects, recreational programs, holiday celebrations, and technology platforms to help residents get involved in games and connect with loved ones. Thanks to our generous supporters, the 2023 Basket Social featured 101 baskets and raised \$12,333 to support Community Life activities.

## **Week of September 1, 2024:**

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

Church Secretary Hours: **Hours this week will be** Monday-Wednesday  
10am-3pm, Friday 10am-3pm  
(please call before coming to make sure she is in the office)

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

ATF Giveaway – Monday from 4-6pm  
Scouts – Monday @ 6pm  
Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm  
FUN Group – Tuesday @ 7pm  
Finance – Wednesday @ 7pm  
Computer & Media – Wednesday @ 7pm  
Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm  
ATF Giveaway – Saturday from 10am-12pm

**Next Sunday** – 9:00am Sunday School  
9:45am Third Sunday Treats  
10:15am Worship, Loose offering to Pastor's  
Discretionary Fund  
Brunch at the Merc

## **Total Offerings from September 1:**

General Offerings: \$2,243.00  
Window Fund: \$235.00  
Mission: \$35.00  
Communion: \$20.00  
Ukraine Relief: \$10.00  
Electric: \$30.00  
Property: \$20.00  
Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0  
Cemetery: \$10.00

Attendance: 39