



AND THE
of GOD
which surpasses
ALL
understanding
will guard your heart
AND YOUR MIND IN
CHRIST JESUS



PEACE

PHIL 4:7

St. John's United Church of Christ
Welcome Back to Indoor Worship
October 11, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 11, 2020

MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Remembering that God calls us through Christ to be ministers with each other, St. John's United Church of Christ, as inspired and directed by the Holy Spirit, seeks: To be inclusive and accessible to all people; To provide loving service to all of God's people through mission and ministry; To strive for righteousness, justice, and peace.

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
we are glad you are connecting with us today!!*

Prelude

Sharing of Announcements and Joys & Concerns

Call to Worship:

Gather at the mountain of God's holiness. Today is a day to celebrate God. Today is a day to stand in the gap between God and God's children. Gather to share God's presence. Today is a day of transformation for us and for God's world.

Opening Music: *"Psalm 34"* Barnard/Rigney, arr. Cymbala performed by *The Nelson Family*

Prayer of Confession

Inviting God, we confess that at times we have ignored your invitation. We've procrastinated, hemmed and hawed about Your ordinances and commandments, and at times simply have not wanted to accept Your gracious invitation to Your table. We want to have the places of honor and recognition, instead of loving and accepting our neighbors at the table, giving up our seat to make room for others. Forgive us. May we listen for Your invitation in a new way that breaks open our hearts, so that we might fully enjoy the table You have prepared for us, a table of wisdom and understanding, welcome and acceptance and love for all of Your people, all of Your children. May we humbly accept the invitation You have made to us through Jesus Christ, knowing that none of us are truly worthy, and yet, because of Your love, we all belong and have our place at the table. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Jesus took a child and placed the child among his disciples, telling them that whoever welcomed one such child welcomed him. Beloved, you are God's child. You are important. You matter. You are loved and needed and cherished. Know that your sins are forgiven, that there is nothing that can hold you back from God's love, that breaks open our hearts and causes us to love with an even greater love than we can imagine. Go and share this good news, inviting others to join God's wondrous circle of friends. Amen.

Children's Time (Children will remain with their families during this time of sharing)

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9

Message

"Calling Card"

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer (sinned and sinned against us) 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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Dedicating Our Gifts - Gracious God, receive the gift of our lives and this offering of our service to carry your love from this place to a world in need. This we pray in the name of Christ, whom with you and the Holy Spirit, reign in our hearts and lives, one God now and forever. Amen.

Music to Send Us Forth #478

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

(You are invited to do the motions or clap your hands with the song)

- 1) I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, in my soul.
- 2) I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.
- 3) I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.
- 4) I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor, in my soul.
I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor, in my soul.

Benediction

Postlude

In Our Thoughts and Prayers This Morning

(please contact the church office, at 570-523-0162, with any updates):

Ongoing Needs- Betty Hackenberg, Janet & Richard Heaton, Karen Morgan, Joanne & Bill Stahley, Linda Williams, Wayne Williams.

Shut-In/Homebound- Ann Beasom, Richard Berry, Peg Brouse, Ethel Foor, Bill & Lola Fuller, Evelyn Mabus, Ken Moore, Ethel Moser, Nancy Sechler, Mary Stover, Amelia Troutman.

Immediate Concerns - Scot Bower, Fred Groover, Larry Miller (Geisinger), Melissa & Tom Ransdorf, John Ruhl, Velma Ruhl, Christine Sartwell, Peg Swinehart, Samantha Wyvill.

THE OUTWARD SIGNS

October 4, 2020

Current Expenses - \$2,315.00; Giant Gift Cards - \$200.00; Harvest Home - \$10.00;
Improvements & Maintenance - \$170.00; Loose Offering - \$32.00; OCWM - \$180.00;
Vanguard Total - \$183.79; Weis Gift Cards - \$200.00; William Cameron Engine Co. - \$326.00;
GRAND TOTAL - \$3,616.79 THANK YOU!

RETURN TO SANCTUARY - Thank you for joining us in worship, as we return to the Sanctuary. Reminding all to use **ONLY** the front entrance to the Church. Social distancing will be maintained in the Sanctuary. Masks **MUST** always be worn, when indoors. If you don't have a mask, one will be provided to you upon entrance. Restrooms will be available, but the water fountains will not be available. Bottled water should be available, should you be in need. For those who don't feel comfortable returning indoors for worship, we will still be broadcasting on **F.M. 88.5**, with reception available in the parking lot, and broadcasting on FaceBook & YouTube live.

THIS WEEK

Monday, October 12	2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WORSHIP/MUSIC COMM. (LIB) CHRISTIAN ED. COMM. (ZOOM)
Tuesday, October 13		
Wednesday, October 14	6:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL (SANCT.) BOOK STUDY (ZOOM)
Thursday October 15	7:00 p.m.	CONSISTORY MEETING (ZOOM & SANCT.?)
Friday, October 16		
Saturday October 17		
Sunday, October 18	10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP (SANCT./FACEBOOK/88.5 FM)

CARD SHOWER - Keep those smiles coming for those in care! Larry Miller (Deb Gutelius' father), loves receiving cards in the mail. Let's shower him with thoughts of love and joy by sending him cards as he recovers from his recent hospital stay. Please send cards to:

Larry Miller
c/o Debra Gutelius
660 Hanover St.
Northumberland, PA 17857