



*St. John's United Church of Christ  
Chambersburg, PA  
June 9, 2024*

# **SHARED PENNSYLVANIA UCC WORSHIP SERVICE**

\*Please stand in body or in spirit

## **GATHERING SONG**

*"This is the Day"*

## **UNISON WELCOME**

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here"

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **MISSION MOMENT**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*"The peace of Christ be with you"*

*"And also with you"*

## **PRELUDE**

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*written by Rev. Audrey deCoursey*

From many lands, we gather as a people. With diverse homelands, backgrounds, and experiences shaping who we are today:

**Out of many, we are one.**

Of different ages and abilities, we gather as a people. Wearing different clothing, filling different roles, speaking many languages, singing different songs:

**Out of many, we are one.**

With diverse hopes and dreams, we gather as a people. Of different personality types and interests, with multiple ministries and callings:

**Out of many, we are one.**

Each carrying within us many voices, we gather as a people, holding happiness alongside hurt, often in the same moment. Inside every one of us, a crowd of ideas, feelings, and questions:

**Out of many, we are one.**

In Christ, we come together and find a deeper unity. People of God, come and worship, that out of many, all may be one!

**Come to worship our God!**

## **\*HYMN #271**

*"Christian People, Sing Together"*

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*written by Maren C. Tirabassi*

**God, we confess that sometimes we close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change.**

**God, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns.**

**Forgive us our insulation in our own homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives. Amen.**

**KYRIE**

Hymnal Companion C-4

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*written by Maren C. Tirabassi*

Forgiveness is the threshold. First, we look out, then we are sent out...Thanks be to God.

**\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #704**

**ANTHEM**

*"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

arr. Robert P. Manookin

**CONTINUING TESTAMENT**

*"Rebirth" by Karen Georgia Thompson*

Change comes/ Sweeping/ Like the winds of hurricanes/ Flooding waters rising high/  
taking with them/ doubt/ fear

In the midst of change/ my heart races/ my pulse a staccato beat/ my feet cemented/  
fear a reckoning/ not to be forgotten/ nothing to hold on to/ I sink into the water/ I am  
carried on the winds

I am lifted/ carried on the highs/ of harsh winds/ tumbling into heights/ unknown/  
spiraling into newness/ I am reborn.

I am new/ there is a vision/ for this time and space/ I rest/ renewed/ I am in this  
present/ I am in this newness/ full of Spirit/ I am free

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Roxanne Davenport

*Children's Corner will be offered following the Children's Message*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 17:21-23

**SERMON**

written by Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson;  
delivered by Eileen Shaffer

**HYMN #289**

*"The Servant Song"*

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)**

**INVITATION TO GIVING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #706**

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*from Touch Holiness: Resource for Worship*

**We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace.**

**Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #273**

*"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

**\* BENEDICTION**

*"Lessons" by Karen Georgia Thompson*

## **POSTLUDE (seated)**

Join us following the service for coffee hour!

The "Nursery Nook in the Narthex" quiet area and infant/toddler space in the Parlor are available for children and families to use during worship. Age-appropriate activity bags are also available. See the deacon for assistance.

**Birthdays this week:** 06/10 Matthew Hoover; 06/14 Stephanie Baltozer and John Campbell; 06/16 Carol Yarema

<b>Worship Participants:</b>	
Pastor	Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Worship Leader	Eileen Shaffer
Organist	Barbara Motichka
Deacon in Charge	Mike Blumberg
Lector	Judy Hodges
Media Coordinators	Calvin Frantz and Ginny Cairns
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**The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross** are given in celebration of 60 years of marriage and in memory of David Slothower by Joanne and Bill Slothower.



### **St. John's Vision**

We are called to love, to learn, to worship and to witness in Christ as a congregation that welcomes everyone, and seeks service that will advance God's realm on earth.

### **St. John's Mission**

To grow in love of God and neighbor

### **A Note about Today's Worship:**

This worship service was put together by General Minister and President Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson and the Conference Staff of the four PA UCC Conferences as a gift to PA churches for use during the shared Annual Meeting this weekend. Special thanks to Eileen Shaffer for being our worship leader while Pastor Caroline is at Annual Meeting.

## **NEWS IN THE PEWS June 9, 2024**

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton, [pastor@sjucc1811.org](mailto:pastor@sjucc1811.org) (641) 260-1868 (cell)  
Gary Crum, Music Director | Barbara Motichka, Organist  
Roxanne Davenport, Director of Children & Youth  
The Rev. Stephen W. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

#### **Monday, June 10**

10:00 am Meditation Group – Library Room 106  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall / Scout Room 207

#### **Tuesday, June 11**

10:00 am Summer Singers Practice – Fellowship Hall  
6:00 pm Amistad Praise Band Rehearsal – Sanctuary

#### **Wednesday, June 12**

11:30 Ladies Luncheon – Windy Knoll

#### **Sunday, June 16**

8:45 am Wired Word Church School Class – Room 116  
10:00 am Sunday Service – Sanctuary

**Franklin County Legal Services Book Sale: Sale hours are Friday, June 7 9 am – 8 pm, Saturday, June 8 9 am – 5 pm, Sunday, June 9 12 pm – 4 pm (\$5/bag).** Fayetteville Elementary School, 8 East Main St., Fayetteville, PA (off Rt. 30, several miles east of Wal-Mart, behind a closed Rite-Aid store). 70,000+ books; 2,000+ DVDs and CDs; 600+ puzzles and games. **Cash or check only - NO CREDIT CARDS!** We hope to see you there.

**Meditation Group** Henry Hopper will be holding a Meditation Group every Monday at 10 am in the church library. New members are welcome. If interested please contact Henry Hopper at [henhopper@aol.com](mailto:henhopper@aol.com) or (717) 660 – 2325

**St. John's Future Together Strategic Plan** Check out the "Progress Report" on the Strategic Plan each month in the Spirit demonstrating how we are living into our future.

**Spring Congregational Meeting:** Join us on Sunday, June 23, 11:00 am in the Sanctuary or on Zoom via video chat or call-in. Meeting ID 216 127 9033 & Passcode stjohn. Call in option: 646-558-8656 or 301-717-8592 (use Meeting ID and Passcode to join by phone.)

**Ladies Luncheon** If you would like to attend the Ladies Luncheon at Windy Knoll on Wednesday, June 12, please contact Bev Peters.

**Civil War Grand Ball:** Our Civil War Ball will be held on Friday, June 28 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Tickets will be sold at the door and the cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for anyone under 18 years old. Light refreshments will be served.

**A Friendly Call** Coming soon – A friendly call from volunteers at St. John’s. We want to check in and find out how you are doing. We will be using the telephone number found in the current directory. If that is incorrect, please notify the office.

**Vacation Bible School Work Dates** – Work dates for Vacation Bible School are Sunday, July 14 and Sunday, July 21. Work dates will be after Sunday services. Vacation Bible School will run from Sunday, July 28 through Thursday, August 1. Contact Roxanne Davenport with questions.

**Prayer Chain** For many people, participating in the prayer chain has become a real source of comfort and a way of knowing they can help others through the power of prayer. For others it is a source of comfort to know that fellow siblings in Christ are praying for them. If you’d like to participate in the prayer chain, please contact the church office. Prayer requests can be emailed to Pastor Caroline, Loretta or Heather to be shared with the prayer chain.

**Online Giving Made Easy!** Our bulletins now include a QR code that directs users to our online giving platform (Vanco), offering the option to make a donation to support our mission and ministry directly from your smartphone.

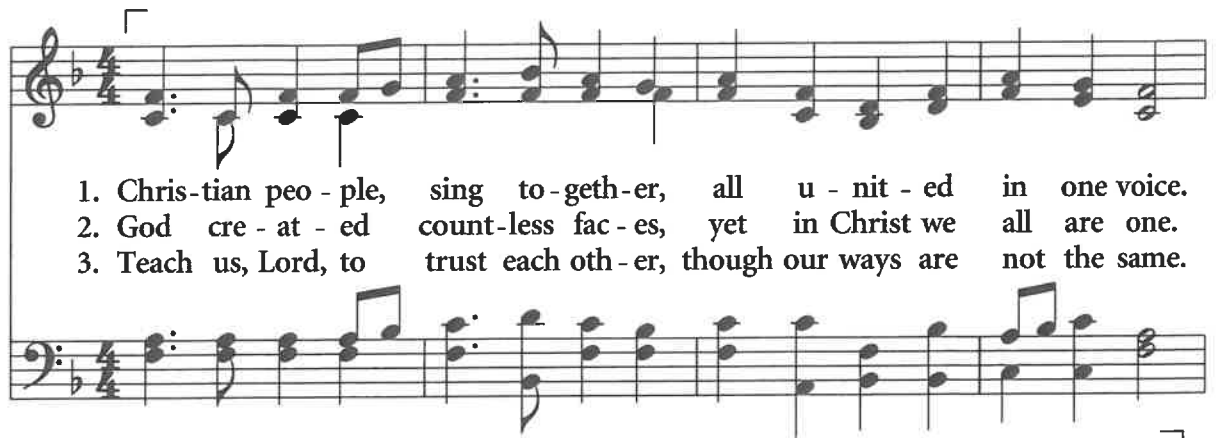
**Volunteers Needed:** Would you be willing to serve St. John’s by being the lector/reader on a Sunday morning? Reach out to Judy Hodges via email [judy.hodges@yahoo.com](mailto:judy.hodges@yahoo.com) or text (215) 589-3745

**NETwork Ministries** a local Christ-centered organization, is seeking two full-time staff members to lead their Kids Club and Middle School ministries with youth in downtown Chambersburg. For more details or to apply, please visit [www.network-ministries.org/jobs](http://www.network-ministries.org/jobs) online.

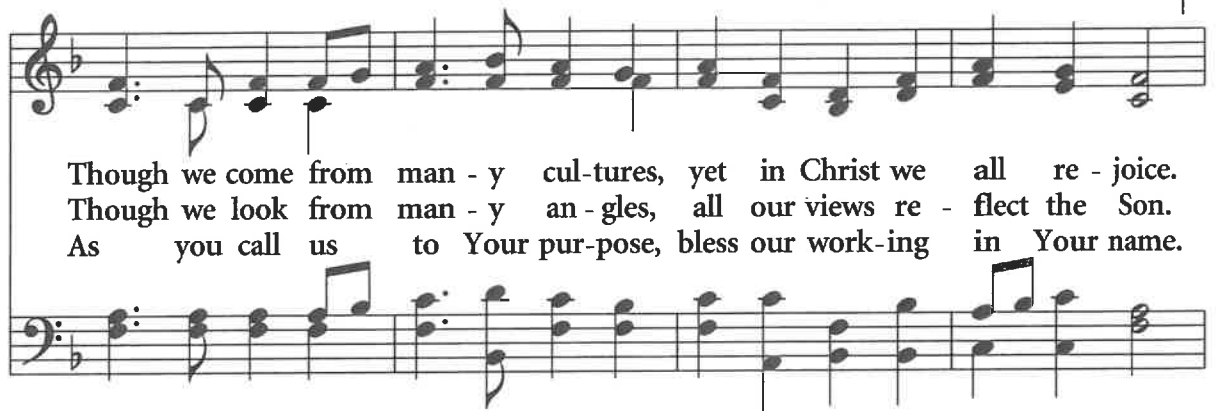
**Thanks to many** church members and friends, St. John’s two teas have been a joy to offer to the community and profitable for the church. These two endeavors have raised over \$4,000. The tea in the fall of 2023’s profit was \$2,200 that was paid toward the loan for the HVAC system. The spring tea raised \$1,800 and was used to help with the cost of repainting the Fellowship Hall. We have been very delighted with the high attendance and positive responses! Please, mark your calendars for our “Autumn Afternoon Tea” on Saturday, September 21. Consider being a part of our amazing team of helpers working in fellowship and creating a charming event. We look forward to another lovely well attended TEA! Women and men are invited to attend this enjoyable tea! Sue, Connie S., Mary Lou & Renee

## Christian People, Sing Together

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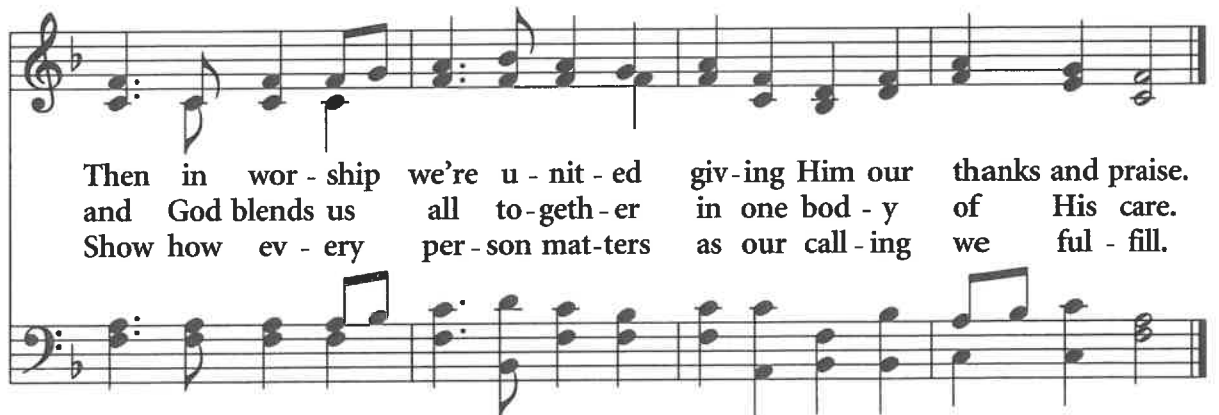
1. Chris-tian peo - ple, sing to-geth-er, all u - nit - ed in one voice.  
 2. God cre - at - ed count-less fac - es, yet in Christ we all are one.  
 3. Teach us, Lord, to trust each oth - er, though our ways are not the same.



Though we come from man - y cul-tures, yet in Christ we all re - joice.  
 Though we look from man - y an - gles, all our views re - flect the Son.  
 As you call us to Your pur - pose, bless our work - ing in Your name.



In our dai - ly lives we're scat-tered, serv - ing God in va - rious ways.  
 So we bring each gift and tal - ent, of - fering what we have to share,  
 In the world of dai - ly liv - ing each u - nique-ly serves Your will.



Then in wor - ship we're u - nit - ed giv - ing Him our thanks and praise.  
 and God blends us all to-geth-er in one bod - y of His care.  
 Show how ev - ery per - son mat-ters as our call - ing we ful - fill.

WORDS: Marjorie Dobson, 1997

MUSIC: Ananias Davissøn's *Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony*, 1820, alt.;  
harm. Donald Murphy, 2008

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# Glory Be to the Father

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on a dotted quarter note, followed by eighth notes, and then a quarter note. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a dotted quarter note followed by eighth notes. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment, including some chords with a fermata.

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a final chord and a fermata. The bass staff also concludes with a final chord and a fermata.

WORDS: Anonymous, 4th cent.  
MUSIC: Christoph Meineke, 1844

MEINEKE  
Irregular



# The Servant Song

Unison

1. Will you let me be your ser - vant,  
 2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney,  
 3. I will hold the Christ - light for you  
 4. I will weep when you are weep - ing,  
 5. When we sing to God in heav - en,

let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I might  
 here to - geth - er on the road; we are here to  
 in the night - time of your fear; I will hold my  
 when you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your  
 we shall find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've

have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
 hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
 joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

WORDS: Richard Gillard, 1977

MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977; arr. Andrew Daniels, 2008

GILLARD

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# 706 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here be-low;"

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674  
MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

OLD 100TH, alt.  
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*Lower key, No. 331*

Musical notation for the second system, continuing the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "praise Him, a-bove ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men."

1. In Christ there is no East or West, in  
 2. In Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where their  
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
 4. In Christ now meet both East and West, in

Him no South or North; but one great fel - low -  
 high com - mun - ion find; His ser - vice is the  
 e'er your race may be; who serves my Fa - ther  
 Him meet South and North: all Christ - like souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord, close bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 as His child is sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in Him through - out the whole wide earth.

WORDS: John Oxenham, 1908, alt. (Gal. 3:28; Luke 13:29)

MUSIC: African-American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939

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*Alternate tune, ST. PETER*