

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 1, 2021**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

God who brings us together and builds us together, be with us as we listen to your word and sing songs of praise and pray. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

SENTENCES OF ADORATION

***OPENING HYMN: AMAZING GRACE**

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1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4 My God has promised good to me, whose word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: We come from different places, with different skills and abilities, and different occupations. We come to the same place, to share our skills and abilities and worship together. Let us gather together to worship God.

REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE

***CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN: Psalm 51:1-7, 9-0**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

***THE KYRIE**

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Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor: We are forgiven, restored, and sustained!

O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall show forth your praise.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

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Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One;

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE - *Based on St. Patrick, facing each other:

**Unison: Christ's peace be with you,
Christ's peace within you,
Christ's peace behind you,
Christ's peace before you,
Christ's peace beside you,
Christ's peace to win you,
Christ's peace to comfort you and restore you.
Christ's peace be with you.**

LEARNING ABOUT GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Old Testament: Psalm 1

New Testament: Luke 24:44-49

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN: *THERE'S A SPIRIT IN THE AIR*

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1 There's a spirit in the air, Telling Christians ev'rywhere:

"Praise the love that Christ revealed, Living, working in our world!"

2 Lose your shyness, find your tongue, Tell the world what God has done:

God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

3 When believers break the bread, When a hungry child is fed,

Praise the love that Christ revealed, Living, working in our world!

4 Still the Spirit gives us light, Seeing wrong and setting right:

God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

5 When a stranger's not alone, where the homeless find a home,
Praise the love that Christ revealed, Living, working in our world!
6 May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways.
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!
7 There's a spirit in the air, Calling people ev'rywhere:
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world!

SERMON: Praying the Psalms

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

**I believe in an innovative God,
who does not wait for us to find ourselves
but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.**

**I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative,
that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power
to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.**

**I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us,
calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty
and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.**

**I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people,
called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we
travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.**

Because Christ has called me in this I truly believe. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Unison: Gracious God, we pray for ourselves and each other. We ask that
you help us to learn humility, gentleness, and patience so that we
may support each other in love. We thank you for our differences.
May we recognize the gifts that others bring as well as our own skills
and abilities so that together we build a sharing community that
reflects your love.**

*(The names of specific people, places, and circumstances may be lifted up at
this time)*

**Pastor: Gracious God, as you have promised, may it come to pass. We pray in
Christ's name and offer the prayer He offered;**

**Unison: 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 forever. Amen.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING

*** OFFERTORY RESPONSE – THE DOXOLOGY 780**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**Giver of every good gift, accept the gifts we bring, we pray.
May they help provide food and other resources to the hungry.
May they help provide signs of your love and care to those
in need. May they build up and grow the Body of Christ. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*** CLOSING HYMN: *THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION* 386**

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, our Lord; we are a new creation by water and the Word. From heav'n he came and taught us what perfect love can be; through life and death he sought us, and rose to set us free.

2 The church in ev'ry nation is one through all the earth; our charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth; one name together blessing, one holy food we share, to one hope ever pressing, at one in work and prayer.

3 Still, schisms, tribulation, and hatred fuel our war; we wait the consummation of peace forevermore. The saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4 Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three in One, and mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, happy ones and holy!
God, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

*** BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

*** MEDITATION**

Almighty God, grant that the words we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted into our hearts through your grace, that they may produce in us the fruits of a good life, to the praise and honor of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** POSTLUDE**

*Would those who are able please stand.

Welcome to Faith Church this Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. We are glad to have you worshiping with us. May our time together serve as an inspiration for the days and weeks ahead.

Special thanks to Rev. Allan Kramer-Moyer for filling in for Pastor Bruce this morning.

Pastor Bruce is on vacation through August 15th. If you find yourself in need of pastoral care during this time please call **Pastor Christian Creyer** of Chestnut Hill UCC Church at **484-866-5229**.

If you are willing to share your musical talents with us in the upcoming weeks please contact Dennis Duda at 215.361.8641 or email ddduda@verizon.net.

Faith UCC Yard Sale

Start cleaning out your clothes and toy closets, attics, and basements! We will hold our Yard Sale on **Saturday, September 25th** and will start collecting your donations on **Sunday August 1st!**

Thank you ahead of time for your help with this part of the yard sale. (The Fundraising committee is requesting that the items you plan to donate are in good shape and sellable. We would like to concentrate our time on sorting and pricing, so if you think it is worth something please donate it, but if it is bordering on trash please dispose of it and save us time.)

Recycling starts again! Beginning August 15th we will be collecting plastic shopping bags and all other soft plastic bags (#4). By February 15, 2022 we need to collect 500 pounds of recyclable plastic in order to earn another **TREX bench!** Let's save our oceans and the animals that live there by turning these materials into a reusable product! Questions?? See Jerry Trexler.

Mark your Calendars...

FALL BINGO IS RETURNING ON NOVEMBER 7, 2021!

CALENDAR

TODAY	-10:15 Worship
MONDAY	-9-4 Sandy works from home She will be checking messages throughout the day but if you need immediate help call her at 610-967-6232
TUESDAY	-9-4 Sandy in office
WEDNESDAY	-9-4 Sandy in office
THURSDAY	-9-4 Sandy in office
FRIDAY	-Office Closed
SUNDAY	-10:15 Worship

Those Who Will Serve:

	August 1	August 8
Head Usher:	Joan Hassler	Joan Hassler
Ushers:	Cindy Talaber Diane Neidermeier	Caroline Frantz Joan Hassler
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