

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 10, 2021**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

Source of Life, gather us into your presence and hold us in love. May we be mindful of the bounty that surrounds us and open to receiving the blessings of this day so that we might give generously and freely in the way that we have been so richly blessed to receive. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

SENTENCES OF ADORATION

* **OPENING HYMN: *I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD*** 295

* **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: We come;

People: not to be entertained,

Pastor: not to be needlessly humored,

People: nor to remain the same.

Pastor: Rather, we come;

People: to be moved by new visions,

People: to be disturbed by our reluctance to let things go,

Pastor: to be changed by the invitation of grace. We come with expectancy and hope.

Unison: We come in the life-changing Spirit of Christ.

REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE

* **CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN:**

O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives.

Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.

*** THE KYRIE**

750

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: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall show forth your praise.

*** THE GLORIA PATRI**

759

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: Exodus 34:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-24

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN: *GO DOWN MOSES*

572

SERMON: Sins of the Past—Hope for the Future

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

**In our waking and arising
be the first thought that enters our head
In our eating and drinking
be the first thought that enters our head
In our walking and journeying
be the first thought that enters our head
In our working and serving
be the first thought that enters our head
In our sowing and harvesting
be the first thought that enters our head
In our rejoicing and sorrowing
be the first thought that enters our head
In our resting and sleeping
be the first thought that enters our head**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: We come before you, patient God, opening our hearts as we have opened our hands. Despite all the things that can get in the way, we know we can trust in you. In times when things overcome us, clear us. In times when we are overwhelmed by hopelessness, refresh us. In times when we are exasperated by injustice, renew our passion. May your presence be felt in our hurting world, O God, that all people may know that, no matter what they face, they do not face it alone, for you – our loving God – have not abandoned us, but are always near.

*(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

**SPECIAL MUSIC: *WE BELIEVE IN GOD* – Amy Grant/Wes King
performed by John Barone**

*** 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:**

Receive, O God, not only our gifts of money but our heartfelt commitments to a more generous and equitable world. In the receiving, grant us your blessing and courage for living in Jesus' way. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*** CLOSING HYMN: *LEAD ON ETERNAL SOVEREIGN* 573**

*** 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 Twentieth 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.

This morning we welcome Rev. Allan Kramer Moyer and thank him for leading us in worship.

Special thanks to John Barone for sharing special music with us this morning.

Pastor Bruce will return from vacation tomorrow. If you find yourself in need of pastoral care until then please contact **Pastor Teresa Martin at 717-654-4044.**

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Columbus Day and **Sandy will be off on Thursday.**



October is **Neighbors In Need Month!** In 2021, Neighbors in Need “**Unfailing Love**” offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. NIN funds support the Council for

American Indian Ministry and the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries to provide funding grants to UCC churches and

organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities. **Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to help. *Special offering envelopes are in the narthex.***

Next Sunday is Children's Sabbath Sunday. Heather Maginn will be sharing the message about Pitt Hopkins Syndrome and the research that is being done. Following worship we will have a social time in fellowship hall where you can **enjoy each others company and register for or donate to the Bike & Hike** taking place on October 24th.

HOLIDAY HOPE CHESTS

is Children Wrapping help needed!

The Kickoff date for the **Holiday Hope Chest mission** is **October 31**. This year Faith Church will be packing and donating 75 shoe boxes filled with surprises for children of all ages. If you would like to help wrap shoe boxes please pick up the boxes and gift wrap in the Narthex. Please bring wrapped boxes back to church by **Sunday, October 24**.

Plastic Recycling Update:

Keep those plastic bags coming! As of the end of September we had **92 pounds collected toward the goal of 500**. This is a month and a half of collecting and we will have to do better as we move forward in order to make 500 during the period of six months. ***Please continue to look at the lists of what we can accept and what we can NOT accept.*** Thanks for your attention to this. Questions?? See Jerry Trexler.

CALENDAR

TODAY	-9:00 Sunday School -10:15 Worship
MONDAY	-Office Closed/Columbus Day
TUESDAY	-6:30 – 8 Faith in Stitches
THURSDAY	-Sandy Off -2:00 Mission (Mem Room)
FRIDAY	-Office Closed
SATURDAY	
SUNDAY	-9:00 Sunday School -10:15 Worship

Those Who Will Serve:

	October 10	October 17
Head Usher:	Caroline Frantz	Jerry Trexler
Ushers:	Chuck & Karen Talboo	Bob & Patti Shelly
Lay Reader:	Cindy Talaber	Michele Keeler
Fin. Sec.	Bob Shelly	Bob Shelly

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AN EVENT TO BENEFIT THE PITT HOPKINS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Pitt Hopkins Syndrome (or PTHS) is a neurodevelopmental disorder caused by a mutation/deletion in the Tcf4 gene on chromosome 18. Twelve year old Rylie Maginn, a member of Faith United Church of Christ, in Center Valley, PA was diagnosed with this rare genetic disorder when she was just 6 months old.



TO REGISTER:

Join us to BIKE or HIKE 12 miles on the Saucon Valley Rail Trail; one mile for each year of Rylie's life!
The cost is \$25/ticket.
Register online using the event website or email/call the contact below.



TO DONATE:

If you are not able to commit to BIKE or HIKE, you can still help fund groundbreaking research for Pitt Hopkins Syndrome. Donate online using the event website or make arrangements with the contact person below.



TO LEARN MORE:

You can learn more about Pitt Hopkins Syndrome and the research sponsored by the Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation by visiting: www.pitthopkins.org

www.rally4rylie.myevent.com

Contact Faith United Church of Christ - faithchurchcv@gmail.com - (610)282-3939

Event Details:

Start Time: 1:00 pm/ Registration opens at 12:30pm
Upper Saucon Community Park/3231 Preston Lane Center Valley, PA 18034
Report to the pavilion for registration!