

*Welcome to
St. Peter's Pikeland
United Church of Christ*

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*Fifteenth
Sunday after
Pentecost*

September 1, 2019
10 a.m.

WELCOME AND JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE

"Sonatine: Modéré"

Ravel

COMING OF THE LIGHT

*Please use this time for silent meditation before worship.
During the service, the people will make the responses
in the **bold print**.*

GATHERING

We are gathered in the beauty of God's creation, to offer thanks and praise.

Hear our prayers, Holy One, and bless this hour.

In this sacred space, we open our hearts, minds and spirits to God, seeking the hand of God in our lives.

Come, Holy Spirit, and move among us with heaven's grace.

Christ our Savior, open wide the doors, so all may know your Good News.

By your grace, may we find our oneness in Christ.

Come, holy Jesus!

HYMN 73 "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

All who are able may stand for the hymn and prayers that follow.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever, even for all generations. Let us confess a world that confuses the simple message of heaven's Good News with worldly ways.

Gracious God, even as we seek to live out your heavenly vision, we confess the need for your grace in all that we do. We give thanks for your care, as shown in Jesus, and pray for the ongoing help of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hear the Good News. For those who seek to lift up, rather than put down, for those whose faith is played out in daily life, the grace of Christ will bless that moment, and the wind of the Spirit will be at work. Praise be to God! **Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TALK

Children may bring their offering as they come forward for this time with the Pastor. Children will then be dismissed to Summer Sunday School.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Redeemer God, we thank you for your holy scripture and its message of hope for all. We thank you that your holy Word breaks down barriers and builds new paths, even heavenly paths, to you.

Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Service Well-Pleasing to God

Hebrews 13:1-2, 8, 15-16

Pew Bibles, Page 227

A LESSON FROM PSALM 112:1, 6-10

We will read the psalm responsively,

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

GOSPEL LESSON

Humility and Hospitality

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Pew Bibles, Page 77

MESSAGE

“Righteousness Endures Forever”

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH

All may stand for the affirmation and the hymn that follows.

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

(continued next page)

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

HYMN 329 "Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"
After the Hymn, please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Sonatine: Mouvement de Menuet" Ravel

PRESENTATION

*All may stand as the offering is presented
and remain standing for the prayer that follows.*

SONG OF PRAISE 780

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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 DEDICATION

**We offer our gifts to you, God, trusting that St. Peter's will
always be a home for your heavenly message. Bless our gifts,
we pray, and bless us, so that we may be caretakers of your
Good News in word and deed. Amen.**

Please be seated.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**In company with all who hunger for spiritual food,
we come to this table to know the risen Christ
in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing
and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your
constant love for all you have made.

We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith
in every generation who have given themselves to your
will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent
from your own being as our Savior.

We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and
Resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church
for its mission in the world.

Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer
ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire
family of your faithful people everywhere:

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,
the whole universe speaks of your glory,
O God Most High.**

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of our God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith,
we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ.

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread,
and blessed, and broke it,
and gave it to the disciples and said:

“Take, eat: This is my body.”

Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks,
gave it to the disciples and said:

“Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood
of the covenant, which is poured out for many
for the forgiveness of sins.”

Let us say boldly what we believe:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine.
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table,
that our eyes may be opened,
and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst,
in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

Amen.

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven... (*Use debts . . . debtors*)

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come, for all things are ready.

The ushers will invite you to come forward for Communion. Visitors are welcome to come forward. It is our custom to take the bread individually, and the cup together at the Pastor's signal. After receiving, the Pastor will dismiss you with a blessing. Use side aisles to return to your seat. Place cups in one of the baskets provided. We use wine, water, and white grape juice in our celebration of Holy Communion.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We give thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through
Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

HYMN 347 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

BENEDICTION

After the Blessing, all may be seated until the postlude begins.

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

"Sonatine: Animé"

Ravel



A Note on Today's Music:

Maurice Ravel wrote his *Sonatine* between 1903 and 1905 when he was encouraged by a friend to enter a composition contest for the Parisian magazine, *Weekly Critical Review*. The competition had very specific rules regarding the structure of submissions, and so Ravel's final work was "made to order" in a way that most of his pieces weren't. After it premiered in 1906, it was well-received and has become a favorite of the French repertoire.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

THE MESSAGE is brought to us by Pastor Doug Hanson

THE ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR is Kat Bowman

THE LECTOR today is Pam Latta

THE USHER today is Michelle Case

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jean and Bill Phillips by their family

SOCIAL HOUR is hosted by the Elders

TODAY'S NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Notes for September 1, 2019

SOCIAL HOUR AND FLOWERS: Thank you to everyone who has helped fill our sign up sheets by hosting coffee hour and providing altar flowers!

Please take a moment to take a look at the sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall to see where you can help fill in a Sunday or two. We are currently in need of a Social Hour host for September 8th.

ROOM TO READ: September is Room to Read month! Our Room 2 Read book sale has begun! Please peruse and purchase our affordable, pre-read books in Fellowship Hall after services. All proceeds go to Room to Read Girls Education Program. You can hear more about our second largest mission on September 15 during Rally Sunday. Any questions? Please talk to Diane Dunn, Wayne Freese, Jane Breisch or Cindy Maguire.

HERITAGE SUNDAY: On Sunday, September 29th, St. Peter's will celebrate Heritage Sunday with a special service and luncheon. Fond memories will be shared about the many legacies that make St. Peter's special. If you know of past members who would enjoy this special day, please be sure to let them know.

USHERS: Ushers are an important role in our Sunday morning worship service. Please see Annamae Moore to sign up to usher for an upcoming Sunday.

LECTORS: Please see Pam Latta to sign up to read scripture during an upcoming Sunday worship service.

BOOK CLUB: We are ready to start another year of St Peter's book club! Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 2. We are reading The Chilbury Ladies Choir, by Jennifer Ryan. We are currently in need of a host for this meeting. Please contact Diane Dunn if you are interested in joining us or hosting.

RALLY DAY: Welcome back to Sunday School on Rally Day, Sunday, September 15, 2019.

"DIG INTO READING AT THE ST. PETER'S LIBRARY CAFE"

All youth, grades kindergarten through high school are invited to come check out our St. Peter's Library Cafe in Fellowship Hall during our combined Room to Read Rally Day Sunday.

Children will receive a notebook and folder plus other surprises including a coupon for a free book from the Room to Read book sale.

Pastor Doug will be "blessing our notebooks" during the children's talk and then we will proceed to the Church Library Cafe" to decorate our folders, shop for our books and enjoy delicious cafe drinks and treats.

And, of course, there will be GaGa, weather permitting, so please wear your sneakers!

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Citizen Advocacy (CA), an arm of the Phoenixville Community Coalition supported by St. Peter's Pikeland UCC, is hosting its annual Fund Raising Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, September 21st from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church, 412 Fairview, Phoenixville. The price of the dinner is \$12 adults and \$5 for children.

Buy on-line at: citizenadvocacycc.org or at the door.

Takeout dinners are available at 4:00 pm.

DONATIONS NEEDED: As part of the Citizen Advocacy Spaghetti Dinner on September 21st, there will be a live raffle. Raffle basket donations would be greatly appreciated. If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them to the church office by Wednesday, September 18th or contact Marnie Melvin



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Our Prayer List

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

Andrea Lafleur
Anthony Didesidero, friend of Anne Breiling
April Alcon, Karen Dick's cousin
Barbara Broyles, friend of the Wachsmuths
Bernadette, Cheyenne, Mary
Bob Dewilde
Brandy Rhodes, Gail Phillips' nephew
Caitie Blazic and baby Nicholas, friend of Judy Smythe
Carol Meyer
Charles Paul Michener, Paul Michener's father
Charlie Sproule, Jr.
Chris and Christian Amore, friends of Grace Merryman
Chris Webb, son of a friend of Lynn Mailey
Clarice Bowman
Debbie Sproule
Diane DeForrest, Kathleen Wachsmuth's niece
Doris Ingham, Joyce Rosen's mother
Donna Rhodes, Gail Phillips' sister
Elisabeth Geltrude, Laura Dick's niece
Elizabeth Emery
Friends and family of Dudley Smythe
Friends and family of Janet Twarogowsky Jepsen
Friends and family of Don Basile, Jennifer Basile's father-in-law
Friends and family of Albie Raichle
Greg Francis, Lee Ann Michener's brother
Hal Holzer, friend of Grace Merryman
Hunter Firment, Nancy Smith's Grandson
Ian Charles Harmon, the Booraem's newborn grandson
Jane Ann Bell, sister of Joe Thomson
Jashown Banner, former student of Jackie Warner
Jennifer Newell, Beth Newell's Sister-in-law
Jennifer Osborne
Joan Fink
John Edwards, friend of Linda Johnson
John Kleinstuber, Jean Neiman's Son in law
Jordan Reckling, friend of Austin Myers
Judy Warner, Pete Warner's mother
Justin, friend of Judy Smythe
Katie MacPherson, Nancy Smith's Granddaughter
Kali Orlandoni, friend of Austin Myers

Kerri Haseman, Jane and Bob Breisch's niece
Kevin Snyder, CEO of Bethany Children's Home
Leila Page
Lois Pollard, Karen Wilson's Mother
Margaret Breiling
Marge Jacques
Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys
Michael Reilly, friend of Karen Dick
Mike Giorgio and family, friend of Patty Myers
Mike Melnich
Mike Solerno, friend of the Micheners
Nora Frank, friend of Nancy Smith
Pamela (Miller) Murphy
Patty Myers
Pauline Kern
Peter Lenichek, Anne Breiling's cousin
Peter Mahler, friend of Smythes
Reagan Basile
Rick Cassidy, friend of the Davidsons
Ruth Moan, Karen Dick's Aunt
Sally Kramer, Cherri Romano's sister
Sally Mehrens, sister of Lynn Mailey
Sandy Miller, cousin of Virginia Garber
Sharon Divis, daughter of Judy Smythe
Sonja Wheelan
Stacy G. friend of Grace Merryman
Stephanie Tyree, friend of Nancy Smith
Sue McVay, friend of Mary Jo Pandjak
Sydney Cagle
Sylvia Houff, Kathleen Wachsmuth's sister
Sylvia Lawson
Teri Phealps, Jean Neiman's niece
Tom B., friend of Nancy Smith
Tom Yeakle
Ursula Lusch
Vicki Johnson, friend of the Micheners
Virginia Fledderjohn