

Welcome to Friedens United Church of Christ! We gather for worship in the name of the God of life, the risen Jesus, and the Holy Spirit who empowers our discipleship.

Happy Father's Day! We celebrate and remember all fathers on this day. We give thanks for all the men in our lives who care for us and share their strength with us.

It is good to have you join us for worship. If you are new or visiting, we ask that you take a moment to sign the guest book located just outside of the sanctuary so that we can be in touch with you.

Large print bulletins are available in the narthex/lobby, if needed.

As God's beacon on the hill, Friedens United Church of Christ shines through sharing Christ's love in our community and the world.

FRIEDENS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

Greeter: Betty Yerger

Acolyte: Myra Munsell and Brad Mellon

Message for the Young and Young at Heart: Trina Parke

Lay Reader: Barry Stevens **Ushers:** Missy & Joe Seasholtz

Offering Stewards: Teri Hoffman and Betty Yerger

Tech Team Member Managing Zoom: Bob Tipping

Musicians: Gia Padfield

Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Anne Thompson

The congregation is invited to rise, in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **BOLD**.

Music for this service is found in the blue hymnal, Worship & Rejoice.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Faith of Our Fathers*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to love the Lord our God

We are called to love with all our heart and soul

We are called to love the Lord our God

We are called to love with all our mind and strength

We are called to love the Lord our God

And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Come, let us love our God

and share God's love in this time of worship!

* **HYMN** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

#458

* PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND WORDS OF GRACE

The world teaches us many ways to love, but all are based on selfish desires and needs. God teaches us how to love: completely, uniquely, unconditionally. Let us confess our difficulty in loving as God teaches us, as we pray, saying,

**We are hesitant to confess, Holy God,
how hard it is to love as you wish.**

**It is easy to love you with all that we are,
except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have.**

**We find it hard to love our neighbor,
when it is linked to the way we love ourselves.**

**And it is difficult to love anyone—even You—
more than we love ourselves.**

Forgive us, Love Eternal. As you took a risk in creating us,
help us to take risks to love others compassionately,
to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely
as you love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Time of silence)

In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are, not what they do;

In God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do, and don't;

in God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope.

Forgiven, loved, sent forth— we are not far from God's Kingdom!

Thanks be to God. Amen!

* **SUNG RESPONSE** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

#5

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 146

Mark 12:28-34

Sermon Love is at the center of everything

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

-from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

We believe there is no condemnation

for those who are in Christ Jesus;

for we know that all things work together

for good for those who love God,

who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,

nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us

from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

- * **SUNG RESPONSE** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* #489
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *One Love Released*

- * **SUNG RESPONSE** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* #688
We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Great gifts, we give you these gifts today
knowing that you are the Father of gifts.
You love us constantly, providing for us, caring for us.
As we have been abundantly provided for, so we give
to the work that you give us to do, the work of the church,
the care for those who are poor and sharing your love with all.
Accept these gifts in Jesus' name. Amen.

- * **HYMN** *This Is My Father's World* #21

* BENEDICTION

- * **THREE-FOLD AMEN** #744

POSTLUDE *Glory and Praise to Our God*
Please remain standing until the acolyte exits the sanctuary.

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP:

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Prelude: Faith of Our Fathers

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Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised

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Hymn: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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Offertory: One Love Released

Words: Bob Frenzel, b. 1953, and Kevin Keil (ASCAP), b. 1956.

Music: Based on O WALLY WALLY; Bob Frenzel and Kevin Keil (ASCAP).

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Sung Response: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Words: Caribbean; verses Hal H. Hopson (1922-); para. Psalm 150.

Music: Caribbean melody; original music and setting by Hal H. Hopson (1933-)

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Sung Response: We Give Thee but Thine Own

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Music: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850; SCHUMANN; Public Domain.

Hymn: This Is My Father's World

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Postlude: Glory and Praise to Our God

Text: Based on Psalms 65 and 66; Dan Schutte, b. 1947.

Music: Dan Schutte; keyboard acc. by Theophane Hytrek, OSF, 1915-1992

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WORDS FOR WORSHIP:

Scripture readings are from the Common English Bible (CEB), copyright 2011 by Common English Bible.

Call to Worship is written by Rev. Mindi Welton.

Litany for Forgiveness and Words of Grace written by Thom Shuman and found on his site, lectionaryliturgies.com

O Jesus, I Have Promised 458

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; re -
 2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still, a -
 3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you that

main for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my Friend: I
 above the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will. O
 where you are in glo - ry, your ser - vant shall be too; and,

shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side, nor
 speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol; now
 Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; O

wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 speak, and make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.
 give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.

This Is My Father's World

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1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
 2 This is our Fa-ther's world: O let us not for - get that
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 though the wrong is great and strong, God is the rul - er yet.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair— all
 This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas—his hand the won - ders wrought.
 earth and trees, all skies and seas, all crea - tures ev - ery - where.
 Lord is King, let heav - en ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

Announcements for Sunday, June 16, 2024



Serving our church:

Ministers: People of Friedens United Church of Christ

President: Alec Hoffman

Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Anne Thompson

Church Secretary: Susan Curry

Organist/Choir Director: Gia Padfield

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR 2nd OUTDOOR MARKET YESTERDAY! THANK YOU ALL WHO ARE WORKING SO HARD TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS AND VITALITY OF THIS NEW EFFORT.

WE NEED YOU FOR PICTURES RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP! We are going to take some group photos, and we need you to be in these photos! We will take a photo at the front of the church and one at the entrance to the church, too. Please come to be in the photos! Photos will be used on social media and the new website being developed.

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAYS, TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM 10AM TO 2PM.

PASTOR STEPHANIE WILL BE IN THE OFFICE ON TUESDAY, JUNE 18 FROM 11AM TO 2PM.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 AT 6:30PM THE BOOK CLUB WITH ST. JOHN'S WILL MEET. We meet at St. John's Lutheran Church, Sumneytown. All are welcome! Pick the book up on your own and gather on June 19 to discuss with others. We'll be discussing The Necklace by Cheryl Jarvis.

ANNOUNCEMENT A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 23 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP. This meeting will be conducted in person. The purpose of this special meeting is to review the quote to replace the chimney liner in the sanctuary building.

NEXY SUNDAY, JUNE 23 AT 2PM WE ARE GOING TO HOST A 'HYMN SING-ALONG' AT CHESTNUT KNOLL CARE FACILITY IN BOYERTOWN.

One of our dearest members, and a long-time choir member, Faye Bernhard is a resident there and we want to share the gift of music with Faye- and her neighbors. What's a Hymn Sing-along? Well, think of it like Christmas Caroling, but all hymns instead. We will gather at the church at 1:30 and the Hymn Sing-along starts at 2PM at Chestnut Knoll.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP THERE WILL BE AN OUTDOOR MARKET ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING. The meeting will be in the fellowship hall. Your presence is important and needed at this meeting.

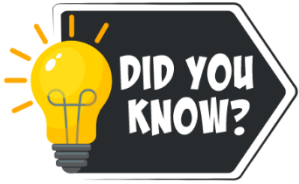
THANK YOU, RICHARD SCHWAGER, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZING THE BREAKFAST BUNCH! We had another meaningful gathering this past Tuesday!

THERE WILL BE NO CONSISTORY MEETING IN JULY. The next meeting of Consistory will be on Sunday, August 4, 2024.

81 PEOPLE FROM ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND FRIEDENS UCC ATTENDED THE OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE ON JUNE 9!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Rodney Mack	7/01
Gail Stevens	7/05
Jill Kulig	7/13
Rich Parke	7/24
Carol Beard	7/26
Theresa Koffel	7/31



GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES

AN INFORMATIONAL SERIES FROM THE DEACONS

Sometimes we see something so often and we can either assume we know what it means or forget what it means. This is exactly the case with your offering envelopes. For the next three weeks, in the worship bulletin and in the email newsletters, you will find information about your offering envelopes and categories of giving.

Each year Friedens provides offering envelopes to members and friends, and you use these envelopes for weekly donations. For you as the giver, these envelopes help you stay with your donations. It also helps the Offering Stewards/ money counters in the church fill out the weekly paperwork and do the deposit

Friedens offering envelopes have a few specific categories listed on the front and you can indicate what your giving is for. **These categories are also reflected in our online giving component.*

The category of 'REGULAR' is the most commonly used and is the broadest category for giving. When you give to the 'REGULAR' category you are funding...

- Stamps and paper and envelopes: Office supplies
- Worship supplies
- Insurance costs
- Cleaning service and cleaning supplies
- Heating costs and electricity costs
- Internet access and technology needs of the church
- Salaries for our staff

These specific items are essential to the day-to-day operations of the church and to supporting the mission and ministries of Friedens.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES



FAITH LESSONS FROM MR. ROGERS
A Summer Worship Series

Remember Fred Rogers? He was the very gentle host of the PBS television show “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood.” Many kids were completely enthralled by Mr. Rogers and his Neighborhood of Make-Believe. Mr. Rogers had none of the quick-moving story elements of “Sesame Street” or the color and energy of a Saturday morning cartoon. What Mr. Rogers offered was simple friendliness. Fred Rogers taught children how to be a good neighbor. As an ordained minister, Mister Rogers learned what it means to be a neighbor from Jesus. Jesus said, “Love your neighbor as yourself (Mt. 19:19).”

What if Jesus actually meant what he said when he invites us to love our neighbors? What does this look like? Who are your neighbors? Do you know them? Do you love them? Throughout this Summer Worship Series, we will focus on faith lessons inspired by Mr. Roger.

Today, June 16, begins the Summer Worship Series with a focus on Mark 12:28 - 34 and the message that love is at the center of everything.

IN HIS OWN WORDS

We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, "It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem." Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes. - Fred Rogers

All we're ever asked to do in this life is to treat our neighbor—especially our neighbor who is in need—exactly as we would hope to be treated ourselves. That's our ultimate responsibility. Love is at the root of everything. - Fred Rogers

"To love someone is to strive to accept that person exactly the way he or she is, right here and now." -Fred Rogers

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

	<i>June 23 9AM</i>	<i>June 30 9AM</i>	<i>July 7 9AM Communion</i>	<i>July 14 9AM</i>
<i>Greeter</i>	Pat Detweiler	Ronda Gray	Linn Woodward	Connie Schwenk
<i>Acolyte</i>	Alec Hoffman	Kelly Miller & Josey Moyer	Ron Grubb	Alec Hoffman
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Kelly Miller	Bob Tipping	Gail Stevens	Ron Grubb
<i>Ushers</i>	Teri Hoffman & Marie Landis	Ronda & Bob Gray	Richard Schwager & Ron Grubb	Linn Woodward & Cheryl Adams
<i>Offering Stewards</i>	Alec Hoffman & Gail Stevens	Fred Morris & Joe Seasholtz	Teri Hoffman & Ron Grubb	Fred Morris & Gail Stevens
<i>Tech Team Member</i>	Alec Hoffman	Joe Seasholtz	Bob Tipping	Joe Seasholtz

Thank you to all who assist with worship!

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find someone to serve in your place. Make sure to notify the office of the change, too. You can leave a message anytime at 215-234-4941 or you can email the office at friedensucc@verizon.net. If you have any questions, please speak with Judy Kulp or Pastor Stephanie.

JOIN US!

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THREE DAYS...

ATTEND ONE, TWO OR THREE!

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024 10AM - 1PM

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024 10AM - 1PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024 10AM - 1PM

REGISTRATION LINK:

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/Z6ATDQDXEBXXVVVN9](https://forms.gle/Z6ATDQDXEBXXVVVN9)

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ACTIVITIES:

- ARTS & CRAFT
- BIBLE STORIES
- MUSIC & DANCE
- LUNCH PROVIDED

QUESTIONS?

friedensucc@verizon.net

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP VIA ZOOM!

The zoom link for Sunday's worship service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85349423467?pwd=ZmpkRFBwNVVMwRUURsaHRITmozZUxkZz09>

To connect online:

The meeting ID is **853 4942 3467**.

The password is **850291**

To call in by telephone:

1) Dial 1-929-205-6099

2) When prompted,

enter this meeting ID: **853 4942 3467**

3) When it asks for a participant ID, there is none, and you will then be prompted to press #.

4) When prompted, enter the password: **850291** – this should connect you to the worship service.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL GIFTS.

There are many ways to financially support the ministry and mission of Friedens UCC. You can bring your offerings to church on Sunday. You can also mail offering envelopes to the church at: Friedens United Church of Christ, P.O. Box 268, Sumneytown, PA 18084. You may also choose to give electronically. To do so, you may use the QR reader on your phone to scan the QR Code or you may go to www.friedens-sumney.org and click on the green “give now” button. Thank you for your generosity!



DO YOU RECEIVE OUR EMAIL NEWSLETTERS? IS THERE SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY YOU WANT TO RECEIVE OUR EMAIL NEWSLETTERS?

Email newsletters have replaced our monthly newsletters. We want to make sure you know what's happening. Please email the church office at friedensucc@verizon.net to receive these emails and stay connected!