

Welcome to Friedens United Church of Christ! We continue with our Summer Worship Series inspired by Mr. Rogers. 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)."

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

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.

There will be a brief congregational meeting after worship. The purpose of this special meeting is to review the quote to replace the chimney liner in the sanctuary building.

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: Pat Detweiler **Acolyte:** Alec Hoffman

Lay Reader: Kelly Miller

Ushers: Lisa Bernhart and Marie Landis

Offering Stewards: Alec Hoffman and Gail Stevens

Tech Team Member Managing Zoom: Alec Hoffman

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 *Aria*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beloved children of God, how can we love each other today?

By meeting and listening and caring for one another face-to-face.

Beloved children of God, how can we love God today?

**By practicing our love for one another and God
with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.**

Let us worship God together today!

We come to worship God

by living our love for God and neighbor face-to-face. Amen.

* **HYMN** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

#113

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Merciful Jesus, you said that:

'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.'

**For when our hearts have been focused on the vanities of this life
and we have loved you less than we love the things of this world,
forgive us Lord.**

..... *(silent confession)*

You said as well, Gracious One, that:

'You shall love the Lord your God with all your soul.'

**For when we have pursued a selfish happiness
instead of seeking to please you
by diligently heeding your commandments and your laws,
forgive us Lord.**

..... *(silent confession)*

You said, as well, O Christ, that: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your mind and all your strength.'

For when we have concentrated on our burdens and worries and have failed to seek your wisdom and to turn to you for your strength and support, forgive us Lord.

..... *(silent confession)*

O God, also said,

'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

For when we have failed to love our brothers and sisters; particularly when we have neglected the poor and the strangers among us and for when we have treated others as less than ourselves, forgive us Lord.

..... *(silent confession)*

Holy One, we thank you for your mercy and your love.

You make new all who turn to you.

We bless you and thank you for your faithfulness to your people and for your care for the world.

Today we pray not only that we might be a people who love as you have shown us how to love.

We pray as well for the people and the nations around us, that they may know your healing and saving power in their lives and offer you thanks and praise.

We hold before you, O God, and ask your blessing upon each person and each situation that we share from our church prayer list...

Lord, hear our prayers.

And in your love answer.

..... *(silent reflection)*

Holy and Compassionate God:

We thank you for hearing us, and for answering us.

Give us eyes to see you in our midst, ears to hear your words of challenge and of encouragement, hearts to welcome you, and hands and feet to serve you and walk humbly with you,

trusting in your great mercy and power
as it has been shown to us in and through Christ Jesus.
your Son and our Lord, our brother, and our friend.
Hear us now as we pray using the words that your Son and our Lord,
our brother, and our friend taught us...

**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.*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon

* **HYMN** *Come Down, O Love Divine* #330

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God whose love is the source of all life
and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that awaits to enslave us all
and whose love, defeating deathless, holds a promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful
and full of doubt, in God we trust; and in the name of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,
to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the Earth**

and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness
and the power of the spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful,
wherever found. Amen

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

* **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**

With what you see before us, God, we demonstrate our deepest love.
Receive our gifts – our very best – as sweet offerings before you.
May they be the blessing to others that they have been for us. Amen.

* **HYMN** *Oh, How I Love Jesus* #109

* **BENEDICTION**

* **THREE-FOLD AMEN** #744

POSTLUDE *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Cwm Rhondda)*

Please remain in the sanctuary for our congregational meeting.

MAY 2024 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Month Ending May	Year to Date
Needed	\$ 13,419	\$ 67,094
Received	\$ 8,722	\$ 58,522
Difference	\$ (4,697)	\$ (8,572)

ATTENDANCE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2023

In person: 49 Zoom: 9

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP:

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Prelude: Aria

Music: Johann Kuhnau (1660-1722), Public Domain

Hymn: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Words: Edward H. Plumptre (1821-1891), alt.; Public Domain

Music: Arthur H. Messiter (1834-1916); MARION; Public Domain.

Hymn: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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Hymn: Come Down, O Love Divine

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Offertory: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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Sung Response: We Give Thee but Thine Own

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Hymn: O, How I Love Jesus

Words: Frederick Whitfield (1829-1904); ref. anonymous; Public Domain.

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Threefold Amen: Words & Music: Traditional; Public Domain.

Postlude: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Cwm Rhondda)

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WORDS FOR WORSHIP:

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

Prayer of Confession and Pastoral Prayer adapted from the writings of © Rev. Richard J. Fairchild, and posted on his [Kir-Shalom](#) website.

Offertory Prayer written by Rev. Kaji R. Spellman, a United Church of Christ Pastor who serves as a pastor of Saint Peter's Lutheran Church in New York City. Posted on the United Church of Christ's **Worship Ways** website.

Affirmation of Faith from the *Iona Abbey Worship Book*, p.75/*adapted*

113 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart, re - joi - ce, give thanks and sing;
 2 Bright youth and snow - crowned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,
 3 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as you go,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.
 send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.

Refrain

Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, give thanks and sing.
 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce,

Come Down, O Love Divine 330

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek out this soul of mine
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn long
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong with which the soul will long

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing:
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing:
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing:

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess God's grace, till love cre - ates a place,

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

O, How I Love Jesus



1 There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
 2 It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, who died to set me free;
 3 It tells of One whose lov - ing heart can feel my deep-est woe,



it sounds like mu - sic in my ear, the sweet-est name on earth.
 it tells me of his pre - cious blood, the sin - ner's per - fect plea.
 who in each sor - row bears a part, that none can bear be - low.

*Refrain*

O, how I love Je - sus, O, how I love Je - sus,



O, how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!



FRIEDENS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, SUMNEYTOWN

Ministers: People of Friedens United Church of Christ

President: Alec Hoffman

Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Anne Thompson

Musician/Choir Director: Gia Padfield

Church Secretary: Susan Curry

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

PLEASE REMAIN IN THE SANCTUARY AT THE END OF WORSHIP FOR A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. 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.

THIS AFTERNOON 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'll be sharing the gift of music with Faye- and her neighbors. We will gather at the church at 1:30 and the Hymn Sing-along starts at 2PM at Chestnut Knoll.

CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS: FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY FROM 10AM TO 2PM. The office is closed on Thursday, June 27, 2024 and Thursday, July 4, 2024.

PASTOR STEPHANIE WILL BE IN THE OFFICE ON TUESDAY, JUNE 25 FROM 10AM TO 1PM.

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. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND TO HELP WITH THIS NEW CHURCH EFFORT!**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE OUTDOOR MARKET! Help is needed in all sorts of ways. Can you help with the set up and clean up? Can you be a cashier for an hour or two on a Market Day? Please sign up on the sheet located in the narthex/ lobby. If you have any questions about how you can help, you can speak to Donna Faust, Missy Seasholtz, Ronda Gray, Richard Schwager, Chris Hoffman or Pastor Stephanie

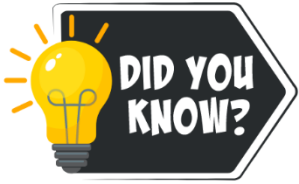
JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JULY 7! After worship we will gather in the fellowship hall for some social time. We will enjoy ice cream novelties and popsicles because it's summertime!

THE BREAKFAST BUNCH GATHERS NEXT ON TUESDAY, JULY 9 AT 9AM AT THE ENERGY STATION. The Energy Station is located in Shelly Square Shopping Center, 2710 Shelly Rd, Harleysville, PA 19438. Please let Richard Schwager know by Sunday, July 7 if you plan to attend. All are welcome.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CARE FOR THE CHURCH PROPERTY! Whether you are part of a Mowing Team or a Cleaning Team, your care, attention and time are appreciated! Thank you!

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

PASTOR STEPHANIE IS ON VACATION FROM THURSDAY, JULY 17 TO FRIDAY, JULY 26. Alec Hoffman is preaching and leading worship on Sunday, July 21. Rev. Dr. David Williams, pastor of New Goshenhoppen UCC is available for pastoral care.



GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES

AN INFORMATIONAL SERIES FROM THE DEACONS

Sometime 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.

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 **OCWM** is the second category on your offering envelope. **OCWM** stands for **Our Church's Wider Mission**. As a church in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, **Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support** provides funding for the work of UCC Conferences and for the work of the UCC's national ministries. Each congregation decides how much of its members' financial support will contribute to Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support. Congregations send their OCWM gifts to the Conference. Each Conference then decides what percentage of those gifts to keep for the work within that particular Conference, and what percentage it will send to the national setting of the UCC. Some of the National Basic Support money is used for ministries to Conferences, local churches and members, as well as for ecumenical, prophetic and missionary ministries on behalf of the UCC. Contributions from individuals to their congregations comprise the funds from which **OCWM** Basic Support is given to the Conferences and national ministries. Local churches can help individuals understand the mission and work of the denomination.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

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



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?

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP VIA ZOOM!

The zoom link for Sunday's worship service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85349423467?pwd=ZmpkRFBwNVVMwRUlRsaHRITmozZUxkZz09>

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!