

Welcome to Friedens United Church of Christ! We continue with our Summer Worship Series focusing on faith lessons inspired by Mr. Rogers.

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.

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: Ronda Gray

Acolyte: Kelly Miller & Josey Moyer

Lay Reader: Bob Tipping

Ushers: Ronda and Bob Gray

Offering Stewards: Teri Hoffman and Joe Seasholtz

Tech Team Member Managing Zoom: Joe Seasholtz

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 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, open your hearts to the Lord!

**We are grateful to be here,
remembering all that Christ has done for us.**

Strangers, friends, young and old,
all are welcome in this house of worship!

Christ meets us here;

He embraces us with his transforming and forgiving love.

Dear friends, let us rejoice in God's love.

**We are called to receive that love
and reach out in compassion to others.**

* **HYMN** *All Glory, Laud and Honor* verses 1, 2 & 5 of #265

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we get so caught up in our own lives
and fail to see others for whom we might provide some help.**

**You challenge us to feed those who are hungry
and to quench the thirst of those who are parched.**

**You ask us to bring clothing to those who have need,
to visit people who are sick, alone, alienated.**

**You encourage us to welcome the stranger
and reach out to those who are marginalized;
to always bring your words of healing and redeeming love.**

**We have failed in these tasks – we ignore the opportunities
and claim that we are too busy to help, too busy to care.**

How this attitude must sadden you, O Lord.

You lavish your gifts upon us that we might use them
for the advancement of your realm,
and we treat them as inconveniences. Forgive us, O God.
Forgive us and heal our wounds of greed and selfishness.

*** SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND PERSONAL REFLECTION**

*** WORDS OF FORGIVENESS AND GRACE**

In the name of Jesus Christ who brings peace and hope to us,
we are forgiven, healed and enabled to be part
of the ministries of compassion in God's world.

Let us rejoice! We are forgiven, claimed and loved! Amen!

*** SUNG RESPONSE** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

#5

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Matthew 25:34-46

Sermon

SPECIAL MUSIC *Jesus, Teach Us to Be Neighbors* – Soloist Betty Yerger

*** 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 death, 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

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 *Adagio*

- * **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

Good Shepherd, who leads and guides us
through all the trials and tribulations of our lives,
we bring these gifts to celebrate the ministries of justice and hope
in which our church is involved.
Be with us and help us grow in our faith and our service. Amen.

- * **HYMN** *Lord, Speak to Me* #593

* BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *God of All Righteousness*
Please remain in your pew until the acolyte has left the sanctuary.

A QUOTE FROM MR. ROGERS TO REFLECT UPON

“Well, life isn't cheap. It's the greatest mystery of any millennium, and television needs to do all it can to broadcast that...to show and tell what the good in life is all about.

But how do we make goodness attractive? By doing whatever we can do to bring courage to those whose lives move near our own--by treating our 'neighbor' at least as well as we treat ourselves and allowing that to inform everything that we produce.

Who in your life has been such a servant to you? Who has helped you love the good that grows within you? Let's just take ten seconds to think of some of those people who have loved us and wanted what was best for us in life, those who have encouraged us to become who we are tonight – just ten seconds of silence.

No matter where they are, either here or in heaven, imagine how pleased those people must be to know that you thought of them right now.”

— Fred Rogers,

The World According to Mister Rogers: Important Things to Remember



FAITH LESSONS FROM MR. ROGERS
A Summer Worship Series

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP:

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Prelude: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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Hymn: All Glory, Laud and Honor

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Special Music: Jesus, Teach Us to Be Neighbors

A Hymn for Mr. Rogers Day/Neighboring Sunday

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Sung Response: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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Offertory: Adagio, 1st movement from Voluntary in C, Op. 5 No. 1

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Sung Response: We Give Thee but Thine Own

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Hymn: Lord, Speak to Me

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

Postlude: God of All Righteousness

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WORDS FOR WORSHIP:

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<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8524/worship-connection-november-26-2023>

265 All Glory, Laud and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to you, Re-deem - er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael, and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and bless - ed One!
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply:
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent:
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise:
 for you de - light in good - ness, O good and gra - cious King!

Lord, Speak to Me

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1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 stum - bling and the stray - ing feet; and feed me, Lord, that
 pre - cious things which you im - part; and wing my words, that
 til my heart shall o - ver - flow in kind - ling thought and

let me seek your wan - dering chil - dren, lost, a - lone.
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

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 30, 2024

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP THIS MORNING THERE IS 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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN THIS WEEK ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY FROM 10AM TO 2PM. The office is closed on Thursday, July 4, 2024.

PASTOR STEPHANIE WILL BE IN THE OFFICE ON TUESDAY, JULY 2 FROM 10AM TO 1PM.

PASTOR STEPHANIE WILL BE TAKING THURSDAY, JULY 4TH, FRIDAY, JULY 5TH AND SATURDAY, JULY 6TH OFF. In case of an emergency you may reach her for pastoral care.

JOIN US NEXT 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 Road, 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.

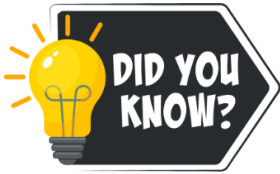
PASTOR STEPHANIE IS ON VACATION FROM THURSDAY, JULY 17 TO FRIDAY, JULY 26. Alec Hoffman is preaching and leading worship on Sunday, July 21. Rev. Dr. David Williams, Pastor of New Goshenhoppen UCC is available for pastoral care.

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)

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY: Friedens will be collecting school supplies THROUGHOUT the month of July.

Suggested Supplies include: Packs of crayons (12 & 24), pencils, student scissors, one subject notebooks, rectangle erasers, Unscented Dry-Erase Markers, pencil top erasers, box of colored pencils (12), yellow highlighters, five subject notebooks and plastic folders in primary colors.



GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES

AN INFORMATIONAL SERIES FROM THE DEACONS

Sometimes we see something so often that 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 **RIR** is the third category on your offering envelopes.

RIR stands for Repairs, Improvements, Renovations. RIR is for the general maintenance expenses around the church property. RIR funds are not meant to cover major building improvements, but should cover general repairs (mowers, signs, roofs, doors, lighting, heating, etc.), inspections (boiler, fire extinguisher, septic, electrical), landscaping, and other unexpected expenses related to the church property.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

	<i>July 7 9AM Communion</i>	<i>July 14 9AM</i>	<i>July 21 9AM</i>	<i>July 28 9AM</i>
<i>Greeter</i>	Linn Woodward	Connie Schwenk	Sue Mulvehill	Kelly Miller/ Josey Moyer
<i>Acolyte</i>	Ron Grubb	Alec Hoffman	Missy Seasholtz	Teri Hoffman
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Gail Stevens	Ron Grubb	Linn Woodward	Trina Parke
<i>Ushers</i>	Richard Schwager & Ron Grubb	Linn Woodward & Cheryl Adams	Alec Hoffman & Cheryl Adams	Bob Tipping & Bob Gray
<i>Offering Stewards</i>	Judy Kulp & Ron Grubb	Fred Morris & Gail Stevens	Judy Kulp & Chris Hoffman	Lisa Bernhart & Cindy Dise
<i>Tech Team Member</i>	Joe Seasholtz ?	Joe Seasholtz	Alec Hoffman	Bob Tipping

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.



ATTEND ONE OR BOTH DATES!

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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1011 CHURCH ROAD

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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=ZmpkRFBwNVNMwRURsaHRITmozZUxkZz09>

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!