

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.

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

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**ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS MORNING:**

**Greeter:** Connie Schwenk

**Acolyte:** Alec Hoffman

**Lay Reader:** Ron Grubb

**Ushers:** Linn Woodward & Cheryl Adams

**Offering Stewards:** Fred Morris & Gail Stevens

**Tech Team Member Managing Zoom:** N/A

**Musician:** Richard Miller

**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.

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Arioso*

*George Frederick Handel*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Though we may be inclined to brag,  
let us come together with humility.

**How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

Though we may be tempted to use harsh words,  
let us come together with gentleness.

**How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

Though we may want everything to happen quickly,  
let us come together with patience.

**How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

Though the world around often encourages hate,  
let us come together in love.

**How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity,

**Let us worship the God who has called us together!**

\* **HYMN** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

#603

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy  
putting up walls between ourselves and others,  
we cannot see the home you are building for all of us.**

**We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others,  
while you are embracing everyone as your child.**

**We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us,**

and you throw open your doors to the stranger in our midst.

**Forgive us, Faithful One.**

**Help to see the household you are building for all people:**

**there are no plastic protectors on the furniture;**

**there are no rooms that are off-limits;**

**and even the smallest child is welcome**

**to sit at the big people's table and be fed by your grace.**

**We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ,**

**our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior.**

**\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND PERSONAL REFLECTION**

**\* WORDS OF FORGIVENESS AND GRACE**

Do you remember? At one time, you were without Christ;  
you were the stranger, the outsider, the alien.

But now, in Christ, you have been brought home,  
living in God's household of hope and peace.

**God's covenant with us is everlasting; God's steadfast love is forever;**

**God's forgiveness makes us new and whole.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

#5

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

*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Epistle Lesson: Romans 15:1-11**

**Sermon**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit**

**and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. 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**    *I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes*                    *Alexander Schreiner*

- \* **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 all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer;

and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* **HYMN**    *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

#581

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

#744

**POSTLUDE**    *Triumphal March*

*George Frederick Handel*

*Please remain in your pew until the acolyte has left the sanctuary.*

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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**



### **JULY**

MACK, Rodney 07/02

STEVENS, Gail 07/05

DETWEILER, Patricia 07/13

KULIG, Jill 07/13

MILLER, Russell 07/14

PADFIELD, Gia 07/16

MCKINLEY, Maryannette 07/16

PARKE, Richard 07/24

BEARD, Carol 07/26

KOFFEL, Theresa 07/31

### **AUGUST**

CATTS, Luke 08/04

IMPINK, Alan 08/12

LESKOWSKY, Gloria 08/13

BUTKO, Jim 08/13

BERNHART, Carl 08/21

KULP, Judy 08/26

## 603 In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
 2 In him shall true hearts ev - ery-where their high com - mun - ion find;  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be!  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north;



but one great fel - low - ship of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
 his serv - ice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 Who serves my Fa - ther as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
 all Christ - ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.



# 581 Called as Partners in Christ's Service



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e-equal part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.  
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.  
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.





# **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, JULY 14, 2024**

**THERE IS NO ZOOM WORSHIP TODAY.** All of our Tech Team Members are on vacation. Thank you for your understanding.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN THIS WEEK ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 10AM TO 2PM.**

**PASTOR STEPHANIE WILL BE IN THE OFFICE ON TUESDAY, JULY 16 FROM 10AM TO 1PM.**

**THERE IS AN OUTDOOR MARKET ORGANIZING MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 16 AT 6PM.** The meeting will be held in the lower level of the church. All are welcome.

**ALL ITEMS FOR THE WEEKLY SUNDAY BULLETINS ARE NEEDED BY 9AM ON TUESDAY MORNINGS.**

**PASTOR STEPHANIE IS ON VACATION FROM WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 TO THURSDAY, JULY 25. She returns to work on 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. Please reach out to one of the Elders if you have a pastoral care need and they will put Pastor Williams in touch with you. You can also call the church office at 215-234-4941 and leave a message.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JULY!** The Church will be giving out school supplies at the 1<sup>st</sup> Outdoor Market in August and also to The Open Link.

**SUPPLIES BEING COLLECTED for grades K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- Black Thin Expo Markers (Expo Brand only. Need 80 of these)
- Crayola Crayons- 24 count boxes (need 48 boxes in total)
- Crayola 12 count Colored Pencils (need 12 packs of these)
- #2 Ticonderoga Pencils, sold in packs of 12 (Need 36 packs of 12)
- Zippered Pencil Punch (need 24 these) \*no pencil boxes, please!
- Crayola 8 count markers (need 6-10 packs of these)
- Glue Sticks (need 130 small glue sticks)
- Yellow highlighters (need 72 of these)
- Pink rectangle erasers (need 60)

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE OUTDOOR MARKET!** The next market is on Saturday, July 20. Can you help with the set up and clean up? We are having a Bake Sale each Market Day. Your help with baking would be helpful! Can you be a cashier for an hour or two on a Market Day? Upcoming market days include July 20, August 3, August 17, September 7, September 21, October 5 and October 19! Please sign up on 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.

**SATURDAY, JULY 27 IS ONE OF SUMMER VBS DAYS!**

**SUNDAY, JULY 28, WE WILL WELCOME LINDA BOYER INTO MEMBERSHIP!** Please join us for a time of fellowship following worship in the fellowship hall.

**BACKPACK FILLING ON SUNDAY, JULY 28!** We will gather to fill the backpacks with the school supplies we have been collecting. All are welcome to assist with this effort!



**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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**ACTIVITIES:**

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

**QUESTIONS?**

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**THE SUMMER BOOK GROUP WITH ST. JOHN’S MEETS NEXT ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 20 AT 6:30PM HERE AT FRIEDENS UCC.** We will gather in the lower level of the church. We will be discussing Have You Seen Luis Velez? by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Light refreshments will be served. You can get the book on Amazon. Read the book and then come to the group ready to discuss it with others. All are welcome.

**THE NEXT CONSISTORY MEETING IS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024.**

**JUNE 2024 FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

	Month Ending June	Year to Date
Needed	\$ 13,419	\$ 80, 513
Received	\$ 10,930	\$ 69, 452
Difference	\$ (2,489)	\$ (11,061)

**ATTENDANCE ON JULY 7, 2024**

In person: 38 Zoom: 8

**QUOTES FROM MR. ROGERS TO REFLECT UPON**

**“When I say it’s you I like, I’m talking about that part of you that knows that life is far more than anything you can ever see or hear or touch. That deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which humankind cannot survive. Love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war, and justice that proves more powerful than greed.”** (Fred Rogers, *Commencement Address at Dartmouth College*, June 9, 2002)

**“I believe that appreciation is a holy thing—that when we look for what’s best in a person we happen to be with at the moment, we’re doing what God does all the time. So in loving and appreciating our neighbor, we’re participating in something sacred.”** (Fred Rogers, *Commencement Address at Marquette University*, May 2001)

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

	<i>July 21 9AM</i>	<i>July 28 9AM</i>	<i>August 4 9AM Communion</i>	<i>August 11 9AM</i>
<b><i>Greeter</i></b>	Sue Mulvehill	Kelly Miller/ Josey Moyer	Cheryl Adams	Marie Landis
<b><i>Acolyte</i></b>	Missy Seasholtz	Teri Hoffman	Kelly Miller & Josey?	Lisa Bernhart
<b><i>Lay Reader</i></b>	Linn Woodward	Trina Parke	Lisa Bernhart	Chris Hoffman
<b><i>Ushers</i></b>	Missy Seasholtz & Cheryl Adams	Bob Tipping & Bob Gray	Teri Hoffman & Marie Landis	Chris Hoffman & Alec Hoffman
<b><i>Offering Stewards</i></b>	Judy Kulp & Chris Hoffman	Lisa Bernhart & Cindy Dise	Missy Seasholtz & Bob Tipping	Joe Seasholtz & ?
<b><i>Tech Team Member</i></b>	Bob Tipping	Joe Seasholtz	Alec Hoffman	Alec Hoffman

**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](mailto:friedensucc@verizon.net). If you have any questions, please speak with Judy Kulp or Pastor Stephanie.*

**THERE IS NO ZOOM WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JULY 14.** The three Tech Team members are all on vacation. Their ministry and service to the church is a tremendous gift. They deserve a day of rest.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

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**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](http://www.friedens-sumney.org) and click on the green “give now” button. Thank you for your generosity!



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**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](mailto:friedensucc@verizon.net) to receive these emails and stay connected!