
SUNDAY, JULY 21 2024

9AM WORSHIP

9th Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome to Friedens United Church of Christ! We are glad that you are here!

We continue with our Summer Worship Series focusing on faith lessons inspired by Mr. Roger. ". . . all through his life and resurrection, Jesus demonstrated the power of showing and sharing God's love. Every time I write a script or a song or walk into the studio, I pray 'Let some word that is heard be Thine.' That's really all that matters." -Mister Rogers
May you feel the presence of God in our time of worship and may you carry a word from God you into the week ahead.

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: Sue Mulvehill

Acolyte: Missy Seasholtz

Lay Reader: Linn Woodard

Ushers: Missy Seasholtz and Cheryl Adams

Offering Stewards: Judy Kulp and Chris Hoffman

Tech Team Member Managing Zoom: Bob Tipping

Musician: Gia Padfield

Worship Leader & Preacher: Alec Hoffman

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 *When Morning Guilds the Skies*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come with joy to this celebration of God's love!

Open our hearts, Lord, to receive your love.

We come with hope to this witness to God's power!

Challenge and encourage our spirits to serve you, Lord.

We come with a willingness to proclaim God's presence to all.

We thank God for this invitation to worship, witness and serve.

*** HYMN** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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*** INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

The act of confessing our sin is not simply
a recitation of our faults and wrongs,
but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy
and share in that abundant grace.

Confident of God's love for us,
let us pray together.

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, Lord of love: for not singing when we are joyful;

For not shouting to the world the good that you do;

For not trusting the love that surrounds us;

For not enacting the justice you call us to;

For not believing the Good News is meant for all:

Forgive us. Encourage us and change us, help us and inspire us. Amen.

*** SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND PERSONAL REFLECTION**

*** WORDS OF FORGIVENESS AND GRACE**

Friends, this Good News is for all the world:
Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again
that we would be freed from sin and death.
Know that indeed you are forgiven and be at peace.
Alleluia! Amen.

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

#5

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive reading of Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song because he has done wonderful things!
His own strong hand and his own holy arm have won the victory!

**The Lord has made his salvation widely known;
he has revealed his righteousness in the eyes of all the nations.**

God has remembered his loyal love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
every corner of the earth has seen our God's salvation.

**Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth! Be happy!
Rejoice aloud! Sing your praises!**

Sing your praises to the Lord with the lyre and the sound of music.
With trumpets and a horn blast,
shout triumphantly before the Lord, the king!

Let the sea and everything in it roar;
the world and all its inhabitants too.

**Let all the rivers clap their hands;
let the mountains rejoice aloud altogether before the Lord
because he is coming to establish justice on the earth!**

He will establish justice in the world rightly;
The Lord will establish justice among all people fairly.

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

* HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A New Creed, United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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*

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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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of joy, Jesus urges us to stay connected

to his example, presence, and the fulfillment he brings.

He teaches us that our joy finds completeness

Sung Response: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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Hymn: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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Postlude: We Are Called

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WORDS FOR WORSHIP:

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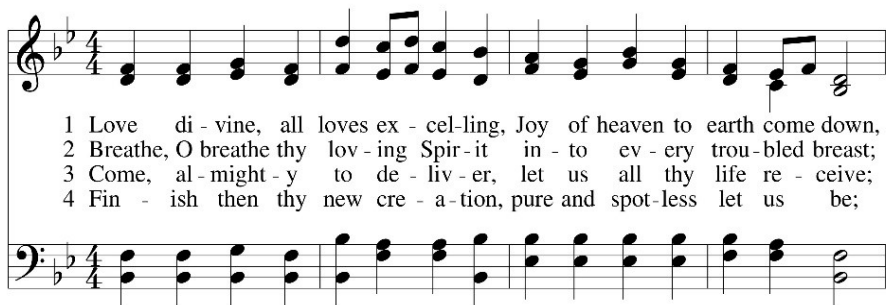
A New Creed is from the Unite Church of Canada (1968; rev. 1980, 1995)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 96

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 3 Je-sus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease,
 4 He breaks the power of can-celled sin, he sets the pris-oner free;
 5 To God all glo-ry, praise, and love be now and ev-er given

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace!
 to spread thro' all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
 'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.
 by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the Church in earth and heaven.

358 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
3 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less let us be;



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,



vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 393

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
 2 Be-fore our Fa-ther's throne we pour our ar-dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu-tual woes, each oth-er's bur-dens bear;
 4 From sor-row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds is like to that a-bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.
 and oft-en for each oth-er flows the sym-pa-thiz-ing tear.
 and per-fect love and friend-ship reign through all e-ter-ni-ty.

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 21, 2024

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE MARKET YESTERDAY!

From baking, to helping with set up and clean up, to helping in the kitchen, having lunch, supporting the vendors, and so much more - you made it a success!

THANK YOU, ALEC HOFFMAN, FOR LEADING WORSHIP AND PREACHING THIS MORNING!

WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR THE REMAINDER OF JULY AND ALL OF AUGUST.

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

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

PASTOR STEPHANIE IS ON VACATION PART OF THIS WEEK AND RETURNING TO WORK ON FRIDAY, JULY 26. Rev. Dr. David Williams, Pastor of New Goshenhoppen UCC is available for pastoral care. If you have a pastoral care need, please reach out to one of the Elders or call the Church Office at 215-234-4941.

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

THE BREAKFAST BUNCH will be gathering at the Franconia Heritage Restaurant, located on Route 113 and Allentown Road on August 13th at 9AM for a morning of fun, fellowship and good food. If you plan on attending, **PLEASE let Richard Schwager know no later than August 11 noon.** His contact number is 215-699-2874
Thank you.

NEXT 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 NEXT SUNDAY! We will gather to fill the backpacks with the school supplies we have been collecting. All are welcome to assist with this effort!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

MACK, Rodney 07/02
STEVENS, Gail 07/05
DETWEILER, Patricia 07/13
KULIG, Jill 07/13
DUBS, Cheryl 07/14
MILLER, Russell 07/14
MCKINLAY, Dennis 07/16
MCKINLAY, Maryannette 7/16
PADFIELD, Gia 07/16

SCHWENK, Kristy 07/16
LANDIS, Marie 07/17
LYONS, Kyma 07/18
PARKE, Richard 07/24
BEARD, Carol 07/26
MUNSELL, Kim 07/26
MUNSELL, Leo 07/26
KOFFEL, Theresa 07/31

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

CATTS, Luke 08/04
TYLER, Richard 08/04
MILLER, Joshua 08/08
IMPINK, Alan 08/12

LESKOWSKY, Gloria 08/13
BERNHART, Carl 08/21
HOFFMAN, Teri 08/24
KULP, Judy 08/26



ATTEND ONE OR BOTH DATES!

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024 10AM - 1PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024 10AM - 1PM

REGISTRATION LINK:

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FRIEDENS CHURCH

(UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST)

1011 CHURCH ROAD

SUMNEYTOWN, PA

215-234-4941

ACTIVITIES:

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

QUESTIONS?

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SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE ENDS NEXT SUNDAY! The Church will be giving out school supplies at the 1st Outdoor Market in August and also to The Open Link. The supply list for grades K to 5th 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 60 small glue sticks)
- Yellow highlighters (need 72 of these)
- Plastic folders with pockets in red, blue, green and yellow
- Pink rectangle erasers (need 48)

THE NEXT CONSISTORY MEETING IS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024 IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP.

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.

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 14, 2024

In person: 39 Zoom: 0

A QUOTE FROM MR. ROGERS TO REFLECT UPON

“In the external scheme of things, shining moments are as brief as the twinkling of an eye, yet such twinklings are what eternity is made of — moments when we human beings can say ‘I love you,’ ‘I’m proud of you,’ ‘I forgive you,’ ‘I’m grateful for you.’ That’s what eternity is made of: invisible imperishable good stuff.” (Fred Rogers, *The World According to Mister Rogers: Important Things to Remember*)

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

	July 28 9AM	August 4 9AM Communion	August 11 9AM
<i>Greeter</i>	Kelly Miller/ Josey Moyer	Cheryl Adams	Marie Landis
<i>Acolyte</i>	Teri Hoffman	Kelly Miller & Josey?	Lisa Bernhart
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Trina Parke	Lisa Bernhart	Chris Hoffman
<i>Ushers</i>	Bob Tipping & Bob Gray	Teri Hoffman & Marie Landis	Chris Hoffman & Alec Hoffman
<i>Offering Stewards</i>	Lisa Bernhart & Cindy Dise	Missy Seasholtz & Bob Tipping	Joe Seasholtz & ?
<i>Tech Team</i>	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. If you have any questions, please speak with Judy Kulp or Pastor Stephanie.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP VIA ZOOM!

The zoom link for Sunday's worship service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85349423467?pwd=ZmpkRFBwNVVMwRUJsaHRITmozZUxkZz09>

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!