
SUNDAY, JULY 28 2024

9AM WORSHIP

10th Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome to Friedens United Church of Christ! We are glad that you are here! We welcome Linda Boyer into membership and fellowship this morning.

Our Summer Worship Series is focused on faith lessons inspired by Mr. Rogers. This quote from Fred Rogers echoes the lessons of our Scripture lesson from the Parable of the Good Samaritan: "Love isn't a state of perfect caring. It is an active noun like 'struggle.' To love someone is to strive to accept that person exactly the way he or she is, right here and now."

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: Kelly Miller/Josey Moyer

Acolyte: Teri Hoffman

Lay Reader: Trina Parke

Ushers: Bob Tipping & Bob Gray

Offering Stewards: Lisa Bernhart & Cindy Dise

Tech Team Member Managing Zoom: Joe Seasholtz

Musician: Gia Padfield

Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Anne Thompson

The congregation is invited to rise, in body or spirit.
Congregational responses are in **BOLD**.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Sicut Cervus*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is a God of grace and salvation.

There is no way we can buy God's favor.

God has no favorites. God is love!

Jesus shared his life with all kinds of people.

Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan.

Jesus has no favorites. Jesus is love!

The Spirit dances in the mystery of creation.
and delights in wisdom and in justice.

The Holy Spirit has no favorites. The Spirit is love!

Into our streets and homes we go, living our lives in God's love.

Into our joys and sorrows we go, living our lives in God's love.

Into the fight for justice we go, living our lives in God's love.

Blessed with the friendship of God,

may we worship the God who loves us

and calls us to love our neighbor!

* **HYMN** *O, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing* *see bulletin*

* **CALL TO CONFESSION AND UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we like to think that we love you.

**There are so many other things in our lives
that clamor for our time and attention.**

**Too often we relegate You simply to Sundays
and times when we want you to rescue us.**

**Most of us really do want you to be the one
in whom we live and move and have our being.**

We really do want to hear your voice

above all of the other voices in our lives.
But we get bogged down in the daily routine.
We forget who we are. We forget who you are.
We forget what the church is supposed to be.
So here we are, standing before you today,
with our human foibles and our short attention spans,
asking that you would make yourself known to us,
that you would help us to recognize the presence of the Holy,
that you would continue to challenge us, guide us, inspire us,
and make us into the people you want us to be. Amen.

*** SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION**

*** WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure,
and we are included in that love.
Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.
Thanks be to God!

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

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Interactive retelling of the Gospel

Sermon

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** This We Believe Written by Bruce Pever
I believe in an innovative God,
who does not wait for us to find ourselves
but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.
I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative,
that when he calls us to follow,
Christ also gives us the power

to become, both in creed and deed,
the children of the living God.

I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us,
calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty
and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.

I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people,
called to respect and support one another
through joys and tribulations
as we travel the road towards
the "promised land" of God's future.
Because Christ has called me
in this I truly believe. 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.

THE WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER

Introduction

Prayer

Questions of the new member, Linda Boyer

Promise from the church

To the members of this church:

Do you promise to Linda to find her place in the body of Christ, to pray with and for her, to welcome her fully in holy friendship, to be an angel for her in times of distress and a servant to her in times of need?

If so, please answer: "We promise, with the help of God."

We promise, with the help of God.

The Congregational Response

Let us, the members of the Friedens United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our ministry together.

We joyfully welcome you into the common life of our church.

We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and labors of this church.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we grow together in faith and be witnesses to the love of God and the peace of Christ.

The Right Hand of Fellowship

Blessing on the New Member of Friends

CALL TO OFFERING

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God, we give thanks for your presence in our lives.

Bless these offerings, that they may be used to advance your kingdom and glorify your name. Amen.

*** HYMN** *O Christ, We Remember the Things That You Did*

Tune: To God Be The Glory #66

*O Christ, we remember the things that you did,
The lessons you taught us, the way that you lived.
You cared for the suffering, the sick and the poor;
You worked with compassion to heal and restore.*

*Refrain: By the grace of our God, you brought life to the earth;
As you healed those in need, you saw each person's worth.
May we who proclaim you now answer your call
To bring hope and healing — and health care to all.*

*A crowd filled the house where you taught them God's truth;
A sick man was lowered right down through the roof.
His friends wanted access to your healing hand;
You welcomed him, healed him and helped him to stand.*

Refrain

*When young ones and old ones and poor ones were ill
You let others know that it wasn't God's will.
The poor and the struggling were loved by God, too;
Good health wasn't just for the privileged few.*

Refrain

*Remind us, O God, that when care is denied,
The needy will suffer, and many will die.
May we work for justice — and care that extends
Beyond just our neighbors and loved ones and friends.*

Refrain

*** BENEDICTION**

*** THREE-FOLD AMEN**

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POSTLUDE *Join in the Dance*

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP:

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Prelude: Sicut Cervus

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Hymn: *O Christ, We Remember the Things That You Did*

Tune: To God Be The Glory #66

Tune: William Howard Doane, 1875 ("To God Be the Glory")

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Postlude: Join in the Dance

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WORDS FOR WORSHIP:

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The Invitation to Confession, Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness and Grace were written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

Interactive retelling of the Gospel lesson, The Good Samaritan, was written by Bob Harmon/engageworship.org

This I Believe was written Bruce Pewer and shared on by <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

Liturgy for welcoming new members has been adapted from the one used by First Church, Somerville, MA. It can be found in Real Good Church: How our church came back from the dead, and yours can, too. by Rev. Molly Phinney Baskette, The Pilgrim Press, 2014.

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.

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 28, 2024

THANK YOU FOR ALL WHO ATTENDED, HELPED AND SUPPORTED OUR VBS DAY YESTERDAY!

TODAY WE WELCOME LINDA BOYER INTO MEMBERSHIP. Linda is the mother of Tanya Impink and mother-in-law of Alan. Linda has been a member of the United Church of Christ her whole life. She is a crafter and sewer. She has been worshipping with us for quite a few months, and we welcome her with open arms.

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING LINDA DURING OUR TIME OF FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

WE ARE FILLING BACKPACKS AFTER WORSHIP! We will be filling the backpacks with the school supplies we have been collecting. All are welcome to assist with this effort!

WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR THE REMAINDER OF JULY AND ALL OF AUGUST. OUR LAST 9AM WORSHIP SERVICE IS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 25.

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

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

PASTOR STEPHANIE WILL BE IN THE OFFICE ON TUESDAY, JULY 30 FROM 11AM TO 2PM.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE ENDS TODAY! The Church will be giving out school supplies at the 1st Outdoor Market on August 3rd and also to The Open Link.

ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, WE ARE GIVING OUT BACKPACKS TO KIDS IN GRADES K-5! This is a community outreach effort that will be happening at the Outdoor Market. There will be face painting for kids AND all of the regular Outdoor Market offerings.

CONSISTORY MEETS NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024 IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP. Please make every effort to attend as we will have a group photo of the Consistory for our new website.

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 21, 2024

In person: 38 Zoom: 4

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*)

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, Maryannette 07/16

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

BUKTA, James 08/13

BERNHART, Carl 08/21

HOFFMAN, Teri 08/24

GRUBB, Pat 08/26

KULP, Judy 08/26

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

	August 4 9AM Communion	August 11 9AM	August 18 9AM	August 25 PAM
<i>Greeter</i>	Cheryl Adams	Marie Landis	Cindy Dise	Shirley Long (?)
<i>Acolyte</i>	Kelly Miller & Josey?	Lisa Bernhart	Alec Hoffman	Ron Grubb
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Lisa Bernhart	Chris Hoffman	Pam Morris	Alan Impink
<i>Ushers</i>	Teri Hoffman & Marie Landis	Chris Hoffman & Alec Hoffman	Pam & Howard Cashatt	Rich & Trina Parke
<i>Offering Stewards</i>	Missy Seasholtz & Bob Tipping	Joe Seasholtz & ?	Lisa Bernhart & Betty Yerger ?	Teri Hoffman & Ron Grubb
<i>Tech Team</i>	Alec Hoffman	Alec Hoffman	?	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.

The Fall Worship Schedule for worship assistance will be out mid-August.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP VIA ZOOM!

The zoom link for Sunday's worship service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85349423467?pwd=ZmpkRFBwNVVMwRURsaHRITmozZUxkZz09>

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!