
SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024

9AM WORSHIP WITH THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion this morning and all are welcome to participate! We continue with our Summer Worship Series focusing on faith lessons inspired by Mr. Roger.

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: Linn Woodward

Acolyte: Ron Grubb

Lay Reader: Gail Stevens

Ushers: Richard Schwager and Ron Grubb

Offering Stewards: Judy Kulp and Rob Grubb

Tech Team Member Managing Zoom: Joe Seasholtz

Musicians: 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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Arioso*

George Frederick Handel

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

Let us humble ourselves before the Lord and be lifted up!

O Lord, help us through our worship to draw closer to you.

Help us to seek your way, to seek your peace!

* **HYMN** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion and mercy,

you sent us your Son as the savior of the world,

and told us to love one another as much as you loved us.

Yet, we struggle to do this.

We have a hard time loving those who are not like us,

Those who disagree with us,

and those who ask us to face the truths about ourselves.

You told us to love one another, because love is from God.

And we often do not love those we think

are different, dirty, hungry, lost, or undesirable.

It is written that perfect love casts out fear, and yet we are afraid.

Afraid for our safety, our comfort, our wallets,

and how others perceive us. Forgive us, God,

and show us how to love thy way you command us to love.

Release us from our judgment and our fear.

Open our hearts so that we might receive

your perfect love for us and offer it to the world.

*** SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND PERSONAL REFLECTION**

*** WORDS OF FORGIVENESS AND GRACE**

Friends, the good news is this: love is from God,
and we are loved by God.

God sent Christ into the world to atone for our sins,
and in him we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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

#5

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

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Epistle Reading: James 2:1-8

Sermon

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 SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

It is right and a good and joyful thing to always and everywhere to praise you. Loving God, Creator of neighbor and neighborhood, weaver of life and light, Loving us just the way we are, you spark courage and inspire growth. You set the Divine Spark alight, **loving us into loving, forgiving us into forgiving, nurturing us into neighbors.**

We thank you for Jesus Christ, who walked within our reality, marveled at the wonder of creation, wept at our brokenness; called us to love God with every pulse of our heart and our neighbor as our self.

God of Compassion, we praise you and with the faithful of every time and place, join creation's eternal hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Love, God of presence and grace,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest.**

With Christ, love embodied, You delivered us from brokenness and destruction and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which Jesus gathered his beloved family and friends to the table He took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, gave the grain of hope to the people he loved and said "Take, eat." "Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, and the crumbs lay round about the table, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, invited his loved ones to taste the fruit of paradise and said "Drink from this all of you, this is a symbol of the new covenant. Poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins that in overcoming brokenness you might embrace hope. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ.
We lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving
as we proclaim the mystery of our faith
Christ has died, Christ has risen, and Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of grape and grain
May they be for us the body of Christ,
and fuel our love for one another.
May they strengthen us so that we can offer the world
a compassion nurtured in Christ's love.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other and one in ministry to all the world. Amen

Sharing the Elements/Coming Forward for Communion

*Please remain in your pews. The Elders will usher you out by pew.
Proceed down aisle, through narthex, up other aisle and receive the
bread from Pastor and pick up wine/grape juice from Elder. If you
prefer not to come forward, an Elder will bring the elements to you.*

Prayer after Communion

**Thank you, O Christ, for this spiritual nourishment.
We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life.
We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions
God has laid on our hearts. We are now commissioned to:
feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven,
love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *What Offering Shall I Bring to Thee?* Robert Elmore

* **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**

Holy Lord, maker of us all,

you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves

and teach us that faith without works is dead.

Open us to the opportunities for ministry that lie before us,

where faith and words and the need of our neighbor

come together in name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*** HYMN** *O, Master Let Me Walk with Thee*

#589

*** BENEDICTION**

*** THREE-FOLD AMEN**

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POSTLUDE *Sortie*

Arcangelo Corelli

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

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP:

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Prelude: Arioso

George Frederick Handel

Page 7 of "At the Console," compiled by William M. Felton, Theodore Presser Co, 1940

Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790); Public Domain.

Music: John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813; NETTLETON; Public Domain.

Sung Response: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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Sung Response: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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Offertory: What Offering Shall I Bring to Thee?"

Robert Elmore

p. 9 of "Three Meditative Moments based on Moravian Hymns" Harold Flammer, Inc. 1958

Sung Response: We Give Thee but Thine Own

Words: William W. How (1823-1897); Public Domain.

Music: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850; SCHUMANN; Public Domain.

Hymn: O, Master Let Me Walk with Thee
Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918)
Music: H. Percy Smith (1825-1898)

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

Postlude: Sortie
Arcangelo Corelli
p. 8 of "Classic Transcriptions for Organ," arranged by Van Denman Thompson
Harold Fimmer, Inc. 1981

WORDS FOR WORSHIP:

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The Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness and Grace were written by Rev. Julie Jensen, First Presbyterian Church, Cartersville, GA

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68 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise to thee an al-tar, hith-er by thy help I've come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
 Let thy good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee;

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise his name— I'm fixed up-on it— name of God's re-deem-ing love.
 he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, bought me with his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

589 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, win-ning word of love;
 3 Teach me thy pa-tience—still with thee in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the fu-ture's broad-ening way,

tell me thy se - cret: help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 teach me the way-ward feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way.
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o - ver wrong;
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.

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 7, 2024

LET'S CHILL! 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! All are welcome!

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!

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 today, 7/7/24 if you plan to attend. All are welcome.

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

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN THIS WEEK 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 WILL BE IN THE OFFICE ON TUESDAY, JULY 9 FROM 11AM TO 1PM.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JULY! We are collecting school supplies THROUGHOUT the month of July. Suggested Supplies include: packs of crayons (12 & 24 in a pack), 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. Bring your donations to church throughout the month of May. The Church will be giving out school supplies at the 1st Outdoor Market in August and also to The Open Link.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE OUTDOOR MARKET! *The next Market day is on Saturday, July 20.* 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.

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.

JUNE 2024 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

| | Month Ending June | Year to Date |
|------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Needed | \$ 13,419 | \$ 67,094 |
| Received | \$ 10,930 | \$ 58,522 |
| Difference | \$ (2,489) | \$ (8,572) |

ATTENDANCE ON JUNE 30, 2024

In person: 38 Zoom: 12

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

| | <i>July 14 9AM</i> | <i>July 21 9AM</i> | <i>July 28 9AM</i> | <i>August 4 9AM Communion</i> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| <i>Greeter</i> | Connie Schwenk | Sue Mulvehill | Kelly Miller/ Josey Moyer | Cheryl Adams |
| <i>Acolyte</i> | Alec Hoffman | Missy Seasholtz | Teri Hoffman | Kelly Miller & Josey? |
| <i>Lay Reader</i> | Ron Grubb | Linn Woodward | Trina Parke | Lisa Bernhart |
| <i>Ushers</i> | Linn Woodward & Cheryl Adams | Alec Hoffman & Cheryl Adams | Bob Tipping & Bob Gray | Teri Hoffman & Marie Landis |
| <i>Offering Stewards</i> | Fred Morris & Gail Stevens | Judy Kulp & Chris Hoffman | Lisa Bernhart & Cindy Dise | Missy Seasholtz & Bob Tipping |
| <i>Tech Team Member</i> | N/A | Bob Tipping | Joe Seasholtz | 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.



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=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!