
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024
9AM WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Welcome! We are glad that you are here! Our Summer Worship Series is focused on faith lessons inspired by Mr. Rogers. This morning we will share in the Sacrament of Communion. All are welcome to participate in Communion.

Large print bulletins are available if that would be helpful for 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.

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Offering Stewards: Missy Seasholtz & Bob Tipping

Tech Team Member Managing Zoom: Alec Hoffman

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 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of God, what is our story?

**We are part of God's good creation,
created and sustained by the Triune God.**

Family of God, what is our story?

**Though created by our loving God,
we have turned our backs on one another and creation.
We have acted like we know more than God.**

Family of God, what is our story?

**God sent Jesus to show us how to turn away from sin
and toward the love of God.**

Family of God, what is our story?

**We carry the weight of the Word
in our hearts, our hands, and our voices,
proclaiming with our lives the good news of God's love
and the mercy of God's grace.**

Family of God, this is our story and this our song!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

* HYMN *All Creatures of Our God and King* *see bulletin*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able
to admit to you the fullness of our lives –
that which is beautiful and good,
and that which is hurtful and hateful.**

**We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.
We love with condition. We judge and condemn.**

**We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes.
We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.
Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin
and empower us to be follow Christ in love and service. Amen.**

*** SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION**

*** WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God
is from everlasting to everlasting! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

Sermon

*** HYMN** *As We Gather at Your Table*

see bulletin

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
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 ourselves.

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 seated until an Elder welcomes you to come forward. You will receive bread from Pastor and pick up wine/grape juice from Elder. If you prefer not to come forward, the elements will be brought 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.

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*
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**

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift.

Accept these offerings we pray, that through them

**we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you,
our Sovereign and our God. Amen.**

- * HYMN** *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

see bulletin

* BENEDICTION

* THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE *March from The Musical Clocks*

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23 All Creatures of Our God and King

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
 2 O rush-ing wind that art so strong, you clouds that sail in heaven a -
 3 O flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 All you who are of ten-der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your
 5 Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-

sing Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! O burn - ing sun with gold - en
 long, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! O ris - ing morn in praise re -
 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! O fire so mas - ter - ful and
 part, sing prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! All you who pain and sor - row
 ness, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the

beam, and sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O praise him, O
 joice, O lights of eve - ning, find a voice, O praise him, O
 bright, pro - vid - ing us with warmth and light, O praise him, O
 bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O praise him, O
 Son, and praise the Spir - it, Three in One, O praise him, O

praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

As We Gather at Your Table 695

Unison

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands 634

Unison

1 Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all, heal - ing pain and
2 Take my hands, Lord Je - sus, let them work for you; make them strong and

sick - ness, bless - ing chil - dren small, wash - ing tired feet and
gen - tle, kind in all I do; let me watch you, Je - sus,

sav - ing those who fall; Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all.
till I'm gen - tle too, till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

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, AUGUST 4, 2024

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR OUTDOOR MARKET AND BACKPACK GIVEAWAY YESTERDAY!

CONSISTORY MEETS IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR AUGUST. OUR LAST WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL 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, AUGUST 6 FROM 11AM TO 1PM.

THE NEXT BREAKFAST BUNCH IS 9AM ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 AT FRANCONIA HERITAGE RESTAURANT. Last day to RSVP is Sunday, August 11 by 12PM. Please let Richard Schwager know if you plan to attend.

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, FRIEDENS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IS COLLECTING CEREAL FOR THE OPEN LINK. Donations of breakfast cereal for kids and adults, including oatmeal, are wanted AND needed. Bring your donations to church throughout the month of August and help us help our neighbors!

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.

JULY 2024 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Month Ending June	Year to Date
Needed	\$ 13,419	\$ 93,932
Received	\$ 9,512	\$ 78,964
Difference	\$ (3,907)	\$ (14,968)

ATTENDANCE ON JULY 28, 2024

In person: 55 Zoom: 2

THANK YOU FOR SUCH A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE!

Your care, concern and generosity made our July School Supply Drive an incredible success! THANK YOU!

We filled 48 backpacks on Sunday, July 28 with items for kids in Kindergarten to 5th grade. We have two large boxes filled with additional donations for the school supply drive that [The Open Link](#) is holding! Thank you, Friedens members and friends!

ONGOING COLLECTIONS: Just a reminder that the following are things that Friedens UCC continues to collect, even if you don't see it mentioned in every bulletin or e-newsletter.

- **Redner's receipts** that are redeemed for funds from the total of every receipt
- **Food for The Open Link Food Pantry**
- **Plastic Bags** and they can be given to Chris Hoffman
- **Metal tabs** off of the tops of soda cans or other cans. These can also be given to Chris Hoffman.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

	August 11 9AM	August 18 9AM	August 25 9AM
<i>Greeter</i>	Marie Landis	Cindy Dise	Shirley Long
<i>Acolyte</i>	Lisa Bernhart	Alec Hoffman	Ron Grubb
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Chris Hoffman	Pam Morris	Alan Impink
<i>Ushers</i>	Chris Hoffman & Alec Hoffman	Pam & Howard Cashatt	Rich & Trina Parke
<i>Offering Stewards</i>	Joe Seasholtz	Lisa Bernhart & Betty Yerger?	Teri Hoffman & Ron Grubb
<i>Tech Team</i>	Alec Hoffman	Joe Seasholtz	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=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!



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