



WELCOME TO  
MORNING WORSHIP



Sunday, October 25, 2020

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RETURNING TO CHURCH PLAN  
WHAT TO EXPECT FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

- **Please Stay Home if you have any cold/flu/COVID symptoms**
- Please wear a mask
- Please allow ushers to create socially-distanced seating
- Please use hand sanitizer upon entry and exit of building
- Please do not share bulletins, they may be discarded before exiting
- Ventilation enhancements have been made to our facility
- We will keep doors open so you may avoid touching surfaces
- Facility is thoroughly cleaned in between worship services

We look forward to continuing to worship Christ together as a First Church Family and continue on our Journey of Loving God, Helping Others and Finding Joy!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

Variations on “Aurelia” The Church’s One Foundation  
Introduction and Hymn, Trio, Trumpet Tune, Pastorale, Finale  
Arr. Janet Linker, © 2006 Augsburg Fortress  
Performed by Ed Swartz

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*John 1:1-5, 14 (NLT)*

- Pastor 1: In the beginning the Word already existed.  
The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He  
existed in the beginning with God.
- Pastor 2: God created everything through him,  
and nothing was created except through him.
- Pastor 1: The Word gave life to everything that was created,  
and his life brought light to everyone.
- Pastor 2: The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never extinguish it.
- Pastor 1: So the Word became human and made his home among  
us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness.
- Pastor 2: And we have seen his glory, the glory of the  
Father’s one and only Son.

### CALL TO CONFESSION (*Pastor*)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Please pray this silently along with us*)

Loving Father, you have created us and everything around us. You  
have loved us and taught us to love. We confess that we do not  
meditate each day on how much You have done for us. Nor have we  
reminded ourselves about You by reading the Bible on a daily basis.  
Please guide us to stop taking Your gifts for granted. Help us be a  
people of memory and gratitude. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Pastor*)

# ORDER FOR RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Paul Latshaw*

*Wally Mancini*

*Julia Martin*

INVITATION

SENTENCES

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Pastor 1: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. If you affirm this is your faith statement, after the following questions and answers, please say "Amen."

Pastor 1: Do you believe in God?

Pastor 2: I believe in God.

Pastor 1: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Pastor 2: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Pastor 1: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Pastor 2: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

ADDRESS

WELCOME & RECEPTION

Pastor 1: Let us, the members of First United Church of Christ, Quakertown, express our welcome to these new members and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ. After hearing our words of welcome, please respond with an Amen to support these new members.

Pastor 2: We welcome you with joy in the common life of the church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Congregation, if these are the pledges you are willing to make to these new members, please say, “Amen.”

**People: Amen**

*The congregation may be seated.*

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Psalm 105:1-22 (TLB)*

<sup>1</sup> Thank the Lord for all the glorious things he does; proclaim them to the nations. <sup>2</sup> Sing his praises and tell everyone about his miracles. <sup>3</sup> Glory in the Lord; O worshipers of God, rejoice. <sup>4</sup> Search for him and for his strength, and keep on searching! <sup>5-6</sup> Think of the mighty deeds he did for us, his chosen ones—descendants of God’s servant Abraham, and of Jacob. Remember how he destroyed our enemies. <sup>7</sup> He is the Lord our God. His goodness is seen everywhere throughout the land. <sup>8-9</sup> Though a thousand generations pass he never forgets his promise, his covenant with Abraham and Isaac <sup>10-11</sup> and confirmed with Jacob. This is his never-ending treaty with the people of Israel: “*I will give you the land of Canaan as your inheritance.*” <sup>12</sup> He said this when they were but few in number, very few, and were only visitors in Canaan. <sup>13</sup> Later they were dispersed among the nations and were driven from one kingdom to another; <sup>14</sup> but through it all he would not let one thing be done to them apart from his decision. He destroyed many a king who tried! <sup>15</sup> “Touch not these chosen ones of mine,” he warned, “and do not hurt my prophets.” <sup>16</sup> He called for a famine on the land of Canaan, cutting off its food supply. <sup>17</sup> Then he sent Joseph as a slave to Egypt to save his people from starvation. <sup>18</sup> There in prison they hurt his feet with fetters and placed his neck in an iron collar <sup>19</sup> until God’s time finally came—

how God tested his patience! <sup>20</sup> Then the king sent for him and set him free. <sup>21</sup> He was put in charge of all the king's possessions. <sup>22</sup> At his pleasure he could imprison the king's aides and teach the king's advisors.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Psalm 105 (TLB)*

<sup>23</sup> Then Jacob (Israel) arrived in Egypt and lived there with his sons. <sup>24</sup> In the years that followed, the people of Israel multiplied explosively until they were a greater nation than their rulers. <sup>25</sup> At that point God turned the Egyptians against the Israelis; they hated and enslaved them. <sup>26</sup> But God sent Moses as his representative, and Aaron with him, <sup>27</sup> to call down miracles of terror upon the land of Egypt. <sup>28</sup> They followed his instructions. He sent thick darkness through the land <sup>29</sup> and turned the nation's water into blood, poisoning the fish. <sup>30</sup> Then frogs invaded in enormous numbers; they were found even in the king's private rooms. <sup>31</sup> When Moses spoke, the flies and other insects swarmed in vast clouds from one end of Egypt to the other. <sup>32</sup> Instead of rain he sent down murderous hail, and lightning flashes overwhelmed the nation. <sup>33</sup> Their grapevines and fig trees were ruined; all the trees lay broken on the ground. <sup>34</sup> He spoke, and hordes of locusts came <sup>35</sup> and ate up everything green, destroying all the crops. <sup>36</sup> Then he killed the oldest child in each Egyptian home, their pride and joy— <sup>37</sup> and brought his people safely out from Egypt, loaded with silver and gold; there were no sick and feeble folk among them then. <sup>38</sup> Egypt was glad when they were gone, for the dread of them was great. <sup>39</sup> He spread out a cloud above them to shield them from the burning sun and gave them a pillar of flame at night to give them light. <sup>40</sup> They asked for meat, and he sent them quail and gave them manna—bread from heaven. <sup>41</sup> He opened up a rock, and water gushed out to form a river through the dry and barren land; <sup>42</sup> for he remembered his sacred promises to Abraham his servant. <sup>43</sup> So he brought his chosen ones singing into the Promised Land. <sup>44</sup> He gave them the lands of the Gentiles, complete with their

growing crops; they ate what others planted. <sup>45</sup> This was done to make them faithful and obedient to his laws. Hallelujah!

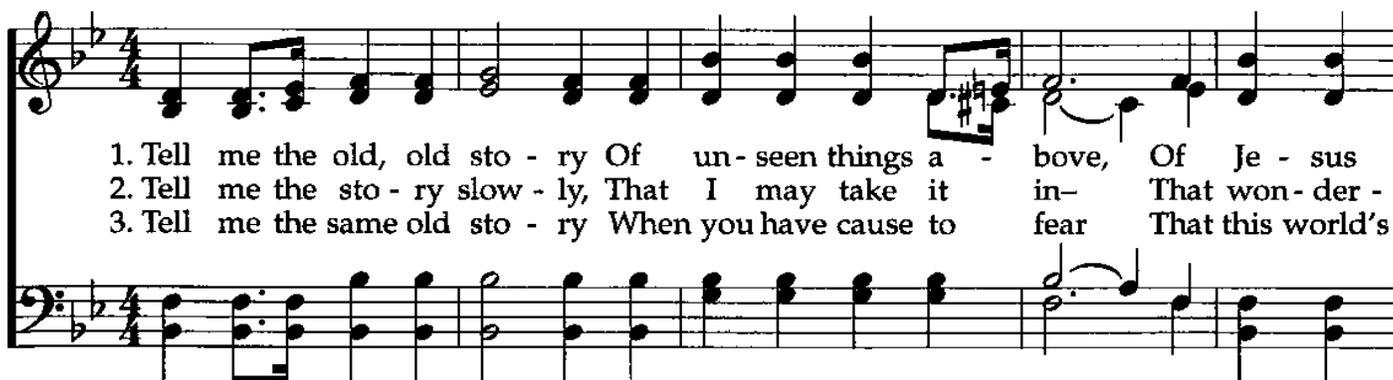
Pastor 1: The word of the Lord.

Pastor 2: Thanks be to God.

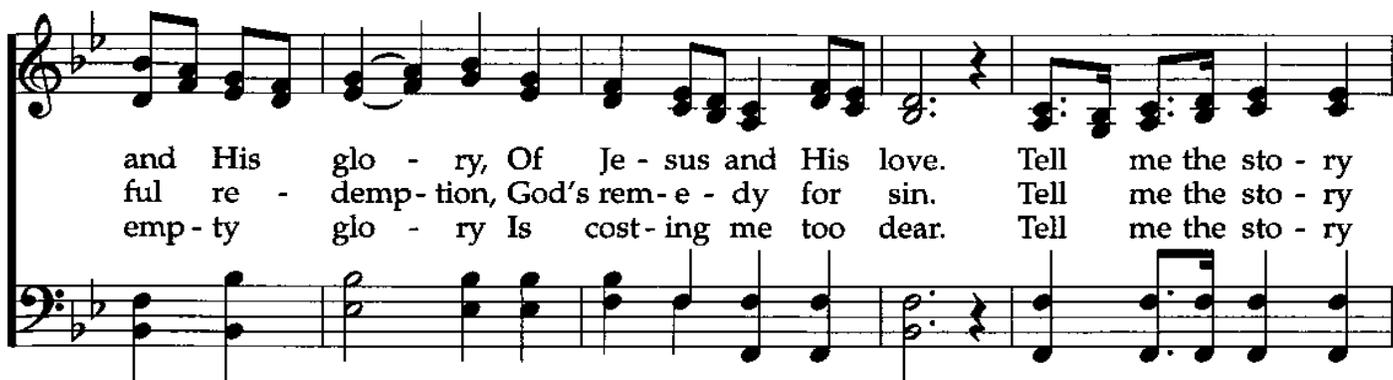
SERMON "Psalms of Remembrance"  
Pastor Joyce M. Donigian

HYMN "Tell Me the Old, Old Story"  
Performed by Jon Bauman

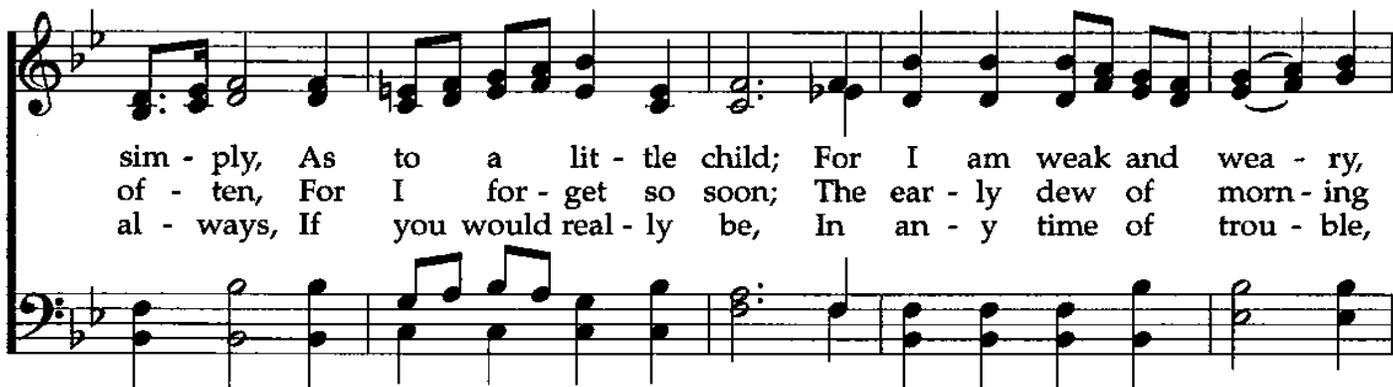
*The congregation should refrain from singing.*



1. Tell me the old, old sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove, Of Je - sus  
2. Tell me the sto - ry slow - ly, That I may take it in - That won - der -  
3. Tell me the same old sto - ry When you have cause to fear That this world's



and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love. Tell me the sto - ry  
ful re - demp - tion, God's rem - e - dy for sin. Tell me the sto - ry  
emp - ty glo - ry Is cost - ing me too dear. Tell me the sto - ry



sim - ply, As to a lit - tle child; For I am weak and wea - ry,  
of - ten, For I for - get so soon; The ear - ly dew of morn - ing  
al - ways, If you would real - ly be, In an - y time of trou - ble,

*Hymn continues on next page.*

*Refrain*



And help - less and de - filed.  
 Has passed a - way at noon. Tell me the old, old sto - ry; Tell me the  
 A com - fort - er to me.

old, old sto - ry. Tell me the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

TEXT: A. Catherine Hankey  
 MUSIC: William H. Doane

EVANGEL  
 7.6.7.6.D. with Refrain

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Pastor*)

### OUR 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

#### SENDING

INVITATION (*Pastors*) *Those who are able are invited to stand*

Pastor 1: Jesus invites us to believe in Him and act on our belief.

Pastor 2: He says, "Here I am. I stand at the door and knock; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in."

Pastor 1: When you open your door, we rejoice, as you experience Him in your heart and look forward to eternal life.

Pastor 2: He says, "If anyone loves me, he will keep My word and My Father and I will make our abode with him.

Pastor 1: Merciful God, we rejoice with You for all who are saved by belief and grace and all who keep Your word to love others as themselves. Amen.

*If you have professed faith in Jesus for the first time or have committed yourself anew to grow as a disciple, please inform the pastors.*

CHARGE (*Pastor*)

BENEDICTION (*Pastor*)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAMILY THANKOFFERING 2020

*From Barbara S., Women's Guild President*

I apologize that this announcement did not come out sooner. I am out of kilter and I imagine many of you are too. The guild has not been able to meet since February but we hope to remedy that very soon. The weeks seem to go slowly and yet, we wonder where the months have gone. Even though our wood is stacked in preparation for winter, mentally I am not ready!

Our traditional guild Family Thankoffering was not able to be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> (the second Sunday in October) due to COVID. However, as always, we **are** taking the Thankoffering and there is a

special envelope in your packet. **COVID has disrupted our lives but not our hearts!**

Seeing the recent devastation of the hurricanes in the south and the flooding that followed, the guild is designating that the offering be sent to the UCC Disaster fund for 2020 hurricane and flood damage in Louisiana, Florida, and Alabama. I think that many of you, like me, are acutely aware of the damage flooding can do.

We understand that not everyone is in a position to give large amounts, but anything you can give to help these individuals and families that have suffered such a terrible loss would be very much appreciated.

Donations to Thankoffering can be made for the next five weeks. If you have misplaced your Thankoffering envelope or wish to make an additional offering, please write Family Thankoffering on the check or other envelope. And if you want credit please be sure your name or envelope number is enclosed with your donation.

Questions can be directed to Barbara by calling her or by email [womensguild@firstucc.net](mailto:womensguild@firstucc.net). Thank you in advance for your gift to help these folks in need.

IN SYMPATHY – We extend our condolences to Ruth Giering, her family and friends, at the passing of her brother, James Clemmer, last Sunday. James was a long-time member of First Church and was 100 years old. Funeral services were on Friday.

SOUP SALES to support the Thanksgiving Dinner will begin Sunday, October 25. Please let Karen W. know if you are interested in providing soup any Sunday through November 22.

THANKSGIVING DINNER - We would like to organize an event for the community and congregation - in-person outside and grab-and-go style. Please reach out to Alyse F. or Daniel S. if you are interested in helping pull this together.

## ZOOM WORSHIP

Please make a note of this, tell your friends, we are attempting to provide a Zoom worship option for calling in and for viewing. *As always, Facebook Live will be streamed at 9:15 and the recorded version will be sent by email later on Sunday.* Put this information somewhere so that you can access it if you need to share it with someone or if you need to be home on any given week.

### ZOOM WORSHIP AT FIRST UCC

- To call in from your phone (audio only) call:
  - 1 301 715 8592
  - If required, please enter meeting ID 965 905 9323
- To join the zoom video worship, please go to:
  - <https://zoom.us/j/9659059323>
  - Meeting ID: 965 905 9323