



WELCOME TO  
MORNING WORSHIP



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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**
- **If you receive a diagnosis of COVID-19**, please inform the church office (*anonymity will be maintained*) for contact tracing purposes and to keep the remainder of the congregation safe and healthy.
- 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

If you would like to respond to the call to worship and prayers, please plan to use a (provided) N95 mask. *An usher can assist you.*

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 GATHERING

## PRELUDE

Prelude on “Coronation” All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name  
tune by Oliver Hudson, arr. Jason D. Payne

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Performed by Ed Swartz

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALLING BELL

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark 4:35-41 (NLT)

Pastor 1: Jesus said to his disciples,  
“Let’s cross to the other side of the lake.”

Pastor 2: But soon a fierce storm came up.  
High waves were breaking into the boat,  
and it began to fill with water.

Pastor 1 Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his  
head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up,  
shouting, “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re going to  
drown?”

Pastor 2 When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and  
said to the waves, “Silence! Be still!” Suddenly the  
wind stopped, and there was a great calm.

Pastor 1 Then Jesus asked them, “Why are you afraid?  
Do you still have no faith?”

Pastor 2 The disciples were absolutely terrified.  
“Who is this man?” they asked each other.  
“Even the wind and waves obey him!”

## CALL TO CONFESSION (*Pastor*)

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Pastor*)

Loving Father, You have created us and everything around us. You have adopted us into Your family and promised never to forget or abandon us. Yet, when our security is threatened, when our way of life is challenged, or when our assumptions about our lives are found to be wrong, we confess we have become afraid and questioned our faith. Please forgive us. Please assure us that You are with us even now. Let our trust remain strong. Help us be a people of memory and gratitude. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Pastor*)

### WORD

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 27 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>2</sup>When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup>Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident. <sup>4</sup>One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. <sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. <sup>6</sup>Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD. <sup>7</sup>Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. <sup>8</sup>My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, LORD, I will seek. <sup>9</sup>Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior. <sup>10</sup>Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. <sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. <sup>12</sup>Do not turn me over to the desire of

my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations. <sup>13</sup> I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. <sup>14</sup> Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 23 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Pastor 1: The word of the Lord.

Pastor 2: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

“Psalms of Trust”  
Pastor Joyce M. Donigian

HYMN

“Trust and Obey”

Performed by Jon Bauman

*The congregation should refrain from singing.*

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a  
 2. Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share, but our  
 3. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love un - til  
 4. Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll

glo - ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a - bides with us  
 toil he will rich - ly re - pay; not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a  
 all on the al - tar we lay; for the fa - vor he shows and the joy he be -  
 walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will

*Refrain*

still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.  
 cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's  
 stows are for them who will trust and o - bey.  
 go - nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

no oth - er way to be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

WORDS: John H. Sammis, 1887  
 MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1887

TRUST AND OBEY  
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## THE APOSTLES CREED (*Pastor*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Pastor*)

### OUR LORD'S PRAYER (*Pastor*)

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 (*Pastor*)

### 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 *through November 15*. 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.

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BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME - The Women's Guild is accepting donations toward the Bethany Children's Home Christmas. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in an envelope and mark it Women's Guild for Bethany. Checks are to be made payable to First UCC Women's Guild.

November 11 - HAPPY 95<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY to Eleanor T. Please join us in celebrating with Blondie by sending cards to her at Life Quest or through the Church Office.

November 17 – NEXT HOLIDAY PLANNING MEETING – The next holiday planning meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17, at 7:00

pm by Zoom. For questions, contact Alyse F. Zoom information will be shared next Sunday.

Through November 22 - ATTENTION ALL SOUP LOVERS!! This is your lucky month! Each Sunday in November, we will be holding soup sales. Each week there will be 3 to 4 different types of soup available for purchase. \$7.00 a quart and a sign will be up at the areas selling the soup with the different kinds of soup available. That way when you get to the soup table you can order, pay, and be on your way. There will be one cart at the side door of the kitchen, or, weather permitting, on the sidewalk right outside the door coming from the parking lot. The other cart will be on the Left hand side of the exit doors in the Narthex. It is a bigger space on that side and anyone who wants soup can stand to the left of the doors and not be in the way of those who are leaving the building, or, weather permitting, we'll set the cart up on the sidewalk outside of the Narthex. All proceeds will go toward our Thanksgiving dinner for any of our members and for our community. Anyone who is interested in helping by making a soup, please contact Karen W. or Sheila C. so we know who and what kind of soup you will be providing. We will provide you with the containers.

Through November 22 - HARVEST HOME COLLECTION – Sunday School will collect non-perishables to donate to the Quakertown Food Pantry through Sunday, November 22.

November 22 - ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION for Jon Bauman has been scheduled for Sunday, November 22 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary at First Church. Registration (signing up) and following safe COVID procedures is required for attending this event. Registration is now available electronically through the link provided in the church emails or by calling the church office.

November 26 - THANKSGIVING DINNER - We look forward to a take-out style Thanksgiving dinner for the community and congregation - in-person outside and grab-and-go style on

Thursday, November 26 beginning at 12:30. If you can help to set up or clean up, please reach out to Alyse F. or Daniel S. if you are interested in helping pull this together. We are looking for donations of turkeys, bagged cookies or brownies, and monetary gifts, which can be brought to church on Sunday mornings or during office hours (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am to 12:00 p.m.) *Thank you!*

November 30 - HAPPY 99<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY to Agnes L. Please celebrate with Agnes by sending cards to her at home or through the Church Office.