



Sunset Hills United Presbyterian Church

900 Country Club Drive
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10:15 am WORSHIP
May 9, 2021
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

So if we seek to change culture, we will have to create something new...Creativity is the only viable source of change.

- Andy Crouch

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Preparation

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 50, A Psalm of Asaph) Liturgist: Debbie Edwards

Leader: The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

People: From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.

Leader: Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before the LORD and around our God a tempest rages.

People: Be still, listen, for God's spirit is here.

Hymn: *Christ of the Upward Way*

Christ of the upward way, My guide divine,
Where You have set Your feet may I place mine;
And move and march wherever You have trod,
Keeping face forward up the hill of God.

Give me the heart to hear Your voice and will,
That without fault or fear I may fulfill
Your purpose with a glad and holy zest,
Like one who would not bring less than the best.

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*Call to Confession

The LORD our God summons the heavens above, and the earth, that God may judge God's people. Let us come before the throne of judgment, seeking the mercy and forgiveness we have been promised in Jesus' name.

*Unison Prayer of Confession (based on Psalm 50, A Psalm of Asaph)

You are the Mighty One, Triune God. We confess this day that our souls are burdened before you. We have disobeyed your ways, choosing to withhold love from our neighbor. We have neglected your instruction, hoarding material goods for ourselves. We have been unfaithful to those we love, with whom we've been called into holy relationship. We have been foolish enough to make excuses for ourselves and for our behavior. Forgive us, we pray.

(Silent Confession)

In Christ we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Response: *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

*The Passing of the Peace, American Sign Language

Speaker: Peace be with you.

Respond: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 98

O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.

² The LORD has made known his victory,
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!

⁸ Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together

⁹ before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

Sermon: *God's New Song for the Church*

Rev. Michael Gehrling

Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith on heaven's table land,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

**Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.**

I want to live above the world,
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled.
Though some may dwell where these abound,
My prayer, my aim is set on higher ground.

I want to scale the upmost height,
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
And I'll press on till heav'n I've found.
"Lord, lead me on to higher ground.
Lord, lead me on to higher ground."

**Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.**

Lord, lift me up! Lift me up!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.031

Leader: Why is Jesus called CHRIST, that is, the ANOINTED ONE?

People: Because he is ordained by God the Father and anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief *Prophet and Teacher*, fully revealing to us the secret purpose and will of God concerning our redemption; to be *our only High Priest*, having redeemed us by the one sacrifice of his body and every interceding for us with the Father; and to be our *eternal King*, governing us by his Word and Spirit, and defending and sustaining us in the redemption he has won for us.

Mission Opportunity: *Driving Pennsylvania Forward*

Jody Colby

Joys & Concerns

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presenting Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

*Prayer of Dedication

*Response: *Doxology*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

Hymn: *Happy the Home When God Is There*

Happy the home when God is there, and love fills everyone,
When with united work and prayer the Master's will is done.

Happy the home where prayer is heard, and praise is everywhere,
Where parents love the sacred Word, and its true wisdom share.

Lord, let us in our homes agree this blessed peace to gain;
Unite our hearts in love to thee, and love to all will reign.

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*Benediction

*Response

*Postlude

**If you are able to do so, please stand.*

Thank you to Rev. Michael Gehrling for leading us in worship today.

Happy Birthday to Nathan Enterline (10th), Kara Stuart (12th), Lindsey Wingold (12th), Karen Comstock (13th), Ian Ney (13th), Heather D'Amico (14th) & Michael Comstock (15th)!

The Chancel Flowers have been given by the Carol Noonan in honor and memory of mothers everywhere. Happy Mother's Day!

The Flower Delivery will be made by Deacons Christa Tang & Laura Flaus.

Stephen Ministers offer caring, Christian friendship and concerned listening to people when they need it the most. SHUP has five (5) trained Stephen Ministers; Evelyn Lape, Karen Heim, Carole McCullough, Laura Flaus & Ginny Bowman. If you would like to talk to a Stephen Minister, please contact Evelyn Lape at 412-531-9856.

Hospital visits by Pastor Laura can be scheduled through the church office. If you or someone you know is having surgery or is in the hospital, please let us know so that Pastor Laura can be there to visit and pray with you and your loved ones.

PRAYER LIST

Prayer Circle - Marge Petty and Rosalie Pillitteri

May - Bob Shetler

April - Virginia Jones, the family of Sara "Sally" Johnson, Judy Catanzaro, Gerry Phillips

Ongoing - Nancy Brumfield, Eneless Frank, Mya Kelly, Joanna, Becca, our Mission Co-Workers: Rev. Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar and their children; Cindy Anna Flor & Nathan who serve at the U.S.-Mexico Border, our sister church, Litchenza CCAP in Malawi, Africa, Pabatso Makhwanyane, Healthcare and all Essential Workers

Year of the Bible Readings

May 9th - 2 Samuel 8-10/1 Corinthians 5

May 13th - 2 Samuel 17, 18/Psalm 52-54

May 10th - 2 Samuel 11, 12/Psalm 51

May 14th - 2 Samuel 19, 20/1 Corinthians 8

May 11th - 2 Samuel 13, 14/1 Corinthians 6

May 15th - 2 Samuel 21, 22/1 Corinthians 9

May 12th - 2 Samuel 15, 16/1 Corinthians 7

May 16th - 2 Samuel 23, 24/1 Corinthians 10



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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. May 9

8:30 am Adult Sunday School - Zoom
10:15 am Worship - Sanctuary

Mon. May 10

1:00 pm Findley Hall Bible Study - Zoom

Tues. May 11

1:00 pm Wilson Hall Bible Study - Wilson Hall
7:30 pm Campanile Bells Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wed. May 12

4:30 pm Kid's Club - Findley Hall

Sun. May 16

8:30 am Adult Sunday School - Zoom
10:15 am Worship - Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Pentecost Offering:** We will continue collecting for the Pentecost Special offering through May 23rd. You can mail your donation to the church office, drop it in the collection baskets on Sunday or use the tithe.ly app. Just be sure to write "Pentecost Offering" on the memo line.
- ❖ **Findley Hall Bible Study:** The class will continue the study of "Think Like Jesus" by Randy Frazee. Please watch the 3rd video on Study Gateway before class. If you would like more information about this study, please contact Evelyn Lape at (412) 531-9856.
- ❖ **SHUP T-Shirts:** To order your SHUP T-Shirt, you can fill out a form at the end of the bulletin, call the church office or fill out the form on our website <https://www.shupchurch.org/tshirts>. All orders are due by May 26th!
- ❖ **Male Chaperone:** The youth mission trip will be taking place on July 4-9 this summer and they are still in need of a male chaperone. Please contact Pastor Laura at revlaurastrauss@gmail.com if you would like to join the youth when they travel to Benton Harbor, MI.

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Order Your **SHUP T-Shirt** **Today!**

Cost: \$20

Orders must be received by

Wednesday, May 26

***All proceeds benefit
Youth Mission Trip and Activities***

T-shirts will be royal blue, imprinted with our church name and Presbyterian logo, approximately as shown above.

Quantity: Name: _____

☐ Small

Phone: _____ Email: _____

☐ Medium

☐ Large

☐ XL

☐ 2XL

☐ 3XL

Size Chart		
	Chest (in.)	Body Length (in.)
Small	36	28
Medium	40	29
Large	44	30
XL	48	31
2XL	52	33
3XL	56	34

Sizes available up to 6XL upon request

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