



# Sunset Hills United Presbyterian Church

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10:15 am WORSHIP  
October 17, 2021

**The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

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## IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

- Matthew 5:4

*It takes strength to face our sadness and to grieve and to let our grief and our anger flow in tears when they need to. It takes strength to talk about our feelings and to reach out for help and comfort when we need it.*

- Mister Rogers

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## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Announcements: *Please wear your mask throughout the entire service today. We are asking that you **do not sing along to the music today**, but you are welcome to hum.*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Preparation

\*Call to Worship (from John 11)

Liturgist: Debbie Edwards

Leader: Let us worship our God in Christ together!

Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Nought be all else to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light  
Be thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word  
I ever with thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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\*Call to Confession

See how Jesus loves us. He died on the cross and rose from the dead for the sake of the world, for the sake of each of us sitting here. Let us come before his throne of grace and pray together the prayer of confession.

\*Unison Prayer of Confession (based on John 11)

**Our belief is shaky, Holy Jesus. We come to worship, we read our Bible, and we seek to lead Christian lives. But, this faith challenges us sometimes. We are like Martha, wishing we'd be able to see you more clearly. We are like Mary, disappointed in the ways you work. We are unlike you, unwilling to experience our grief fully even in the midst of resurrection hope. Steady us, Lord. Have mercy on us.**

(Silent Confession)

\*Assurance of Pardon (based on John 11)

Leader: Jesus sent Lazarus forth into resurrection life. So he sends us. In Jesus Christ, we are given hope and are forgiven. Thanks be to God. 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

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### Children's Message

#### Gospel Reading: John 11:17-44

<sup>17</sup> Now when Jesus came, he found that Laz'arus<sup>[a]</sup> had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles<sup>[b]</sup> off, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life;<sup>[c]</sup> he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying quietly, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled; <sup>34</sup> and he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that thou hearest me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that thou didst send me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Laz'arus, come out." <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

Sermon: *Strong Enough to Be Sad*

Rev. Laura Strauss

Piano solo: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer  
Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness, Take it to the Lord in prayer

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## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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Reception of New Member: Rosemary Romig

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

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Anthem: *Thank You for the Valleys* (SHUP Chancel Choir)

C. Berry

Sometimes I'm lifted to the mountaintop, where I soar on eagle's wings.

Joy overflows and I give You praise as you make my spirit sing.

But there are times when the road ahead leads through the valley of despair.

Then You take my hand, saying, "Follow me, my child. You are in my care."

So I thank You for the valleys; in the valleys my faith can grow.

In the darkest times, I can trust in You, and more of Your love I can know.

In the valleys, You will carry me, and give me strength anew.

So I thank You for the valleys, Lord; they draw me closer to You.

Even though I walk through the valley, I know that Your way is best.

And, as You lead me through the darkness, in Your arms I can safely rest.

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\*Benediction

\*Response

\*Postlude

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

**Happy Birthday** to Pat Patterson (21<sup>st</sup>) & Alecia Ney (23<sup>rd</sup>)!

**The Chancel Flowers** were given today by Debbie Edwards in honor of her parents.

**The Flower Delivery** will be made by John Ellis III and Karen Heim.

**Our Greeters** today were John Ellis III and Karen Heim.

**Deacon Food Drive Donations for October:** Boxed Dinners

**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** - The D'Amico family; Jason, Heather, Emily & Jacob and The Daniels family; Sean, Karin, Anna & Alison

**October** - The Family of Barb Fitzwilliam, Susan Long, Fritz Strauss, Agnes & Thomas Strang (Taylor Strang's grandparents), Clarissa Congie (Taylor Strang's cousin)

**September** - Lisa Coffey (Betty Coffey's daughter-in-law)

**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 Makhalanyane, Healthcare and all Essential Workers

### **Year of the Bible Readings**

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> - Jeremiah 27, 28/John 11

Oct 18<sup>th</sup> - Jeremiah 29 - 31/Psalm 119:1 -24

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> - Jeremiah 32, 33/John 12

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - Jeremiah 34, 35/John 13

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> - Jeremiah 36, 37/Psalm 119: 25 - 48

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> - Jeremiah 38, 39/John 14

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> - Jeremiah 40, 41/John 15

Oct 24<sup>th</sup> - Jeremiah 42, 43/John 16



## WELCOME TO SUNSET HILLS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

### CONNECT with us!

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sun, Oct. 17

8:30 am Adult Sunday School - Zoom  
10:15 am Worship - Sanctuary  
10:45 am Children's Church  
6:30 pm Youth Group - Findley Hall

### Mon, Oct. 18

9:15 am Yoga - Crystal Hall  
1:00 pm Findley Hall Bible Study

### Tues, Oct. 19

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

### Wed, Oct. 20

4:30 pm Kid's Club - Crystal Hall

### Fri, Oct. 22

6:00 pm Youth Group Lock-In

### Sat, Oct. 23

9:00 am Mission Day - Garfield Farm

### Sun, Oct. 24

8:30 am Adult Sunday School - Zoom  
10:15 am Worship - Sanctuary  
10:45 am Children's Church  
3:00 pm Installation Service - Sanctuary

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Youth Group Lock-In:** The youth group will have a lock-in this Friday. They will join other members of the church for the mission day to Garfield Farm on Saturday.
- ❖ **Mission Day:** Everyone is invited to participate in a mission day at Garfield Farm this Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to caravan with other members, please meet in the church parking lot at 8:00 am Saturday morning. We will be working at the farm from 9:00 am until noon. Remember, we will be working on the farm, so dress for the occasion and bring gardening gloves if you have them. Please let Pastor Laura know if you will be driving yourself or would like to carpool from the church by contacting her at [revlaurastrauss@gmail.com](mailto:revlaurastrauss@gmail.com).
- ❖ **Installation Service:** An installation service will be held for Pastor Laura next Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary.
- ❖ **Trunk-or-Treat:** Join us in the parking lot for Trunk-or-Treat on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Just decorate your car and bring some treats to hand out to the kids in the neighborhood.
- ❖ **Senior High Retreat to Crestfield:** All Sr. High youth are invited for a weekend retreat at Camp Crestfield from November 12<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup>. They will be joined by the youth of Bower Hill Community Church and the retreat will be lead by Pastor Laura and Amy Grella. The cost for the weekend is \$90 which includes meals, programming and overnight accommodations in the cottages. Please reserve your spot today by contacting Pastor Laura at [revlaurastrauss@gmail.com](mailto:revlaurastrauss@gmail.com).  
*Also, we are in need of transportation, so parents, please let us know if you can drive.*

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