ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Perkasie, Pennsylvania

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9:00 am Faith Formation 10:15 am Worship Service

October 5, 2025 Liturgist: Robin Ide Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday

PRELUDE

GREETING

If able, please rise in body or in spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.

Today we gather around one table, in answer to God's will.

What do we find at today's table?

God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.

What is not at today's table?

The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.

Let us repent, and give thanks to God's power to bring salvation to all who believe.

Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love.

Let us worship together the true God, who makes us one.

(Written by Rev. Taisaku OBATA (Minister, Ube Church, United Church of Christ in Japan) Translated by Mr. David McIntosh (Overseas Liaison, United Church of Christ in Japan)

Hymn Standing on the Promises (insert)

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

To grow in faith, we must seek mercy; salvation comes from those who wait for the Lord. Let us confess our sin which undermines our faith, trusting in God's grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of Encouragement, you thrive in our times of doubt. Your work takes root even if the drought of fear destroys our fertile soil. Yet we allow our mistrust of you and our neighbors to disturb our growth. We ask you to increase our faith when we are refusing to

cultivate it. Motivate us to seek new ways of exploring our faith. Embolden us to trust even when fear creeps into our minds. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In seasons of drought and rains, God is still giving us the encouragement to grow in faith. Know that through the grace of God, we will continue to find the strength to stretch ourselves and expand our faith.

Senior Choir Anthem I Love Thee Arr. Smith

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, through Christ Jesus you bring the light of the gospel into our lives as grace revealed. Help us to guard this treasure and share it widely so that the faith that has lived in our ancestors will now live in us. Amen.

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

The word of the Lord.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

If able, please rise in body or in spirit.

Hymn #704 We Meet as Friends at Table

Please be seated

TESTIMONY Angela Stofflet

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)

(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, 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.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Before us is a world in great need, waiting in hope. We are a people holding treasure, resources of time, talents, and money, meant to be given away: the good news of Christ. If we are to participate in God's steadfast love and mercy, we must share what we have for the needs of God's people.

OFFERTORY

If able, please rise in body or in spirit

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host. Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you are good news for a weary world. You are hope for people in despair, and you are home to exiles. Accept, we pray our offerings and our special offering for Neighbors in Need. Use them according to your own purpose and grace. In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.

Please be seated

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Like a sower, God scatters, and God will give growth.

God scatters life across the earth.

God scatters people in every land and nation.

God scatters disciples far and wide.

Like a shepherd, God gathers.

God gathers people into families of faith.

God gathers people into communities of love.

God gathers people into the body of Christ.

Communion Prayer Words of Institution Prayer of Consecration Sharing of the Elements

Please stand in body or spirit.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, generous God, for the nourishment of this table and the living presence of Christ among us. We thank you for the gift of growth and grace in this life-renewing feast. We thank you for the company of your great cloud of witnesses, here in this place, in every land, and throughout the generations. Take your gathered people and scatter us again into the world—renewed, invigorated, and committed—that, so nourished, we may take root and bear life-giving fruit to feed, heal, clothe, and comfort, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn #698 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

BENEDICTION

We have been guests of Jesus Christ. We have received God's good gifts. Now we go out in the energy of the Spirit to our homes, to our neighborhoods, to our workplaces ready to put Jesus' words and being into action: to be the salt of the earth, to be light to the world, to seek justice, to make peace, to preserve the creation, to gain life for all.

The Blessing of the God we know as Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit be upon us all, today and every day. Amen.

(By, Rev. Dr. Ian Alexander, Church of Scotland.)

Please be seated

Postlude

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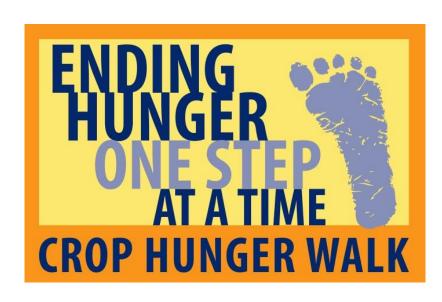
Head Ushers for October are Lance Ide and Ron Grace
Ushers today are Erin Rush and Karen Peterson
Altar Guild for the month of October are Robin Ide and Doris Lindmeier

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Consistory 2025

Elders: Ron Grace, Doris Lindmeier, Lee Metzger (President), Karen Peterson Deacons: Robert Creager, Cindy Grace, Tara Howell, Lance Ide, Erin Rush, Herb Volk (Vice President)

Consistory Secretary - Angela Stofflet; Treasurer - Jen Flexer



JOIN US FOR THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS ON OCTOBER 5th AT 1:30PM. WE WILL GATHER AT THE PAVILION.

ALL ANIMALS WELCOME!





RUMMAGE SALE: October 18th – Fall Clean-up! Bring your items to the church. For more details see Angela Stofflet (stoffletangela@gmail.com or 610-202-4680). Please leave your donations in fellowship hall. There will be a bake sale that day so if anyone is able to donate baked goods let Angela know. Thank you!

This is a list of items we will be UNABLE to accept for donation:

- 1. Automotive Supplies
 - a. Vehicle Roof Top Carriers
 - b. Tires
 - c. Wheels
- 2. Baby Items
 - a. Car seats
 - b. Cribs
 - c. Equipment over 10 years old
- 3. Bedding
 - a. Box Springs/Bed Springs
 - b. Electric Blankets
 - c. Hospital & Electric Beds
 - d. Water Beds
- 4. Building Supplies
 - a. Built in Cabinets
 - b. Doors
 - c. Sinks
 - d. Windows
- Computer/Office Equipment
 - a. CRT Monitors
 - b. Computers
 - c. Copiers
 - d. Fax Machines
 - e. Keyboards/Mouse
 - f. Printers
 - g. Scanners
- Major Appliances

- 7. Electrical
 - a. Ceiling Fans
 - b. Foot Spas
 - c. TVs: Older than 5yo, Larger than 32*
 - d. Projection TVs
- 8. Household Items
 - a. Exercise Equipment older than 5yo
 - b. Food
 - c. Helmets: Bike & Equestrian
 - d. Kerosene Heaters
 - e. Wire hangers
- 9. Furniture
 - a. "Bean Bag" Chairs
 - b. Entertainment Centers
 - c. Pianos and Organs
 - d. Wood TV and Stereo Console Units
- 10. Medical Equipment
 - a. CPAP Machines
 - b. Nebulizers
- 11. Outdoor Equipment
 - a. Camping Tents & Canopies
 - b. Gasoline, Propane Powered Equipment
 - c. Grills
 - d. Paint and Oil
 - e. Skis, Ski Boots & Poles
- 12. Refrigeration Misc.
 - a. Air Conditioners
 - b. Dehumidifiers



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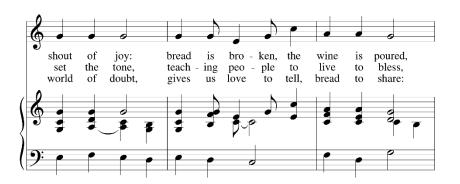
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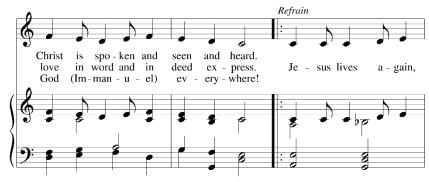


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