



**THE UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)**  
*"To be and share the Good News of Jesus Christ"*

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9am-1pm

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost – August 4, 2024

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

**+ GATHERING IN PRAISE AND PRAYER +**

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES, JOYS & CONCERNS**

**A PRAYER FOR PEACE**

**PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: With patience and love, we come as one family.

**All: We are one body of Christ, united in God.**

One: Come! Speak of truth, truth told in love.

**All: We gather to listen, and to share our stories.**

One: We are God's children, parts of Christ's purpose.

**All: We rejoice in our gifts, and we thank God for this grace.**

One: Come! Now is the time to worship.

**\* OPENING HYMN**

**"Step by Step"**  
**CP 14**

*Chorus: O God You are my God  
And I will ever praise You  
O God You are my God  
And I will ever praise You*

*I will seek You in the morning  
And I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days*

*Chorus*

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**\* INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**God of unity and peace, bind us together as we come now to worship. Strengthen the ties that make us your family. Grant us the grace to recognize our gifts and our place in this body. Guide us to hear your calling as you speak to our**

lives. Encourage us to bravely burst forth as pastors and teachers, prophets and healers, evangelists and leaders. Dwell in our very hearts, as we pray the prayer that your Son taught us: “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.”

## CHILDREN’S MOMENT

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAYER RESPONSE

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”  
CP #104

*O Lord, hear my prayer  
O Lord, hear my prayer  
When I call answer me  
O Lord, hear my prayer  
O Lord hear my prayer  
Come and listen to me.*

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## + GOD’S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED +

## FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 51:1-12

- 1Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- 2Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- 4Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
- 5Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 6You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- 7Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- 9Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- 11Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 12Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

### \* “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.*

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## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according

to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." <sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

## MESSAGE

**"Provisions for the Journey"**  
Angela Kirwin

## INVITATION HYMN

**"Seek Ye First"**  
RH #354

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and God's righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu, alleluia*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you  
Allelu, alleluia*

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## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and I accept Him as my Lord and Savior.*

## **+ WE MEET CHRIST AT THE TABLE +**

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

## HYMN OF COMMUNION

**"Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"**  
RH #387

*Bread of the world in mercy broken  
Wine of the soul in mercy shed  
By whom the words of life were spoken  
And in whose death our sins are dead*

*Look on the heart by sorrow broken  
Look on the tears by sinners shed  
And be thy feast to us the token  
That by thy grace our souls are fed*

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## THE ELDER'S PRAYER FOR THE BREAD AND THE CUP

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE HOLY FEAST

### + GOING FORTH TO SERVE +

#### HYMN OF COMMITMENT

**"Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"**  
RH #387, v 2

*Look on the heart by sorrow broken  
Look on the tears by sinners shed  
And be thy feast to us the token  
That by thy grace our souls are fed*

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#### OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

**GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME!  
ALL THE TIME! GOD IS GOOD!**

#### MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

#### OFFERTORY

#### \* DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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#### \* UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of miraculous grace, transform our gifts into the work of ministry here in this community and around the world. Transform us into your presence in the world through the ministries these offerings support. Use these gifts and us Lord, Amen.**

#### \* BENEDICTION

#### \* DEPARTING HYMN

**"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**  
RH #433, v 1

*Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above*

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**Many thanks to Angela Kirwin for preaching this morning! Angela lives with her husband, Kris, and their "fur kids" in Jeannette, PA. She is a dietary technician in a long term residential care facility. She regularly "attends" our**

worship service from home or work. She is beginning steps towards candidacy in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). In 2025, she plans to begin seminary at United Lutheran.

## SERVING SCHEDULE

### SERVING AUGUST 4

Elders: Jeannie Fox – W; Dan Adams - B  
Deacons: Dave Hixon, Bobbi Hixon - W  
Deacons: Renae Kotchman, Larry Kotchman – B  
Worship Leader: Jeannie Fox  
Greeter: Beth Boehm

### SERVING AUGUST 11

Elders: Dan Adams – W; Jeremy Beeler - B  
Deacons: Renae Kotchman, Larry Kotchman - W  
Deacons: Kevin Fisher, Debbie Carnello Fisher - B  
Worship Leader: Dan Adams  
Greeter: Diana Michael

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **This Week:**

Saturday, August 3: Yoga with Brenda – 9am  
Sunday, August 4: Worship & Kidz Korner – 10am – Angela Kirwin is our guest preacher.  
Monday, August 5: Hearts & Hands Sewing Group – 9:30am  
Monday, August 5: Yoga for Weight Loss – 6pm

### **Coming In August:**

Friday, August 10: Dave Hixon Acoustic Benefit for Cross Your Paws at Deer Creek Winery – 5:30pm  
Sunday, August 11: Worship & Kidz Korner – 10am – Rachel Neil is our guest preacher.  
Tuesday, August 20: Elder Prayer Gathering – 6:15pm; Board Meeting – 6:30pm  
Friday, August 23: Pirates Game  
Saturday, August 24: Riverfest! Sign up to sell iced tea & iced coffee in our church booth on Saturday or Sunday  
Sunday, August 25: Riverfest! Community Worship in front of the main stage – 11am – Backpacks and Students will be blessed!  
NOTE: There will be no service in our sanctuary at 10am. Please be a part of the 11am worship. Pastor Amory is participating.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL MISSION PROJECTS!**

We are collecting new backpacks and school supplies for area students. **DONATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 16.** Backpacks & supplies will be available at the Law Office of Lisa J. Buday on **MONDAY, AUGUST 21**, as school begins that week. All students are then encouraged and invited to bring their backpacks to Riverfest Worship on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Our teachers are also getting ready for their school year. There are bins in the Narthex with the names of teachers in our church. Watch for their “wish lists.”

**VACATION & A WEEK AT SEMINARY FOR PASTOR AMORY.** She is taking vacation from July 25<sup>th</sup> thru August 2<sup>nd</sup> – driving to Tulsa for an Education course (and seeing people and things along the way!). She will be in Tulsa doing seminary work August 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Her vacation then continues as she travels home (via Colorado to visit with a much-loved cousin). She expects to be back by August 16<sup>th</sup>. Traveling Mercy prayers appreciated!

Diana Michael, chair of the elders and deacons, is our contact for any pastoral emergencies. Pastor Amory is lining up clergy in the various hospital areas and will have that list of names and numbers for Diana and the church office. Church business issues should be directed to our board moderator, Jeannie Fox.

# PRAYER list

**Prayer Chain 08/4/24:** Pastor Amory, Will & Sheryl, Eddie & Bobby Henley, Margaret & Rosemary Capanna, Billy Beckinger, John Sosnak, Michael Kromer, Beth Higginbotham, Mary & Brandi, Eddie, Aunt Patty, Barb Matola, Chuck Speicher, James Albright, the family of Barbra O'Savage, peace in our country, in Ukraine & Russia, in Palestine & Israel, in Sudan, and around the world.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** The Abbott and Lacey Families \* James Adams \* Amber \* Pastor Amory \* Ashton \* Caleb and Cheryl \* Carla Anderton \* Anthony \* Jacob Armstrong \* Barbara \* Barb & Jack \* Lesley Beeler \* Susan Balla \* Dennis & Darla Beaumont \* Michael Belvis \* William Bosley, Jr. \* Brigitte \* Velda & Mike Brown \* Rosemary Capanna \* Cynthia & Bill Carnegie \* Charles \* Josh Clark Family \* Rachel Clements \* Lee Crum \* Michelle Csonka \* Sally Daley \* David \* Irma Davis \* Staci Anderson Dominick \* Thomas & Jody Dykins \* Patty Elmer \* Hannah Emerick \* Kim Emmerick \* Betty Falsetti \* Peg Fawcett \* Charles Fetsko \* Jaelyn Fife \* Bella Figueroa \* Kenneth Franks \* Kevin Franks \* Janet Fuentes \* Monica Gatten \* Athena Georgagis \* Alice Glawinski \* Greg \* Silas Gregg \* Catherine Grimplin \* Elijah Hamilton \* Hallie & David \* Gary Hajdu \* Lisa Hajdu \* Charles Dale Hash \* Janet Hellner-Burris \* Judy Hess \* Jack Higinbotham \* Sue Holder & husband \* Aaron Huhn \* Michael & Allison Hunter \* Irene \* James \* Johnny \* Ken Johnson \* Karen \* Kate \* Carrie Hunt Kennedy \* Brenda Kerik \* Kiyoko \* Karen Krilosky \* Annmarie Lacey \* Shawn Laudenbacher \* Hope Lewis \* Brandon Lincoski \* Christie Heaton-Little \* Dale Lovell \* Sean Machusko \* Irene Mariscotti \* Ted Martin \* Dave Mayle \* Rich McDonald \* Gail Merriman \* Diana Michael \* Michelle \* Brianna Mitchell \* Carrie Moffet \* Molly \* Monica \* Nathaniel \* Bill Odes \* April Owens \* Tina & Michael Pasquale \* Nadine Pennell \* Janet Pecsco \* Gayle Phistner \* Lou Poli \* Tim Reedy \* Jenny Ritchey \* Knox Rusnock \* Sam \* Norman & Sherri Shepley \* Shorty \* Hannah Simpson \* Toni & John Sosnak \* Susan \* Zachary Timms \* Eloise Tower \* Kim & Gerald Valentine \* Roxanne Vavassas \* Jordan Whitacre \* Lenore Woods \* Zaiden

**Special Care List:** Margaret Capanna \* Ruth Kudlac \* Monica Loskey \* Linda Novak \* Harry & Judy Shaposka

## Created to Be a Steward



### STEWARDSHIP BY THE NUMBERS JUNE GENERAL FUND REPORT

CASH AND OFFERING DEPOSITS	\$ 4,927.00
ONLINE GIVING & CREDIT	\$ 1,655.61
<b>TOTAL GIFTS/INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 6,582.61</b>
EXPENSES	\$ 8,602.03
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>- \$ 2,019.42</b>

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