

# St. John's (Hain's) United Church of Christ

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Duccio di Buoninsegna The Maesta Altarpiece: Pentecost panel 1308-1311 Siena Cathedral

## Welcome to St. John's (Hain's) UCC

**Celebrating Traditions of the Past**

**Connections in the Present**

**Building for the Future**

**We are glad that you are here today!**

The **bold** parts of the service are for the congregation to offer to God.

The \*symbol in the bulletin indicates that you are invited to stand.

**MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE**

Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

Wilbur Held

**RINGING THE HAIN'S BELL**

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRELUDE**

Wareham, *Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

J. Bert Carlson

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

**Pastor:** Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

**People:** **For God has done wondrous things for us.**

**Pastor:** Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

**People:** **For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!**

**Pastor:** Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

**People:** **Help us to boldly proclaim "Christ Is Risen." Amen.**

**\*HYMN #388** O God in Whom All Life Begins

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not always listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

**\*TIME OF PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*PRAISE RESPONSE** Hymn #374 Refiner's Fire (verse 2)

## **\*SIGN OF PEACE**

### **ANTHEM**

Rejoice! Give Thanks! Celebrate!

Joseph M. Martin

*Rejoice, sing to the Lord a new psalm, with hymns and songs of the Spirit.*

*Rejoice sing to the Lord a new psalm give thanks unto God in your hearts!*

*Shout out with loud voices and jubilant noises rejoice, rejoice in the Lord.*

*Ring out with elation and glad celebration rejoice and sing evermore.*

*Rejoice, sing to the Lord a new psalm, with hymns and songs of the Spirit.*

*Rejoice, sing to the Lord a new psalm, with hearts undivided and voices united rejoice!*

*Give thanks to God. Rejoice, give thanks to God.*

### **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Offerings are received, both before and after the worship service, in the offering plates located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support of Christ's mission and ministry at Hain's UCC!

**\*DOXOLOGY HYMN #34** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)

**Pentecost God, take our hearts and set them on fire. Take our lives and transform them. Take our church and resurrect it with your life-giving Spirit. Take these gifts and use them for the fulfillment of your vision of peace and unity in the church and in the world. Amen.**

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS**

After the children's sermon, Time with Young Christians will continue in Room 202 with adult volunteers. There will be a lesson, crafts, activities and playtime.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Kathryn Fox

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Acts 2:1-18

**\*HYMN #133** There's a Spirit in the Air

**SERMON** "Holy Spirit Power"

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Unison)

**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.**

**\*HYMN #128** Spirit, Working in Creation

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Woodlands, *Tell Out My Soul*

J. Wayne Kerr

**CHIMES**

Go forth  
*Serving Together in Faith, Hope and Love.*  
*Work for reconciliation and the unity of the Body of Christ.*  
*Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before God.*  
All Members Are Ministers

Pastor Mark can be contacted at 717-304-0547  
if you are in need of pastoral care or if you would like a visit.

**THANK YOU TO THIS MORNING'S PARTICIPANTS**

Linda Gartner, Greeter  
Kathryn Fox, Lector  
Robin Lamm and Denielle Bossler, Time with Young Christians

**FLOWER SPONSORS**

In honor of son, Zachery, receiving his doctorate  
by Craig and Peggy Foster

## **BULLETIN SPONSORS**

In honor of Jon and Lori Gerhart's anniversary  
by Paul and Fern Ruth

### **ABOUT TODAY'S BULLETIN COVER**

Duccio's Maestà (Majesty) Altarpiece was commissioned for Siena's Cathedral in 1308. It is unusual in having painted panels on both the front and back sides. This Pentecost panel is from the back side. You can see that it has been slightly cut down on the left-hand side at some point in its long history. Other panels have been dispersed or lost.

### **REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE**

Please join us in the chapel after today's service for a time of fellowship. Thank you to Linda Gartner, Vicki Hoover and Karen Krick for providing the refreshments.

### **REFRESHMENTS ON JUNE 9**

If you are able to provide refreshments for fellowship after the June 9 worship service, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the coatroom. Thank you!

### **FINAL ANNIE GAUL CONCERT FOR 2023-24**

Please join us today at 3:00 p.m. for a performance by the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts Touring Choir.

### **CONRAD WEISER BACCALAUREATE**

The Conrad Weiser High School Baccalaureate service will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Pastor Mark will offer this year's message to the graduating seniors. This year's graduating class includes Gracie McMahon and Lizzy Schaeffer. Come out and support the Class of 2024! Oh, the places they will go!

### **GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

On June 2 we will recognize our high school and college graduates during the 9:30 a.m. worship service. We hope you can join us as we celebrate the achievements of our youth.

### **TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS SUMMER SCHEDULE**

During the months of June, July and August, Time with Young Christians will continue to meet every Sunday during the worship service as usual. We will also meet downstairs, after this time in the service, on the first and third Sundays of these summer months. This schedule will keep continuity with learning and provide a fuller break for our teachers. If you would like to help teach our young people, please let Pastor Mark know. Thank you!

## **MISSION OPPORTUNITY IN JUNE**

During the month of June, the Mission Committee will have a donation center set up in the coatroom to collect items for Helping Harvest and the Food Pantry. Specifically, we have been asked to provide the following picnic-themed items: mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, relish and dry lemonade mix. Thank you in advance for your kindness and support!

## **LAMBEAU THE THERAPY DOG**

On May 26, Debbie Greusel, a member of the Alliance of Therapy Dogs, will join us with her 7-year-old Border Collie/Australian Shepherd mix named Lambeau. They will participate in the worship service during the children's sermon and then meet with the children in the Time with Young Christians classroom. You won't want to miss this special treat for kids and adults alike!

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

In addition to our regular 9:30 a.m. worship service on May 26, a second service will be held in the grove at 11:30 a.m. to commemorate Memorial Day. The guest speaker will be Chris Bower representing the Veterans Coalition of Pennsylvania. Please bring a chair if you plan to attend this service, and a friend or two as well!

## **STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING**

May 19 is the UCC-designated date to support the Strengthen the Church offering. This is a shared commitment across the United Church of Christ that allows people to cooperatively build up the UCC by equally sharing gifts given through local congregations. The funds raised through this offering support several vital areas:

- Nurturing and equipping leaders within the UCC.
- Planting and establishing new UCC congregations.
- Fostering spiritual growth and engagement among our youth and young adults.
- Encouraging fresh ideas and approaches within established churches.

If you wish to support this commitment to the UCC, please use the giving envelope that was mailed with the May issue of Hain's Happenings. Strengthen the Church envelopes are also available on the literature racks in the narthex.

## **MEALS MINISTRY**

We are adding a Meals Ministry into the life of Hain's UCC. We are looking for individuals who are willing to make a meal or two for people who are in need on a short-term basis after an illness or when returning home from a hospitalization. If you can join in this support ministry, please contact Pastor Mark at [pastor@stjhains.org](mailto:pastor@stjhains.org) – you will be most welcome!

## THIS WEEK AT HAIN'S CHURCH

Sunday	5/19	8:00 a.m.	Grove rental until 7:00 p.m.
		8:15 a.m.	ECL/Bible Study
		9:30 a.m.	In-Person/Live-Streaming worship Refreshments after the service in the chapel
		10:45 a.m.	Chancel Choir
		3:00 p.m.	Annie Gaul Concert - Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts Touring Choir
		5:30 p.m.	Cubs
Monday	5/20	5:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in the Grove until 8:00 p.m.
		6:00 p.m.	Missions
		7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
Tuesday	5/21	7:00 p.m.	Trustees
Wednesday	5/22	5:00 p.m.	Choirs Picnic in the Grove
Thursday	5/23	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Sunday	5/26	8:15 a.m.	ECL/Bible Study
		9:30 a.m.	In-Person/Live-Streaming worship
		11:30 a.m.	Community sSrvice in Grove
		5:30 p.m.	Cubs

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday - 8:00 to noon

The office will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 27.

## STAFF

Rev. Mark Johnson, Pastor  
Marie Gelsinger Miller, Director of Music Ministry  
Tina Grindrod, Financial Administrator/Cemetery Clerk  
Nancy Flory, Church Secretary  
Linda Gartner, Office Assistant  
Chuck Knox, Custodian  
Rev. Peter Goguts, Pastor Emeritus

## LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN

Tim Gromis

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## Keystone Working Group – Communications

### Summary of April 19 and April 24, 2024 Meetings



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Meeting at the Penn Central Conference Office at St. Thomas UCC, on April 19, the Keystone Working Group spent the morning session developing possible staffing configurations based on our combined financial capacities and constraints. More specific information from the financial group helped us see the need to revise the direction of roles and responsibilities of a future Keystone Conference Model.

Attention to finances is a critical component to mapping a realistic way forward but we can't let that squeeze out room for the work of the Holy Spirit. Hope and energy inspired our conversations over the last 18 months bringing us to a more connected vision. Equipping people is essential! Inspired by the Holy Spirit to recognize the gifts of the people in local churches and Association Leadership, we spent time looking at many possibilities, creating space for future conversations. Transitioning to a new model of ministry, we must give ourselves time and grace to build scaffolding for a new model of ministry.

To end our time on Friday, the Approval Process Team presented the revised draft motion with the changes suggested last month. In consultation with UCC National, a draft MOTION is recommended rather than a resolution to Synod. Again a few changes were suggested to be incorporated prior to releasing this for review at the Annual Gathering.

Meeting through Zoom, the conversation continued on April 24. The Working Group further recognized that mission must drive our efforts and not our limitations of finances. The opportunity to respond to the needs to the local congregations will guide us to create a proactive model that equips and empowers community. Our enthusiasm continues to build as we explore our strategic vision and the scale of opportunity before us to actually live as the Body of Christ proclaiming **"Together We Are Stronger!"**

Our next meeting will focus on more details for the upcoming gathering and group conversations in plenary sessions in June. We will also focus on the hard questions of what we believe the 4 conferences merged can afford for staffing, program and offices. We look forward to exploring God's "new thing" among us.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION is now available through all 4 conference websites! Financial Assistance is available. <https://psec.org/annual-meeting-2024/>

Our combined gathering of all 4 conference areas is **June 7-9, 2024** at State College. The hotel deadline for registration has passed, but conference registration — including an online attendance option — continues!

The Holy Spirit continues to lead affirming, **"Together we are stronger,"** equipping the church.

Please visit the Keystone Conference Project website hosted by the PSEC at <https://psec.org/keystone/>. We can always share questions and comments by email at [Keystone.Conference.Project@gmail.com](mailto:Keystone.Conference.Project@gmail.com) or direct mail through your own area Conference Office.

Sharing our progress relying on the grace of God!



## 388 O God in Whom All Life Begins

F C F  $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$   $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{C7}{G}$  F C  $\frac{C}{Bb}$   $\frac{F}{A}$  F  $\frac{Bb}{D}$  Bb F

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,  
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts  
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

C Dm Bb F C F Dm  $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{F}{C}$  C7 F

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.  
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.  
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Dm  $\frac{A7}{E}$   $\frac{Dm}{F}$  Gm6 A7 Dm  $\frac{A7}{D}$  Dm Dm6  $\frac{C}{E}$   $\frac{Dm}{F}$   $\frac{C}{G}$  G7 C

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - ti - ence, joy, and peace;  
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name  
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray,

$\frac{F}{A}$  C7 D7 Gm  $\frac{F}{A}$  C Dm  $\frac{F}{A}$  F  $\frac{F}{C}$  C7 F

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.  
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.  
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-)

MUSIC: English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan (1842-1900)

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# Refiner's Fire

*Unison* E B/D# C#m F#m

1 Pur - i - fy my heart, let me be as gold and  
 2 Pur - i - fy my heart, cleanse me from with - in and

A/B B7 A/B B7 E B/D# C#m

pre-cious sil - ver. Pur - i - fy my heart, let me be as  
 make me ho - ly. Pur - i - fy my heart, cleanse me from my

*Refrain* F#m E/B B E A B

gold, sin, pure gold. Re - fin - er's fire;  
 deep with-in.

E A Bsus B A/B E

my heart's one de - sire is to be

Continued →

# Refiner's Fire

ho - ly, set a - part for you, Lord. I choose to

be ho - ly, set a - part for you,

my Mas - ter, read - y to do your will.

**Chords:** B, D#, B, E, A, E/B, Bsus, B, A/B, E, B, D#, B, E, A, E, E/B, B, F#m, A/B, B, Esus, E

The musical score is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the lyrics 'ho - ly, set a - part for you, Lord. I choose to'. The second system contains 'be ho - ly, set a - part for you,'. The third system contains 'my Mas - ter, read - y to do your will.' Above the treble clef staff, guitar chords are indicated: B, D#, B, E, A, E/B, Bsus, B, A/B in the first system; E, B, D#, B, E, A, E in the second system; E/B, B, F#m, A/B, B, Esus, E in the third system.

# Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

G D Em Bm Em D G D Em C G D

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Em D F# G D G/B C F#dim A G Em D Am G/B D7 G

praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

WORDS: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)  
 MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561), *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

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 L.M.

# There's a Spirit in the Air

Unison  $\frac{F}{A}$  B $\flat$  Dm B $\flat$   $\frac{F}{A}$  C F  $\frac{Am}{C}$  C  $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{Am}{C}$

1 There's a spir - it in the air, tell - ing Chris - tians  
 2 Lose your shy - ness, find your tongue, tell the world what  
 3 When be - liev - ers break the bread, when a hun - gry  
 4 Still the Spir - it gives us light, see - ing wrong and  
 5 When a stran - ger's not a - lone, where the home - less  
 6 May the Spir - it fill our praise, guide our thoughts and  
 7 There's a Spir - it in the air, call - ing peo - ple

Dm Gm Csus C Dm Cm  $\frac{Adim}{C}$  Gm  $\frac{Dm}{F}$   $\frac{Csus}{F}$   $\frac{C}{E}$

ev - ery - where: "Praise the love that Christ re - vealed,  
 God has done: God in Christ has come to stay.  
 child is fed, praise the love that Christ re - vealed,  
set - ting right: God in Christ has come to stay.  
 find a home, praise the love that Christ re - vealed,  
 change our ways. God in Christ has come to stay.  
 ev - ery - where: praise the love that Christ re - vealed,

F B $\flat$   $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{Am}{C}$  C F

liv - ing, work - ing, in our world."  
 Live to - mor - row's life to - day.  
 liv - ing, work - ing, in our world.  
Live to - mor - row's life to - day.  
 liv - ing, work - ing, in our world.  
 Live to - mor - row's life to - day.  
 liv - ing, work - ing, in our world.

\*Small notes: organ only.

WORDS: Brian Wren (1936- )  
 MUSIC: John W. Wilson (1905-1992)  
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## 128 Spirit, Working in Creation

G  $\frac{D7}{A}$   $\frac{G}{B}$  Em C6 D G  $\frac{G}{B}$  Am7 D  $\frac{G}{B}$  Em  $\frac{D7}{A}$  D7 G

1 Spir - it, work - ing in cre - a - tion, bring - ing or - der out of strife:  
 2 Spir - it, o - ver - shad - owing Ma - ry as the Christ - child in her grew:  
 3 Spir - it, driv - ing to the des - ert e - ven God's A - noint - ed One:  
 4 Spir - it, wind and flame, em - power - ing fear - less wit - ness to the lost:

G  $\frac{D7}{A}$   $\frac{G}{B}$  Em C6 D G  $\frac{G}{B}$  Am7 D  $\frac{G}{B}$  Em  $\frac{D7}{A}$  D7 G

come a - round God's gath - ered peo - ple, giv - ing har - mo - ny and life.  
 come, so that the Christ with - in us may to - day be born a - new.  
 come to us in trial and test - ing that God's will in us be done.  
 come, u - nite, re - new your won - ders as of a new Pen - te - cost!"

Em Dm C  $\frac{Bm}{D}$   $\frac{Am}{E}$  E Am D  $\frac{D}{C}$   $\frac{G}{B}$  Em  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G A7 D

Spir - it, speak - ing through the proph - ets so the voice of God was heard:  
 Spir - it, com - ing from the Fa - ther as a dove up - on our Lord:  
 Spir - it, breathed on the dis - ci - ples, giv - ing peace where there was fear:  
 Praise and glo - ry, Ho - ly Spir - it, for your love on us out - poured,

G  $\frac{D7}{A}$   $\frac{G}{B}$  Em C6 D G  $\frac{G}{B}$  Am7 D  $\frac{G}{B}$  Em  $\frac{D7}{A}$  D7 G

come, in - spire, a - lert your peo - ple to this day's pro - phet - ic word.  
 come up - on your fa - vored peo - ple, and your bless - ings be out - poured.  
 come a - mong us, touch us, send us, mak - ing Je - sus' pres - ence near.  
 giv - ing hon - or to the Fa - ther and pro - claim - ing Je - sus "Lord."