

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

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Thomas Hart Benton Spring Plowing 1940 private collection

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

Laudes Domini , *When Morning Guilds the Skies*

Robert Lind

RINGING THE HAIN'S BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME AND SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE

Lasst uns erfreuen, *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

Mark Sedio

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Pastor: God of love, you plant us in the soil of your grace.

People: **You nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life.**

Pastor: Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us in many ways..

People: **Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. We pray that our worship of you this morning overflows with gratitude and praise!**

***HYMN #30** All Things Bright and Beautiful

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

We thank you, gracious God, for Jesus Christ the true vine, with his roots eternally grounded in you. Yet we confess that all is not well with the way we live. Forgive us for the occasions when we have been the ones to introduce disease into the vine, preferring its contamination to the vigor of health. Forgive us for neglecting to draw deeply on the sap of Life, for the apathy that lets us go through some seasons without bearing any fruit. Have mercy on us. Please do not lose patience or sever us completely from the true vine. Rather, heal our diseases, discipline and train our wandering tendrils, prune our unfruitful branches, and cut away our diseased ones. May we remain in Christ and him in us, through all the changing seasons of life. Let us delight in bearing the fruits of love, which are our true purpose and joy. In your life-giving name we pray. Amen.

***TIME OF PERSONAL CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PRAISE RESPONSE HYMN #373** Change My, Heart O God

***SIGN OF PEACE**

ANTHEM

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.*

*As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup.
Then with thanks to God the Father, break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.*

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)

Gracious God, you are the vine grower, and we belong to you. Thank you for carefully tending us, especially in difficult times. You provide what we need in order to grow as disciples of Jesus. Help us to abide in him, the true vine. May these offerings and our lives bear much fruit and bring glory to you. We pray in Jesus' name. 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 READING Karen Krick

John 15:1-8

***HYMN #581** Called as Partners In Christ's Service

SERMON "God the Vinegrower"

ROGATION SUNDAY PRESENTATION

The Schaeffer Family

PASTORAL PRAYER AND BLESSING OF THE SEEDS

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 #723** For the Fruit of All Creation

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (See reflection on next page)

Noel nouvelet, *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

Mark Sedio

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

Rhoda Renninger, Greeter

Karen Krick, Lector

Sue Kline and Karen Snyder, Time with Young Christians

The Schaeffer Family, Rogation Presentation

FLOWER SPONSOR

In memory of my wife, Jean, by Bill Roberts

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S POSTLUDE

The tune, *Noël nouvelet* and used for today's Postlude, is often heard as the Christmas melody, *Christmas Comes Again*. The text associated with this tune, and the one used as the basis of this arrangement, is *Now the Green Blade Rises*. These words, written by English author John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958), are included here for your reflection as you listen to the Postlude.

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

ABOUT TODAY'S BULLETIN COVER

Thomas Hart Benton (1889-1975) was an American Regionalist artist and teacher from Missouri. He is best known for his agricultural scenes of farmers and other rural workers in the Mid-West. There is some nostalgia in Benton's depictions. In Benton's lifetime, manual and equine labor on farms was replaced by machinery. Benton became so famous that he made the cover of TIME magazine in 1934.

As always, we thank Bonita Billman for providing artwork that enhances our bulletin covers.

FLEA MARKET CANCELLED

Due to a lack of interest, the Community Flea Market in the Grove scheduled for May 11 has been cancelled.

LUNCH AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

We will have a baked potato and taco bar in the social room after the worship service today. There are still some seats remaining, so please join us even if you forgot to sign up in advance.

MAY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Because of today's special Rogation Sunday presentation, we will celebrate Holy Communion during the worship service on May 12.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

The Strengthen the Church offering 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.

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

We would like to honor our high school and college graduates! Please call the church office at 610-678-2133 or email church@stjhains.org by May 13 to make sure we have your graduate's name, the school from which he or she is graduating, and post-graduation plans. If a college student, please include the graduate's degree/major. We are proud of all of our graduates and want to make sure that no one is missed!

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 – you will be most welcome!

FINAL ANNIE GAUL CONCERT FOR 2023-24

Please join us for the last concert of the 2023-24 concert series on May 19 at 3:00 p.m. for a performance by the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts Touring Choir.

MOTHER / DAUGHTER BANQUET

The Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on Friday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the social room. It is a family-style dinner served by the men of Hain's. The entertainment, featuring voice and tap dance, will be provided by Craig Caltagirone. Tickets will be on sale in the coatroom after today's service.

Adults and children ages 13 and over - \$10.00
Children ages 6 to 12 - \$6.00
Children ages 5 and under eat free

HANDICAP ENTRANCES

The handicap access "Push to Open" buttons at both handicap entrances are now operational when the doors are unlocked for events.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer Request cards are located on a table in the Narthex. If you have a prayer request, please write it on a Prayer Request card and deposit the card in the offering plate either before or after the service. Pastor Mark will lift up in prayer your requests at the altar after the service, and the cards will remain on the altar for the week as constant prayers before God.

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY

Attendance pads are located on each pew at the center aisle. Please fill in your information and pass it to the next person in the pew. After everyone in the pew has signed, please return the pad to its center-aisle location.

THIS WEEK AT HAIN'S CHURCH

Sunday	5/05	8:15 a.m.	ECL/Bible Study
		9:30 a.m.	In-Person/Live-Streaming worship Rogation Sunday – No communion Baked Potato and Taco Bar after service
		10:45 a.m.	Chancel Choir
		5:30 p.m.	Cubs
Monday	5/06	6:00 p.m.	Brownies/Jr. Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Elders
Tuesday	5/07	11:30 a.m.	Prime Timers
Wednesday	5/08	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	5/09	10:00 a.m.	BIBLE STUDY CANCELLED
Friday	5/10	6:00 p.m.	Mother/Daughter Banquet
Saturday	5/11		FLEA MARKET CANCELLED
Sunday	5/12	8:15 a.m.	ECL/Bible Study
		9:30 a.m.	In-Person/Live-Streaming worship with Communion
		10:45 a.m.	Chancel Choir
		5:30 p.m.	Cubs

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday - 8:00 to noon

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

All Things Bright and Beautiful 30

Refrain (Unison)

$\frac{G}{B}$
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C
 $\frac{D7}{A}$
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Am7

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

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all things wise and won-der - ful: the Lord God made them all.

N.C.
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G

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

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Am7

to Refrain

God made their glow-ing col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den: God made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Change My Heart, O God

Unison

C Am7 Dm7 G7

Change my heart, O God, make it ev - er true.

C G/B Am7 Dm7

Change my heart, O God,

Dm7/G G7 C Esus E 3

may I be like you. You are the

Am Am7 Dm7 G C

Pot - ter, I am the clay;

Esus E Am C/D D7

mold me and make me, this is what I

Gsus G7 C Am7 Dm7

pray. Change my heart, O God,

G7 C G/B Am7

make it ev - er true. Change my heart, O God,

Dm7 Dm7/G G7 C

may I be like you.

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 G D G C F#dim G Em D Am G 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.

581 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

A D/A A E7 A D(#4) D A/E E7 A

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life

A D/A A E7 E#dim7 F#m D A/E E7 A

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

F#m F#m F#m C#7 F#m C# A D/A A E/B B7 E7

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

A D/A A E7 E#dim7 F#m D A/E E7 A

e-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

723 For the Fruit of All Creation

F $\frac{Fmaj7}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ G $\frac{G7}{B}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat Gm C C7 F

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

F $\frac{Fmaj7}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ G $\frac{G7}{B}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat Gm C C7 F

For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

$\frac{B\flat}{D}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ F B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C7}{G}$ F $\frac{C7}{G}$ F C7 Dm B \flat maj9 $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

$\frac{F}{C}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{Fmaj7}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ G $\frac{G7}{B}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat Gm C C7 F

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.