

# Community United Church

**An Open and Affirming Congregation**

Affiliated with the United Church of Christ & the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



June 30, 2024

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

Pastoral Team:

Rev. Dr. Richard W. McCarty & Pastor Joy L. Johnson

*Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!*

Prelude  
Welcome, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

Cheryl Strecker

Centering Music

“Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty” #19

Blessed be the Lord God almighty,  
Who was, and is, and is to come;  
Blessed be the Lord God almighty,  
Who reigns forevermore.

*(Repeat)*

Invocation:

One: Holy and loving God, your Spirit gathers us to worship you—our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

**All: Our hearts long to feel your love. We yearn to be renewed with just one touch of your hand. As we come to worship you, O God, embrace us as we reach out to be made whole by you. Amen!**

\*Hymn

“We Come, O Christ, to You” #110 Vv. 1, 3-4

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man;  
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began:  
In you alone, we live and move and have our being in your love.

You are the living Truth, all wisdom dwells in you,  
The source of every skill, the one eternal True!  
O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know you is to live  
The more abundant life that earth can never give.  
O risen Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life renew!



**\* Opening Prayer**

**\*The Peace of Christ**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you, All!

**All: And also with you!**

One: Let us share with one another a sign of peace.

Song

“Where the Spirit of the Lord Is” #396

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace.  
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.  
There is comfort in life’s darkest hour,  
There is light and life, there is help and power  
In the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.

*(Repeat)*



### Reading

### The Book of Lamentations 3:22-26

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, God’s mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup> “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in God.” <sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. <sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

### Responsorial

### Psalm 130

One: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**All: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

One: I wait for the LORD; my soul waits, and in God’s word I hope; my soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning.

**All: O People of God, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem. It is God will to redeem the people from all iniquities. Amen.**

### \*Gloria

### “Glory Be to God, Creator” #145

Glory be to God, Creator, glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit, known as Three, yet God the One

As it was in the beginning, it is now and so shall be,  
In a world without an ending, glory through eternity.

Holy, holy God Almighty! Holy, holy Prince of Peace!  
Holy, holy Wind of Presence! Holy, holy, holy! Amen!

## \*Gospel

Mark 5:21-34

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and pleaded with him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." <sup>24</sup> So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup> Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

<sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my cloak?" <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" <sup>32</sup> He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

One: This is the Gospel of Christ for the people of God.

**All: Come Holy Spirit! Thanks be to God!**

Message

Rise Up in Faith

Pastor Rich

Hymn

"Through it All" #452

Through it all, through it all  
I've learned to trust in Jesus,  
I've learned to trust in God;  
Through it all, through it all,  
I've learned to depend upon God's Word

*(Repeat)*



## Celebration of Communion

Pastor: People of God, come to the table! Christ promised that as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we not only remember him, but we commune with him by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

**All: This is a table of grace. There is room around it for every soul that was, and is, and is to come. We come to the table as a people who are learning the way of Christ. We confess that we are not always right. But we share this faith: that those who trust in Christ Jesus will grow in the assurance of God's eternal love.**

Pastor: And so, here at this table we take bread and cup and ask the Holy Spirit to make it for us: communion with Christ, who gave his life as the bread of heaven and as the cup of eternal life.

**All: Here at this table we remember that Christ gave his entire life as an outpouring of God's love—a love that will, one day, renew all things. Amen.**

Pastor: People of God, come to the table!

## Communion Music



## Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer ("Debts and Debtors")

One: The Lord be with you.

All: ***And also with you.***

One: People of God, let us center our hearts and extend the spiritual power that is within us. *Let us pray:* For the prayer requests that have come to us today, whether joys or sorrows.... [prayer requests are presented] .... Holy and Loving God, in your wisdom, meet all of these needs in the perfect way of your grace.

**All: God hear our prayer!**

One: For all that we hold in the silence of our hearts, we come to you in the confidence of quiet, O God, and lift our petitions privately to you. (*Silent prayer*)... Almighty God, Sovereign of Heaven, shower your blessings upon all people! Move the mountains in our lives, or help to move us so that we might be fully at peace. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray...

**All: "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, the Power, and the Glory forever." Amen.**

## Offering

*Our offerings are first and foremost what we give to the world through justice, kindness, and mercy—and these we can do every day. Our offerings can also take the form of financial contributions to the church to support our ministries.*

**If you are not in the sanctuary, online donations can be made at:  
[www.communityunited.church](http://www.communityunited.church)**

Or, if you prefer to mail in a check, that can be addressed to the church at:  
1011 West 38<sup>th</sup> Street – Erie, PA 16508

## Ministry of Music

***Your offerings make this inclusive ministry possible. Thank you!***

## Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Congregational Response (BLUE) #147

***“Praise God, from whom all blessing flow:  
Praise God, all creatures high and low: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known! Creator, Word, and Spirit one!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!”***

\*Departing Prayer

One: Holy and loving God, companion through it all—our weeping may linger with the night, but you give joy in the morning.

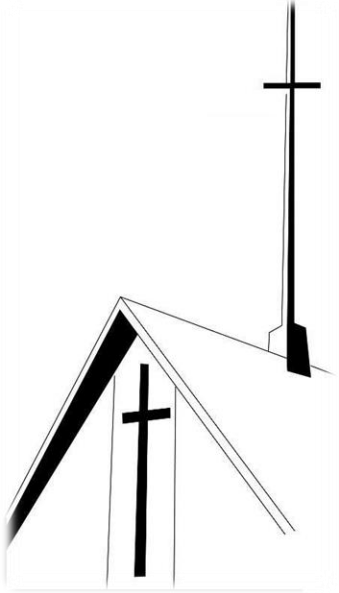
**All: Touch us and restore us with your healing grace that we may live as the Body of Christ on earth. Amen!**

\*Blessing

Closing Hymn “Let There Be Peace on Earth” #614

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other—in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

**Thank you for worshipping with us this morning at  
Community United Church!**



**Next Week:**  
**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

*Readings:*

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalm 123

Mark 6:1-13

**Theme: A Prophet Among Us**

***Need to contact us for prayer, conversation, or to connect  
online with a small group or church ministry?***

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**The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Kathy Koziol in celebration of hers and Jerry's Anniversary**

### **UPCOMING**

July 3: Supper & Study 6:30  
July 8: Council Meeting 6:30 PM  
July 10: Spirits & Spirituality – Calamari's 7:00 PM

**The Arts-Crafts-Bake Sale was a tremendous success for our church family! The participation of volunteers who set up prior, took down following, served as floaters during, helped with parking, met visitors at the admissions table, sold baked goods, along with numerous bakers, and our artisans and crafters, made this a marvelous family event. We are filled with gratitude for all of you. The total of funds raised is \$2,257. This total includes the \$350 paid by artisans and vendors to have a table; \$1,043 from admissions and baked goods; and \$864 in donations. Thank you all for making this event extra special!**

#### **From Your Team:**

**Justin Graff, Ginnie Burger, Pat Smith, Chuck, David Holmes, Lee Pomeroy, and Evon Lloyd.**

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### **WE REMEMBER THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES:**

Jackson Feiock (Army), Jacob Snyder (Army), Nick Duncan (Army), Samantha McHenry (Army), Brittany Duncan (Army), Matt Duncan (Army), Tyler Anderson (Army National Guard), Shelby Wescott (Army), Matthew Anderson (Army), Jaden O'Hara (Army) & Toby Charlton (Marines)

### **PRAYERS FOR:**

Dorothy Moyer, Anna Silvia, Dew Johnson,  
Harry Lamb, Diane Walker, Ralph Kester,  
John M., Todd Carrier, Teddy Long, Jimmyo, Sandy Gool, Tammy McIntyre, Laura Stone,  
Jan & Tim Crowe and Family, Debra Doerfer & David Magid, Annette Minich,  
Dave Pakulski, Randi Johnson, Ethel Davis,  
Jim Haglund, Chelsea Brown, John Waid, Celeste Eller & Family, Shirley Carrier,  
Dave Woledge, Ev Smith, Karis Fenton, Ruth Schmidt, Jerry Koziol, Uncle Charlie,  
Carol & Doug Rodgers, Jane Moran, Ed Mumau, Sharon Cooper,  
Mary Ann Schmeisser, Josh Cook & Danny Kaeberlein, Jenny Jacob,  
The Doerfer-DePoorter Family & Jeremiah.

### **Council Members:**

Debbie Anderson (President), Angel Conrad (VP), Nancy Alberico (Secretary), Janice Skelly, Mike Pruzinsky, Michele Vahey, Patti Rogers, Carol Rodgers, and Bob Martin

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