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**\*Indicates that people may stand as they are able.**

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

11:00am

Tower Chimes

Music to gather      “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”    Setting by Wayne L. Wold  
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Welcome

Call To Worship: Psalm 67

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God's face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

**Many: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**Many: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

One: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

**All: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere God!**

**Hymn#238.....“Now the Green Blade Rises”**

Prayer of Confession

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Let us come before the Lord of love and confess the places where we are still learning and growing!

**Many: Lord God, we know that you are life, the life which is the light of the world; but sometimes we allow the darkness to close in. We find ourselves driven apart from you. We confess that we do not always trust Christ's gifts, sacrificing grace and truth in order to get ahead in the world. We do not always listen to your Spirit's teaching and direction, trusting instead in our own intellect or hard work. Please forgive our thoughtlessness, carelessness, willful ignorance and disobedience. -Confession on Holy Spirit by Jacob Traeger**

Confession Response 🎵 Hymn #245, verse 2  
Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
The Christ who reigns eternal in resurrection light;  
We listen for the teachings once heard so calm and plain,  
For we, too, want to follow and raise the victor strain.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

One: When we confess our growing edges before Jesus we are forgiven, and when we profess him as Lord we are sent the Holy Spirit, the advocate, who fills us and empowers us!

**Many: "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you." -Romans 8:11**

\* Gloria 🎵

***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.***

Scriptures:  
John 14:23-29  
Acts 16:9-15

Judy Garrigan

Prayer for Grace (sung)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Children's Moment

Pastor Becky Sausser

Sermon: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

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**Hymn #74....."We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear"**

***(Note: Ushers will collect "Prayer Cards" during this time. Prayer cards are in the pews. We invite you to fill one out if you have a joy or prayer request to share.)***

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer Response 🎵 Hymn #241, Verse 3

O Sovereign One, with us abide  
In this our joyful Eastertide;  
From every weapon death can wield,  
your own redeemed forever shield.

Announcements

Jeff Rissell

**Hymn#239**.....“Christ Rose Up from the Dead”

\* Commission and Blessing

\* **Threefold Amen** 🎵 #812

Amen, amen, amen

Music to go forth “Alleluia” Johann Erasmus Kindermann

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### **Special Announcements/Reminders:**

You can give ELECTRONICALLY from your mobile device using the VancoMobile app. You can download this app from the Apple and Google App stores. The church's name is - stjohnsuccallentown - exactly as shown. You can also give on our homepage at [www.stjohnsuccallentown.org](http://www.stjohnsuccallentown.org) by clicking on the "Donate" button.



### **Graduation News**

If you have information about a member who is graduating, please call the church office or let Becky Bronfenbrenner know. We'd like to honor our graduates with a write-up and share this joy.

*The altar flowers are in honor of St. John's UCC.*



**Our hands.  
God's work.**

# Multi-Church Picnic Celebration!

Emmanuel UCC, Grace UCC, St John's UCC, and Zion's Liberty Bell UCC are joining together to celebrate and worship at Waldheim Park on June 12th!

The main course and drinks will be provided, we ask that everyone please bring a side dish or snack.

**Contact the church office to sign up!**

**When:** June 12th @ 11am

**Where:** Waldheim Park (2400 S. Hall Street Allentown, PA 18103)

**What to bring:** A covered dish, side, or snack, contact pastor to sign up

**We are asking that you contact the church office to sign up so we have an accurate head count!**



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

**No matter who you are or where you are on life's  
journey, you're welcome here.  
God is still speaking, ...**

Personal **hearing devices** are available from an usher in rear of church.

Use of **electronic devices** during worship may be distracting to your neighbor. Please refrain unless a personal emergency.

**In emergencies**, please use exits found to left and right of the altar, to the right of the front pew, and at the rear of the sanctuary.

Follow **EXIT** signs.

Please make sure your name has been added to the church attendance each Sunday. Then if contact tracing is necessary, we will be able to notify you. Thank you.

**Please note:** If you have a **prayer request**, please fill out a card found in the pew and the **ushers will pick it up during the second hymn.**

### **Serving St. John's...**

Pastor Becky Sausser.....Pastor  
Lois Mease..... Music Director and Organist  
April Riddick.....Custodian  
Jim Saylor.....Sunday Sexton  
Claudia Ewald.....Administrative Assistant

And too many volunteers to list!