



# Church of the Apostles UCC

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 12, 2024  
10 AM In-Person & Online Worship*

## **Welcome!**

“No matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!” More than words, we are all here because of God’s love, grace, and mercy. This is a community united by the honesty of our shared brokenness and the healing we receive through Christ.

**Get Connected:** Use a Welcome Card to share your presence and prayer requests with us. To get more connected, signup online for the “Weekly Announcements” and “Crown Newsletter,” like us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram, give us a call, or send an email. It is our joy to know you!

**Children:** There are toys and activity bags for children in the Children’s Corner for use during worship. Our Faith Formation class for children ages 3–2nd grade will be following the Children’s Time and meet in Rm 306. Our Rooted class for youth from 3rd-9th grade will meet at 9:55AM in Rm 308.

**Welcome Cards:** We ask that all worshippers complete a “Welcome Card” located in the pew rack near you. This allows us to know who was with us. They can also be used to give prayer requests or suggestions. These may be placed in the offering plates which will be passed following the sermon.

**Offerings:** Any physical offerings you have brought can be placed in the offering plates which we will pass following the sermon. Electronic gifts may be given through the QR code on the bulletin or the one on a slip in the pew rack. Or Text 'COA' to 73256 with the amount you want to give.

**Restrooms:** Are available in the hallway to your left when you exit the sanctuary.

**Electronic Devices:** Remember to silence your device during worship. Wi-Fi is provided through "VisitorWifi." No password is needed.

**You are a blessing:** Let us know how we might better partner with you in this journey of faith and life. If you have thoughts, recommendations, or simply would like to join in prayer, we would love to hear from you!

## **Selected Scripture Readings**

1 John 5:9-13 and John 17:6-19

## **Worship Leaders**

Minister – All Members	Bass – Charli Schultz
Preacher – Rev. Kathryn Kuhn	Cello – Anya Sheffer
Reader – Les Helmeczi	Vocals – Johanna & Jan Baker, and The Apostles Choir
Ushers – Chris Conrad, Marty Holmes, Jane McCartney and Bonnie Medved	Streaming – Jim Stoltzfus
Greeter – Doris Robb	Sound – Jaben Jury
Hospitality Table – Barbara Achtermann	Projection – Bill Stock
Director of Music – Lars Potteiger	
Instrumentalist – Nathan Sheffer	
Drums – Nathan Moore	

## **Flower & Bulletin Sponsorship**

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# Order of Worship

*“And now I am coming to you. I have told them many things while I was with them so that they would be filled with my joy,” Jesus said. – John 17:13*

## We Gather in Your Presence Welcome

### Getting to Know You

**Gathering Music:** *“You Keep Hope Alive”* - Reddick, Cates and Skinner

**Scripture:** 1 John 5:9-13 (CEB)

### Prayer

**All:** Holy Parent, your promise is simple. In turning from empire’s ways, in casting our lot with love, we abide in you. Deepen our understanding, that we may trust and believe this is enough: For transformation. For comfort. For building the world we desire. Amen.

*(Please rise in body and/or spirit.)*

### Song of Praise: “My Life Is in You, Lord”

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in  
you, Lord; my hope is in you, Lord; in  
you, it's in you. My life is in you, Lord; my  
strength is in you, Lord; my hope is in

you, Lord; in you, it's in you. I will

praise you with all of my life, I will

praise you with all of my strength; with

all of my life, with all of my strength.

*D.S. al Coda*

All of my hope is in you. My

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you, it's in you, in you.

*(Please be seated)*

**Time of Prayer**

**We Listen for Your Word  
The Children's Time**

**Song: "Makes Us One" (Praise Book #20)**



Make us one, Lord, make us one; Ho - ly  
Spir - it, make us one. Let your love flow so thē  
world will know we are one in you.

**Scripture Reading:** John 17:6-19 (TLB)

**Leader:** The Word of God for the people of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Contemporary Words: "Blessed to be a Blessing"**

**We Respond to Your Word**  
Invitation to the Offering

**Anthem:** "In the Hands of God" - Patrick Houlihan

**Prayers of the Community**

*(Believing in God's truth, we open ourselves as God's servants through prayer.)*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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 as we forgive others. And let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Returning to the World**  
*(Please rise in body or in spirit.)*

## Hymn of Commitment: "Pass It On" (Chalice #477)

1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire go - ing,  
2. What a won - drous time is spring when all the trees are bud - ding,  
3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that I've found—

and soon all those a - round can warm up in its glow - ing;  
the birds be - gin to sing, the flow - ers start their bloom - ing;  
on God you can de - pend, it mat - ters not where you're bound;

that's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per - i - enced it:  
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I'll shout it from the moun - tain top, I want my world to know:

you spread God's love to ev - ery - one, you want to pass it on.  
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.  
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

### Benediction

**All:** God's love guides us to welcome and include people as they are, serve compassionately, and champion environmental care and social justice.

### Passing of the Peace

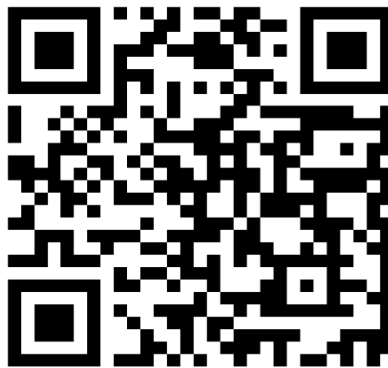
**Leader:** May you be peacekeepers for Christ.

**All:** And may you.

**Sending Music:** *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”* – Setting by Paul Manz  
*Go into all the world to love and serve those who are afraid or powerless  
following Jesus’ example!*

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**Prayers of Joy and Concern**

(as of printing on 5/8/2024)

Joys: The Graduating Class of Lancaster Theological Seminary; Celebrating Earth Day All-Year Long.

Concerns: Ellen Schellenberger; Andrew & Hunter Laymon; Family & Friends of Shirley Miller; Those Affected by Global Unrest; Donna Carr’s Friends, Tom & Judith Kruze; Monica Daniels; Russ Weiser; Bonnie Eshbach; One Who Wishes to Remain Anonymous.

To add your prayers of joy and concern, email [office@apostlesucc.org](mailto:office@apostlesucc.org)  
or call 717-392-5718 ext 8200

**APOSTLE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOCKTAILS & MEANING: HOMELESS YOUTH** – Discover the pressing issue of Youth Homelessness at our May Mocktails & Meaning session on May 16th. We're privileged to host a representative from the Lancaster County Housing & Redevelopment Authority. Don't forget to register using the QR code provided. And while you're engrossed in conversation, enjoy our featured mocktail: the delightful Pomegranate & Rosewater Spritzer. See you there!



**MALTA BAND OF LANCASTER CONCERT** – Experience the rich musical heritage of Lancaster with **The Malta Band** on **May 19th at 3 PM** at Church of the Apostles UCC! **Established over one hundred years ago**, The Malta Band is one of the oldest concert bands in the area. Join us for an afternoon of timeless melodies and captivating performances. Admission is free, and a free-will offering will be taken in lieu of tickets. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of **Lancaster's musical legacy!**

**EMPOWER CHANGE: STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING 2024** – Your donations empower UCC congregations to create a more just world through ministries and practices. From planting churches to nurturing youth, your generosity fuels innovation and growth. Offerings marked for this cause in May will make a difference. Give via Realm, Vanco, or special envelopes. Let's make an impact together.

**APOSTLES CARING CART SPARKS TWO NEW DONATION DRIVES** – Thanks to all who supported our recent collection for Hershey Mill Home – Rev. Kuhn blessed the donations on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Now, we're gearing up for two vital drives: Apostles Assistance Fund to restock personal and home care supplies, and the Period Packs Project collecting women's hygiene products for distribution at the Conference Annual Meeting. For more information on either drive, please check out the outreach bulletin board in the narthex. Your generosity makes a difference – thank-you for your support!

**NARCAN/NALOXONE KITS** – Thanks to a generous donation from the Hempfield Community Initiative, we now have Narcan/Naloxone packs available. Narcan can be used on anyone found unresponsive and will reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Kits are stationed near AED systems in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall, and Youth Center, with an additional kit in the office behind the volunteer desk. While we hope they're never needed, inform Rev. Kuhn or the office if used for prompt replacement.

**PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS –**

Rev. Kuhn – Tuesday - Thursday 10 AM – 1 PM

Other times are available by appointment