



Church of the Apostles UCC

2nd Sunday after Epiphany – January 19, 2025
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, sign up 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 as children are always welcome to remain in worship. Our Faith Formation class for children ages 3–2nd grade will be meeting in Rm 306 following the Children’s Time in worship. Our “Rooted” class for youth in grades 3rd-9th does not meet today.

Connection Cards: We ask that all worshippers complete a “Connection 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.

First-Time Guests: After worship, please visit our Welcome Center, where a congregation member will be available to answer your questions and provide a packet of information about our church.

This is also where you’ll receive a connection card to fill out, helping us stay connected with you!

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

John 2:1-11

Worship Leaders

Minister – All Members
Preacher – Rev. Kathryn Kuhn
Reader – Betty Reiff
Ushers – Michele and Jim Wherley
Greeter – Jean Heidig
Director of Music – Lars Potteiger
Instrumentalist – Nathan Sheffer

Drums – Nathan Moore
Bass – Charli Schultz
Vocals – Johanna & Jan Baker, and the
Apostles Adult Choir
Streaming – Jaben Jury
Sound – Bill Stock
Projection – Benja Stoltzfus

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In Loving Memory of Candy Cunningham by Dick Cunningham

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Order of Worship

"Fill Our House with Hope"

We Gather in Your Presence
Welcome

Gathering Music: "God of Wonders" – Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong

A Call to Plenty

Prayer

All: God of Abundance, we come to you today, lifting to you our emptiness, our longing, our hopes for a better world. In the midst of our fear, remind us of your transforming and overflowing love and the jars of plenty, out of which we can live abundantly in service to all people, especially those who are struggling in body, mind, and spirit. Amen

(Please rise in body and/or spirit)

Song: "When Love Is Found" (Chalice #499)

The musical score is presented in three systems. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment (grand staff), and lyrics. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system contains five lines of lyrics. The second system contains five lines of lyrics and includes chord markings: Em, C, D, G, and C above the vocal line.

1. When love is found and hope comes home, sing and be
2. When love has flowered in trust and care, build both each
3. When love is tried as loved-ones change, hold still to
4. When love is torn, and trust be - trayed, pray strength to
5. Praise God for love, praise God for life, in age or

1. glad that two are one. When love ex - plodes and fills the
2. day, that love may dare to reach be - yond home's warmth and
3. hope, though all seems strange, till ease re - turns and hope grows
4. love till tor - ments fade, till lov - ers keep no score of
5. youth, in calm or strife. Lift up your hearts! Let love be

1. sky, praise God, and share our Mak - er's joy.
 2. light, to serve and strive for truth and right.
 3. wise through list - 'ning ears and o - pened eyes.
 4. wrong, but hear through pain love's East - er song.
 5. fed through death and life in bro - ken bread.

(Please be seated)

Prayer of Confession

All: In this world of striving, we feel the yearn to earn.
 The world measures our worth in those earnings.
 But Jesus had different ideas.
 Where they perceived that things had run out and dripped dry,
 he saw the possibility for transformation.
 When we feel our own resources are lacking,
 we can view our lives and practices again from the economy of Jesus.
(Time of silent reflection)

Leader: Amen

We Listen for Your Word

Children's Time – Blanket Blessing

Song: "Fill My Cup" – Ripp/Hulse/Cockrell

Verse 1

Been walkin' to a city I cannot see
 Through the depths of the valley
 Where the sun can't reach
 I've been high I've been low
 I've been looking for the river
 That could fill my soul
 Been walkin' to a city I cannot see

Chorus

Fill my cup Lord
 Run it over
 Give me love give me joy
 Give me peace

Fill my cup Lord
Run it over
I am Your child in need
Lord I need You to fill my cup

Interlude

Fill my cup - Fill my cup
Fill my cup - Fill my cup

Verse 2

Been walkin' over lies standin' in my way
They can say what they want
I don't want what they say
I was born far from home
But I've been thriving
In the wonder of the great unknown
'Cause I'm drinking from a well from another place

Bridge

Fill my house up with hope
Fill my plans up with purpose
Fill my wounds up with healing
Lord I need You to fill my cup
Fill my days up with meaning
Fill my future with vision
Goodness grace and provision
Lord I need You to fill my cup

Verse 3

And when I get to that city I cannot see
I'll know that even
This valley was a golden stream

Scripture Reading: John 2:1-11 (Pew Bible, NT p.93)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Contemporary Words: “The Economy of Jesus”

We Respond to Your Word

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music: “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” – Holstein/Temple

Prayers of the Community & Lord's Prayer

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

Song: "Take My Life" (Chalice #609 – Stanzas 1,3,4,6)



1. Take my life, and let it be con-se-crat-ed, Lord, to thee.
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing; un-to God my praise I bring.
4. Take my sil-ver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold;
5. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no lon-ger mine.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea-sure store.



1. Take my mo-ments and my days; let them flow in
2. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau-ti-
3. Take my lips and let them be filled with mes-sa-
4. Take my in-tel-lect, and use ev-ery power as
5. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy
6. Take my-self, and I will be ev-er, on-ly,

1. cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 2. ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 3. ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 4. thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
 5. roy - al throne, it shall be thy roy - al throne.
 6. all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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 the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Sending Music: “Prelude in C” – Massenet

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

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Joy: Samantha, Oliver and Cecily Hull on a safe trip to Finland.

Concerns: Family & Friends of Joyce Smedley; Jen Eaton's friend, Desiree; Judy Ruppert; Pat Hess' Sister, Sue Schenke; Lee Walp; Those Affected by the Wildfires in California.

To add your prayers of joy and concern, email office@apostlesucc.org
or call 717-392-5718 ext 8200

APOSTLE ANNOUNCEMENTS



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RESPONDING TO THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES – Devastating wildfires in California have claimed lives, destroyed homes, and displaced thousands. Church of the Apostles is supporting recovery efforts through the UCC Disaster Relief Fund. You can help by donating through offering envelopes, Realm, or Vanco. Scan the QR code below to donate directly through Vanco. Together, we can make a difference for those in need.

RIZZETTA'S TONES CONCERT TODAY – Don't miss Rizzetta's Tones live in concert on January 19th, 2025 AT 3 PM. This Celtic Americana band features a diverse range of instruments and vocals, offering a unique blend of traditional and original music from Ireland, Scotland, and the USA. Enjoy an exciting journey of instrumental and vocal experiences. This free concert is generously provided by the Apostles Academy of Arts & Science, with a free-will offering in lieu of tickets.

MOCKTAILS MOVIE SCREENING – Join us for a special Mocktails & Meaning session on Saturday, January 25th, 2025, starting at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary. We'll be hosting a free screening of the documentary *1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture*. This thought-provoking film follows researchers uncovering the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians, tracing it back to a mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. With never-before-seen archives from Yale University and insights from scholars and pastors, the documentary offers an enlightening and inspiring exploration of faith, inclusion, and the power of interpretation.

After the movie, enjoy light refreshments, including soup, and participate in a discussion about the film's impact and themes. Our featured mocktail for the evening will be a refreshing Grapefruit Lime Spritzer. Children are welcome, with toys and snacks available to keep them entertained during the screening.

Please register to attend this meaningful event by scanning the QR Code to the right. We hope to see you there!



Register Here!

POWER INTERFAITH LOVE THROUGH RESISTANCE – Join POWER Interfaith on Sunday, January 26th, from 4-7 PM in Fellowship Hall at Church of the Apostles UCC for an evening of justice, courage, and community. Together, we'll share dinner, engage in round-table discussions, and collaborate on ways to care for our Lancaster County neighbors through bold acts of love and justice. Your voice and perspectives are essential to this conversation, so don't miss this opportunity to connect and contribute. Register today by scanning the QR Code to the right. Let's come together and build a future grounded in moral courage and meaningful action!



WINTER REFLECTIONS RETREAT – Join Rev. Kathryn Kuhn for a time of reflection and renewal on Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Youth Center (1899 Apostles Way). One month into the new year, let's pause to explore how we see God at work in the world, reflect on our trust in Him, and consider what strengthens that trust. Light refreshments and coffee will be provided. Don't miss this opportunity for thoughtful discussion and spiritual connection! Register and save your spot, scan the QR Code to the left!

