



# Church of the Apostles UCC

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany – February 23, 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 3–2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be meeting in Rm 306 following the Children’s Time in worship. Our “Rooted” class for youth in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> meet in Rm 310 beginning at 9:55 am.

**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**

Luke 6: 27-38

## **Worship Leaders**

Minister – All Members  
Preacher – Rev. Kathryn Kuhn  
Reader – Barbara Achtermann  
Ushers – Luane & Randy Morrison,  
Karen & John Wallach, George Alspach  
Greeter – Doris Robb  
Hospitality Table – Donna Carr  
Special Music – Children’s Choir  
Director of Music – Lars Potteiger

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

## **Flower & Bulletin Sponsorship**

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## **Order of Worship**

*“Fill Our Cup with Grace”*

**We Gather in Your Presence**

**Welcome**

**Gathering Music:** *“Family Prayer Song”* – Morris Chapman

## A Call to Plenty

### Prayer

**All:** God of Everlasting Love, we come to you today, knowing that our earnings can never fulfil our deepest human yearnings for security, peace, and connection. In the midst of our greed, remind us of your grace and the calling to love one another with extravagant generosity, giving freely to others just a piece of what you so selflessly have given us. Amen

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

### Song: "Welcome"



1. Let's walk to- geth - er for a while and  
2. Let's talk to- geth - er of a time when  
3. Let's dream to- geth - er of the day when



ask where we be - gin\_\_ to build a world where  
we will share a feast, \_ where pride and pow - er  
earth and heaven are one, \_ a ci - ty built of



love can grow and hope can en - ter in, \_\_ \_ to  
kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least, \_ \_ and  
love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem, \_ where our



be the hands of heal - ing and to  
joy will set the ta - ble as we  
mourn - ing turns to danc - ing, ev - ery

*Refrain*

plant the seed of peace, \_ sing-ing wel - come,  
 join our hands to pray, \_ sing-ing wel - come,  
 crea - ture lifts its voice, \_ cry - ing wel - come,

wel - come to this place. You're in - vit - ed to

come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the

love of God to share \_\_\_\_\_ 'cause all of us are wel - come here; \_

\_\_\_\_\_ all are wel - come in this place. \_\_\_\_\_

*(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 You had different ideas.  
 Where they obsessed over payback and worried  
 about how much is "enough,"  
 You offered love freely and fully to everyone, even Your enemies.  
 When we feel our own resources are lacking,  
 we can view our lives and practices again from the economy of Jesus.

*(Time of reflection)*

**Song: "Loosen"**

*Chorus*

**Loosen, loosen, baby**

**You don't have to carry  
The weight of the world in your muscles and bones  
Let go, let go, let go**

*Bridge*

**Holy breath, and holy name  
Will you ease, will you ease this pain**

Leader: Amen

## **We Listen for Your Word**

**Children's Choir Anthem: "For the Beauty of the Earth" - Conrad Kocher**

### **Children's Time**

**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**

*Chorus*

*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**

*Chorus*

*Bridge*

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 6:27-38 (Pew Bible, NT p. 61)

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Contemporary Words: "It's All About Grace"**

## **We Respond to Your Word**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Special Music:** *"Through It All"* – Crouch

**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: "O for a World"** (*Chalice #683*)

1. O for a world where ev - ery - one re -  
 2. O for a world where goods are shared and  
 3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and  
 4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the  
 5. O for a world pre - par - ing for God's

1. spect's each oth - er's ways, where love is lived and  
 2. mis - er - y re - lieved, where truth is spo - ken,  
 3. strug - gle with each choice that o - pens us to  
 4. fool - ish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn; out -  
 5. glo - rious reign of peace, where time and tears will

1. all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
 2. chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
 3. u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
 4. casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
 5. be no more, and all but love will cease.

### 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:** “Processional from *Marche Moderne*” – Edwin H. Lemare

*Go into all the world to love and serve those who are afraid or powerless following Jesus’ example!*

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### **Give Online Through Realm**



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### **Prayers of Joy and Concern**

(as of printing on 2/18/2025)

Joys: Worshipping Together Today

Concerns: The Wherley Family; Chris Braun; Terry Wilson’s sister, Lois; Laurey Williams Daughter; Duke Gabriel; Friends & Family of Anna King; Friends and Family of Judy Ruppert; Tiffany Dixon; The Chiccarine Family; Buzz Rothweiler; Fredricka Smith.

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**

**WEBSITE REFRESH** – Our website is currently undergoing updates to improve usability and make it more welcoming for new visitors. You may notice some changes or temporary disruptions while we work on these improvements. Thank you for your patience as we create a better online experience!

**FEBRUARY HYMN SING TODAY** – Join Music Director Lars Potteiger on February 23rd at 3 PM in the Sanctuary for a beautiful afternoon of hymns! All are welcome to come



together and raise our voices in song. This is a free event, and we can't wait to celebrate the joy of music with you!

**DR. ROBERT HORTON ORGAN CONCERT** – Join us for an inspiring **Organ Concert by Dr. Robert Horton** on March 16th, 2025, at 3 PM in the Church of the Apostles UCC Sanctuary, 1850 Marietta Ave, Lancaster 17603! Dr. Horton, a highly acclaimed organist and 1st prize winner of the 2022 AGO National Competition in Organ Improvisation, will captivate you with his performance. This free concert, generously provided by the Apostles Academy of Arts and Science, will include a free-will offering in lieu of tickets. Don't miss this extraordinary musical event!

**SACRED EARTH SACRED SOUL RETREAT** – Explore the deep connection between faith and nature through the lens of Celtic Christianity at *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul*, a retreat led by Rev. Kathryn Kuhn. This time of reflection and renewal will help us listen for Christ's call to hope while embracing the beauty of creation. The retreat will take place on Saturday, March 15, from 10 AM to Noon in the Youth Center and Rader Park. Come be renewed and experience God's presence in the sacredness of the earth. Scan the QR code to Register.



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**MOCKTAILS & MEANING: CALLING OUT CHURCH SANCTIONED ANTI-TRANS BIGOTRY** – Join us on March 20th, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the Narthex for an important conversation on "Finding Our Voice: Calling out Church-Sanctioned Anti-Trans Bigotry." Malinda Clatterbuck, Associate Director at the Center for a Sustainable Environment at Franklin & Marshall College, and Mark Clatterbuck, Associate Professor of Religion at Montclair State University, will lead us in exploring how we, as a congregation committed to inclusive refuge, can stand against hate and support our transgender community members. Enjoy our featured Blood Orange Mocktail Cooler as we engage in this meaningful discussion. We hope you'll join us for an evening of thoughtful conversation and community, register by scanning the QR Code.