

Church of the Apostles UCC

7th 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, 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 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 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 ques-

tions 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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Senior Pastor: Rev. Kathryn Kuhn - kathrynk@apostlesucc.org x8201

Order of Worship

"Fill Our Cup with Grace"

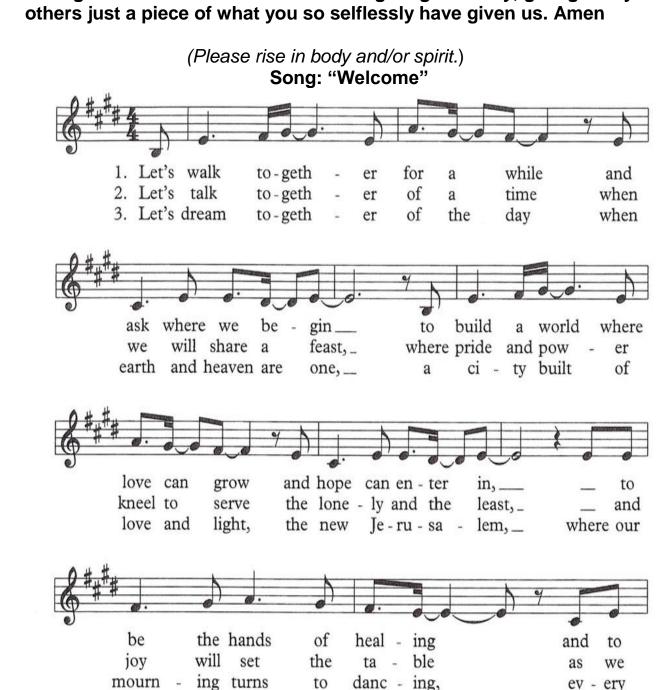
We Gather in Your Presence Welcome

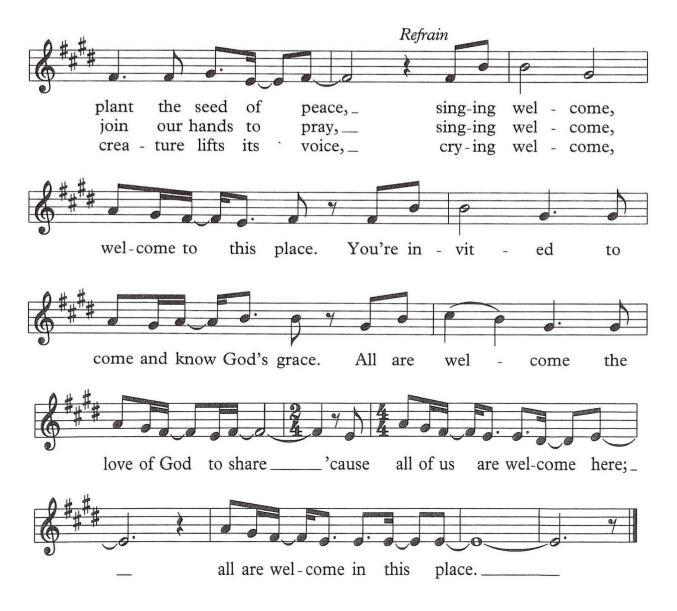
Gathering Music: "Family Prayer Song" - Morris Chapman

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 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,

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.)

AII: 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)



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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Prayers of Joy and Concern

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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 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.





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.