



## Church of the Apostles UCC

*Pentecost Sunday – June 8, 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 3–2<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**

Acts 2:1-6 & John 14:8-17,25-27

## **Worship Leaders**

Minister – All Members  
Preacher – Rev. Kathryn Kuhn  
Reader – Bernie Fickes  
Ushers – Marty Holmes,  
Bonnie Medved and Jane McCartney  
Director of Music – Lars Potteiger  
Adult Choir Director – Nathan Sheffer  
Drums – Ezra Kauffman, Nathan Moore

Bass – Charli Schultz  
Vocals – Johanna & Jan Baker,  
and the Adult Choir  
Communion Servers – Karen Braun,  
Lou Gaudio and Luci Stoltzfus  
Streaming – Jim Stoltzfus  
Sound – Benja Stoltzfus  
Projection – Jaben Jury

## **Flower & Bulletin Sponsorship**

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## **Order of Worship**

**We Gather in Your Presence**

## Welcome

**Gathering Music:** *"Holy Spirit, Rain Down"* – Russell Fragar

### We Take the Cup of Freedom to Be Filled

**All:** I will take the cup of freedom and call on the name of God.  
I will take the cup of freedom and call on the name of God.



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I will take the cup of free - dom and call on the name of God. I will  
take the cup of free - dom and call on the name of God.

### Prayer

**All:** God of Freedom, we gather today to celebrate because we know you are still speaking. Set our tongues ablaze with your praise so that all may know freedom in you. We come to you in this moment, cups running over with thanksgiving. Amen!

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

### Song: "All Who Hunger"



1. All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a  
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - dering.  
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were  
Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who

days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
from this ta-ble live their lives in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

*(Please be seated)*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**All:** Loving God, your Spirit is all around us, refreshing us, giving us energy and hope. And yet too often we do not see it, being caught up in our day-to-day affairs. Hear us as we come to you in a moment of confession.

*(Time of reflection)*

**Challenge and equip us to live our lives with your Spirit at the center, and to share your Spirit with others. Amen.**

**Leader:** The stone is rolled away – we are released!

The tomb is empty – we can be free!

Christ is risen – life can be full!

And all God's people say, **"Amen."**

**Song: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (Chalice #261)**

There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are

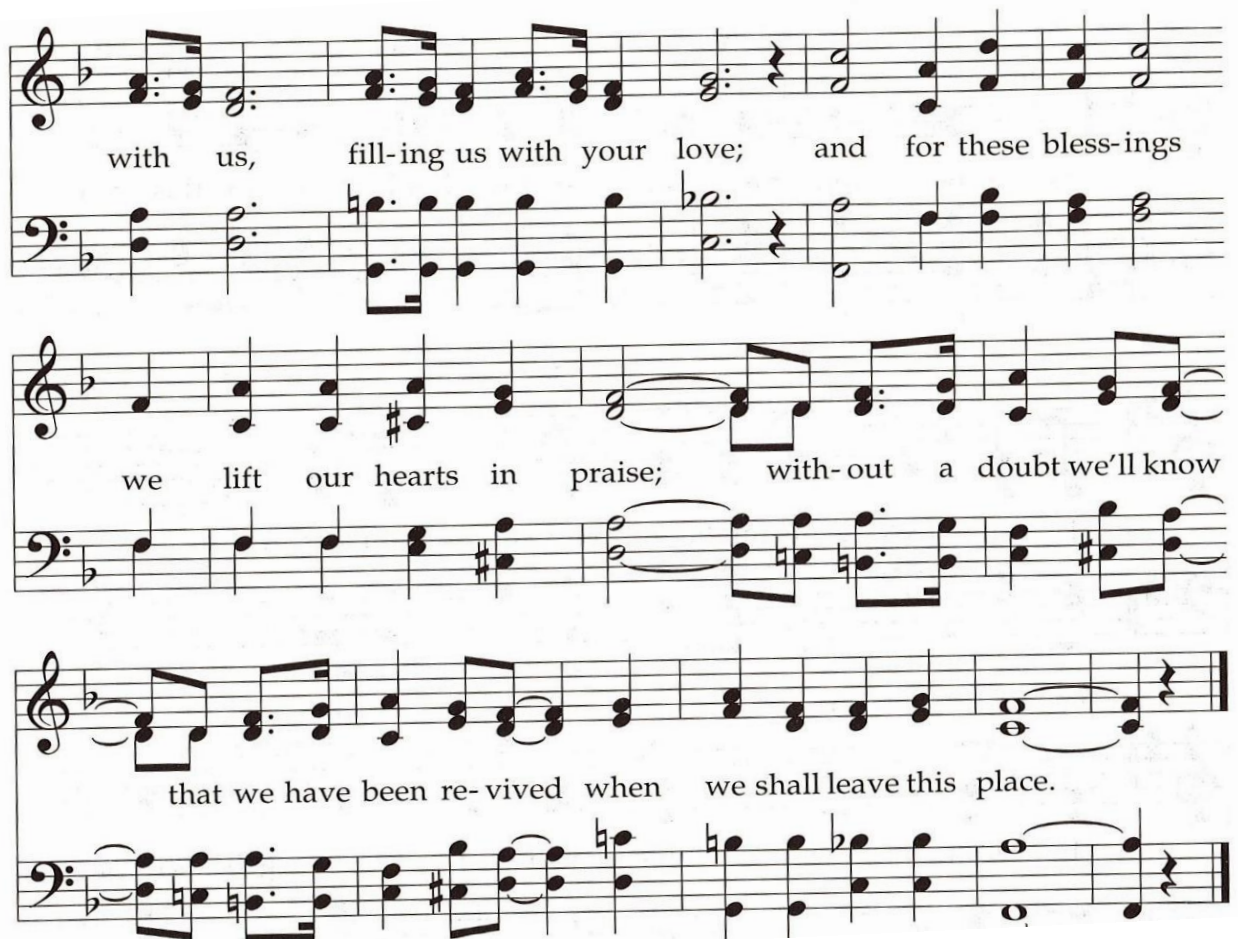
sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.

*Refrain*

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here





## **We Listen for Your Word**

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-8 (Pew Bible, NT p.119)

**Gospel Reading:** John 14:8-17, 25-27 (Pew Bible, NT p.108)

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Contemporary Words:** “Filled by the Spirit”

## **We Respond to Your Word**

**Generosity Moment**

**Special Music:** “*We Are Called*” – Haas and Hayes

**Prayers of the Community & Lord’s Prayer**

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

**“God of Freedom, God of Justice”**      Tune: PICARDY

**God of freedom, God of justice,  
You whose love is strong as death,  
You who saw the dark of prison,  
You who knew the price of faith—  
Touch our world of sad oppression  
With Your Spirit's healing breath.**

**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 temp-  
tation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Leader: The Lord be with you.**

**All: And also with you.**

**Leader: Lift up your hearts.**

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**All: I will take the cup of freedom and call on the name of God.  
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*(Repeat two more times)*

### **Sharing of the Elements**

*Gluten free bread is available and only juice is used in the cups.*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**All: Life-giving God, may we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life;  
we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others;  
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so that we and all your children shall be free,  
and all creation will live to praise your name. Amen.**

# Returning to the World

(Please rise in body or in spirit.)

Song: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (Chalice #592)



Ev-ery time I feel the Spir-it mov-ing in my heart, I will

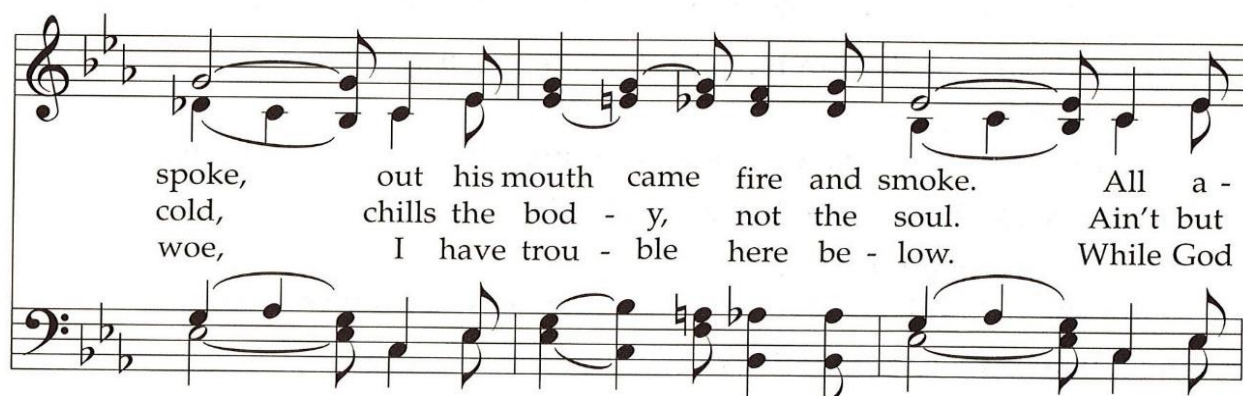


pray. Yes, ev-ery time I feel the Spir-it mov-ing



*Fine*  
in my heart, I will pray.

1. Up-on the moun - tain, my Lord
2. Jor-dan Riv - er chil-ly and
3. I have heart - ache, I have



spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke. All a -  
cold, chills the bod - y, not the soul. Ain't but  
woe, I have trou - ble here be - low. While God





### **Benediction**

**All:**    **The Divine One has blessed us with the cup of Life.  
The Divine One has blessed us with the cup of Goodness.  
The Divine One has blessed us with the cup of Freedom.  
Drink deeply!**

**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:** *"Improvisation on Every Time I Feel the Spirit"* – African-American  
Spiritual

*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



*Or Text 'COA' to 73256 with the amount you want to give*

## Prayers of Joy and Concern

(as of printing on 6/4/2025)

Joys: Celebrating 50 Years of Faith, Community & Fellowship together; Friends of Bill Hager, Christina & Dee.

Concerns: Duke Gabriel; Gary Whol; Terry Wilson's Sister, Lois; Friend of the Carr's, Emily Allen; Family & Friends of Joe Zipko; Bev Keller.

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

**TERRIFIC TUESDAYS** – Join us in Rader Park this summer for four weeks of fun, learning, and outdoor adventure during **Terrific Tuesdays** from **10-11:30 AM**, starting **June 17!** Children ages **3-10** are invited to explore the world of pollinators in Rader Park, bees, butterflies, and caterpillars, through hands-on, nature-based activities. Snacks will be provided, and a guardian must stay with their child throughout the program. Don't miss out, **scan the QR code to register!**



**ASTRAL PROJECTIONS** – On June 19th at 7:30 PM, be mesmerized by an evening of music and astronomy with **Astral Harp Productions!** This free concert, part of the Apostles Academy of Arts 2025 Summer Concert Series, blends breathtaking astrophotography with stellar harp performances for a one-of-a-kind multimedia experience. Husband and wife duo Kevin and Janet bring their expertise in astronomy and music to the stage. Don't miss this unforgettable journey through the stars!

**MOCKTAILS & MEANING** – Church of the Apostles UCC invites you to our next **Mocktails & Meaning** session on **Juneteenth, June 19th, 2025 at 6:30 PM**, as we explore

the history of the Underground Railroad in Southeastern PA and the pivotal events of our nation's first civil rights movement. Our guest speaker, Mr. Randy Harris of the upcoming Stevens and Smith Center for History and Democracy, will offer insight into Lancaster's role in the fight for freedom and equality. Enjoy thoughtful conversation and a refreshing Blue Lagoon Mocktail. Register now to be part of this meaningful evening, scan the QR code!



**DRUM CIRCLE** – Join Music Director Lars Potteiger on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM for a fun, hands-on drum circle in the grass behind the choir room! All ages are welcome, and drums will be provided. Just bring your energy and love for rhythm! (If it rains, we'll move into the Sanctuary)