



Brownback's United Church of Christ

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021 10 a.m.

Happenings and Reminders

A Special Thanks to Nate Hoeffler from Good Samaritan Services for being with us today and sharing the good works of their organization!

Pastor Mark is out of the office beginning today through next week for continuing education. Please contact our Parish Administrator, Kaitlin Iezzi, or our Consistory President, Mark Sweitzer, regarding any emergency pastoral needs.

Our Outdoor Service will resume every other week on Sunday, May 23 at 9 am in the church parking lot. All you need is a chair and a mask! Or you can join us for our indoor service at 10 am in the Sanctuary.

Pentecost is next Sunday, May 23, a day when we remember the special way the disciples received the Holy Spirit. Don't forget to wear red!

Help Needed

Outdoor Service Help is needed to set up the small amount of equipment. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Mark.

Live-Streaming Help is needed each Sunday – jobs range from super easy (no technology know-how required) to more challenging. If you willing to learn or would like to know more about it, please call or email the church office.

Other Notes

Prayer Requests can be given to Pastor Mark by email at mark.stryjak@comcast.net or phone at 610-495-6788.

Welcome!

We are glad you're here to worship with us today.
During the Service, the people will make the responses in the **bold** print.
May this be for you a time of refreshment and renewal.

Prelude

Oh Spirit of Life

Cherwin

Call to Worship*

We worship God, who created the heavens and earth.

God's reign endures forever.

We follow Jesus, who made God's love known to us,

Through his life, death, and resurrection.

We listen for the Holy Spirit, who breathes in us,

And grants us wisdom and insight.

Come, worship our God together,

Celebrate all the ways God is made known to you, now.

Prayer of Brokenness

Loving Creator God, we confess that at times we are prohibited in moving forward, like a car in a ditch, wheels spinning, creating a deeper valley.

We propelled us before is not today.

We wonder where You are leading us, as the uncertainty of the times weigh heavy on our hearts.

We turn to our varied devised to cope, without turning to you, through discernment.

Help us to regain traction by heeding your calls of justice.

Help us to move by faith, to trust in the process, guiding us along the way.

Call to us so we will hear your voice and follow You.

Encourage us to live into hope instead of reacting to fear.

We rejoice, because You are the one who made us and makes us new!
Help us to leave behind the ways of this world and live into Your ways
of restoration: love, justice, mercy, and peace.

Through restoring compassion and love, may we pray the prayer that
brings us together as one;

**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 our debts as
we forgive our debtors.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

Offering

Variants on “Bryn Calfaria”

Haan

With commitment as our driving force, may we solemnly open our
hearts and minds to build the community in Christ’s name

As we answer the call as to why we come to church in this moment, we
are afforded an opportunity to speak to that and sustain and
support ministries in God’s name.

Generosity is one of the fruits of the spirit.

Generosity opens our minds to empathy and to see the lives of many
that are without.

May we trust completely in God to know that our resources are needed
today and always.

Prayer of Dedication

As we collect our resources for those who hunger, thirst and seek safe
shelter this day God, we recognize places such as Good Samaritan
Services that makes sheltering their life’s purpose, to provide to

those in our community. We pray that as they continue to expand, we can grow along with them and care for the least of these among us. We pray this all in Christ's name, today and forevermore! Amen.

Benediction

from Philippians 4:7

“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

Know that the peace of God is with you.

You are loved by God.

Sink into that knowledge, and allow God's wisdom and insight to fill your mind so that you might live into faith.

Go in peace. Amen.

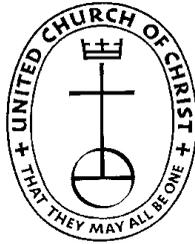
Postlude

Recessional in C

Wagner

As this service comes to an end, our service now begins!

Peace be with all of you!



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Today's liturgy is a combination of the following:

* Rev-o-lution.org

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