



Faith
UNITED CHURCH of Christ

Rev. Zoe Milliman | Supply Pastor
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Sunday, October 25, 2026
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

Time of Silent Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Corky Forney

Leader: In worship of God, let us quicken our conscience by God's holiness; nourish our minds by God's truth; purify our imagination by God's beauty; open our hearts to God's love.

People: **Let us be reminded to believe in God alone and to love God completely.**

Leader: Let us learn the ways of God's word and recite them to our children, and talk about them throughout our days.

People: **Let us bind them in our hearts that we may carry and share God's love with others.**

Leader: Let us not judge as the world judges, or love as the world loves, but let us live as God teaches us to live.

People: **Let us surrender our wills to God's purpose, and in humble faith let us listen for God's plans for us.**

INVOCATION *(from Psalm 33)*

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

***HYMN** *"Come, We That Love the Lord"*

Gray#22

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We confess, Lord, that we have not loved you or our neighbor as we should.

We have often neglected opportunities of good; sometimes we have done actual harm. Our consciences accuse us over trifles, but let us blithely ignore your weightier demands. We know that a mere apology will not do. We resolve to turn from the sins we know. We ask you to show us the sins we do not recognize. We resolve to forgive any who have wronged us; and to seek reconciliation with any from whom we are estranged. And now we beg your pardon and ask your help.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Pastor: hear these comforting words: If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and all people. You are forgiven, healed and made whole.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with each of you.

People: **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S LESSON

BLESSING OF THE COSTUMES

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 (CEB)

ANTIPHONAL PSALM

Psalm 1

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:34-46 (CEB)

***HYMN**

"The Gift of Love"

Gray #593

SERMON

"Love is an Action Verb"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from A New Zealand Prayer Book)*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Gray #708

***GIFTS and OFFERINGS**

There is an offering plate on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. May God bless the missions of our church and the needs of the world through the gifts of our resources. Amen.



***DOXOLOGY**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING** *God Be with You* Gray #840 vs.1

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all involved in war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. And also for those whose needs we do not know. For Vickie Bieger, Stephen Dearth, Barb Fink, Scot Kish, Pat Granville, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi, Phil Renzi, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Leroy Rockwood, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Sally Schutt, Janet Taber. **For Those in the Military:** Jacob Braun, Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Sophia Rappl Raso, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Justin Slighter, and Mark Williams.

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: \$2,355
Offering collection from October 18, 2026: \$1,080
Current: \$1,080 Benevolent: \$0
Attendance on Sunday, October 18, 2026: 53

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today is **Stewardship Kick-off. Blessing of the costumes. Trunk or Treat** will be held in the church parking lot and following worship there is an **Endowment Committee Meeting**.
- **Fall Food Drive continues through November 15th**. Faith is collecting non-perishable food items. There will be a box in the hallway for your donations.
- **Intro to Meditation:** Peace classes begin October 12th and will continue through November 16th on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. See bulletin board outside Church office.
- Sunday, November 1st – **All Saints Day/Communion/Remembrance Sunday**, during worship we will be lighting a candle and naming aloud loved ones and members of our congregation who have died over the past year. Please give the name of those you would like to honor to Angella (secretary@faithunitedchurchucc.com), 716-941-3529 or write the name of your loved one on the list located on bulletin board outside the church office.
- Saturday, November 7th – **Men's Group meeting** 9:00 a.m.
- **Adult Movie Night** - Pizza and popcorn will be provided will be showing *Jesus Revolution*. Please sign up outside of the office or contact Tim Plewik or Katherine Meckes if you plan on attending.
- **Orders for poinsettias** must be placed by Thursday, November 12th. Order sheets are on the table across from the sanctuary. The flowers will be placed in the church for the 4th Sunday of Advent (December 20th) and may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service on December 24th.



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