

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST EAST GOSHEN

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Hospitality, Grace, and Hope are Offered to All!

January 19, 2025 – 10 AM

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

ROBERT R. LAMBERT, JR. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WING
DEDICATED MAY 18, 2008



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bringeth forth good things: Matthew 12:35*

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Bob had a deep love for all the children
of our church and in return, he was loved
and beloved by members, both young and old.
We are thankful for Bob's life with us and we
joyfully dedicate this education wing in his honor.

*And he took the children in his arms, put his hands
on them and blessed them. Mark 10:16*

Bob Lambert
1940 - 2002

Rev. Homer Royer, Bridge Pastor

Lindsay Woessner, Music Director

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THANK YOU to ALL helping with Worship Today:

Ann Boohar :Greeter/Offering Collection

Susan Ward: Tech Support

Beth Saylor: Lay Reader

Todd Speece: Fellowship Hour

Lucy Barber and Andy Grim: Counters

Worship volunteers for next Sunday, 1/26/25

:Greeter/Offering Collection

Bart Yost: Tech Support

Carol Swingle: Lay Reader

: Fellowship Hour

Linda Ardao and Carol Swingle: Counters

Living In God's Love Together, We Gather

**Please stand as you are able.*

Bold type = Congregation P = Pastor

PRELUDE

I Can See Clearly Now

Johnny Nash

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE SINGING BOWL

WE CENTER OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

(All Sing Verse 1)

EPIPHANY

164

Arise, Your Light Is Come

Isa. 60:1; 61:1-2; Luke 4:14-21

Ruth Duck, 1973

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!

Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!
Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

This hymn was first published by the Ecumenical Women's Center of Chicago in the 1974 collection of hymn adaptations, Because We Are One People. Ruth Duck later included it in her own collection, Dancing in the Universe.

Tune: FESTAL SONG S.M.
William Walter, 1872

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

(Inspired by Psalm 36)

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep.

For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!

Thank you for your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!

For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!

*HYMN

Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

NCH 172

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

Gracious God,

We live in the tension between expectation and reality. Sometimes, we navigate that tension with hope and clarity. At other times, we fester in doubt, disappointment, and uncertainty. Help us to release our need to control and enable us to embrace the possibilities. May our trust in your goodness and the power you have poured into us embolden our faith. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, know that God's grace meets us at our point of need with encouragement. Circumstances change, and that's the nature of God's creative work. Receive the gift of new life with the unexpected experiences it brings. God is with you and equips you for the journey.

***PASSING THE PEACE** *(in a safe manner)*

***WE REGATHER IN SONG**

Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

NCH 172 (verse 5):

Verse 5:

*Je-sus calls us! By your mer-cies, Sav-ior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your o - be-dience, serve and love you best of all.*

CONVERSATION FOR ALL AGES

**RECOGNITION AND REMEMBRANCE: BOB
LAMBERT**

Text of the plaque (see photo on cover):

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Silent Prayers

P: Next, we share out loud our prayers of concern for family, friends, and our community, for wounded places and people burdened with care.

[You are invited to offer your prayers of concern.]

P: Lord, in Your Mercy
Hear our prayers.

P: Now we share our joys and gritudes, the ways in which God has blessed us this week, and the moments we felt God's presence.

[You are invited to offer your prayers of thanksgiving, celebration, blessings, and gratitude.]

P: Lord, in Your Mercy
Hear our prayers.

P: Having shared our prayers of concern and our prayers of gratitude, we now recommit ourselves to following the Way of Jesus who taught us to pray saying...

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your
name, your kingdom
come, your will be
done, on earth as in
heaven. Give us today
our daily bread. For-
give us our sins as we
forgive those who sin
against us. Save us
from the time of trial
and deliver us from
evil. For the kingdom,
the power, and the
glory are yours now
and for ever. Amen.**

~ Healing: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost was written by Rev. Roberto Ochoa, the Minister for Ethnic Inclusion, & Congregational Support for Rural and Small Churches for the National Setting of the United Church of Christ. He is a member of Mt. Zion Congregational UCC in Cleveland, OH.

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

ALLELUIA

765

Text and music: Jerry Sinclair, 1972; alt.

1 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

ALLELUIA

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

WE LISTEN TO OUR SACRED TEXT

Beth Saylor

Titus 2: 11-15

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,^[a] ¹² training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation

of the glory of our great God and Savior,^[b] Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

¹⁵ Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority.^[c] Let no one look down on you.

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,^[a] ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with^[b] the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Baptism of Jesus

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved;^[a] with you I am well pleased."^[b]

MEDITATION/SERMON

Rev. Homer Royer

[In the silence after the sermon, we allow the sacred text and dialogue of the sermon to settle in our hearts, bones and bodies, and soul. We do this by opening our hearts and inviting God to settle the message we each needed to receive.]

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism

Question 1. What is thy only comfort in life and in death?

That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who with his precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of evil; and so preserves me that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head, yea that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by his Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

WE ARE INVITED TO GIVE

WE GIVE GENEROUSLY

Help Us to Be Like Them (Choral anthem)

Music-Don Besig, Words by Don Besig, Nancy Price

EASY OFFERING OPTION

If you prefer to give electronically, please use your cell phone camera to scan this QR code.



***DOXOLOGY** (*sung*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

***WE DEDICATE OUR OFFERINGS**

Holy One,

May our gifts declare your glory and benefit the common good. Receive them with our gratitude for your generosity and the opportunity to participate in your Kin-dom on earth. Amen.

***HYMN**

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

NCH 295

***BENEDICTION**

*SUNG BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

I See the Light (piano solo)

Alan Menken

Our worship has ended, and our service has just begun...

Please join us for fellowship in the Parlor.

UCCEG Worship & Events	Community Meetings
January 22 – 6pm Council Meeting	No community meetings this week.
January 26 – 10am Worship	
<i>Choir Rehearsals:</i>	
Jan 24th: 2pm-3pm	
Jan 26th: 9am-9:40am	

Church Office Hours This Week

	<u>Pastor Homer</u>	<u>Office</u>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>MLK Jr. Day</i>	---
<i>Tuesday</i>	---	---
<i>Wednesday</i>	4PM -6PM	---
<i>Thursday</i>	10AM – 12PM	---
<i>Friday</i>	---	---
<i>Saturday</i>	---	---

Church House WiFi:

Please note: The WiFi name has been changed--The network name is 'UCCEG wifi' and the password can be requested from the office.

Prayer Requests

Please fill out a **prayer request form** (on the table in the Foyer) or email office@ucceastgoshen.org for any updates or additions to our prayer list.

We pray for the following members and friends of UCCEG:



Susan Morey, Cliff Keljikian, George Litzke, Nancy Remmey, Mary Ann Meacham, Louise and Jim Elkins, Patty Berkheimer, Don & Carol Beideman, Amy, Jose Francisco, Charlene, Mary Ellen, Blakelyn, Roy Garlisch, Don B., Eileen, William Walker, Nancy Walker, Roxanne, Michelle Meisten, Steve Jurcyk & family, Suzanne Emmas, Erik, Family and friends of Donald van Krieken Sr., the father of Beth Anne Keates, Rev. Suzanne Spaulding, Avery, Family and friends of Ray Onyx, Pam Onyx in her new home, Greg Baskerville, Ruth Steele & family, the Gaynor family.

Prayer List to Be Updated

If you want your loved one to remain on the Prayer List (or to be added) please contact the office or Carol Swingle of Spiritual Life. We intend to start the list over in the New Year starting in February.

Reminder from our Treasurer:

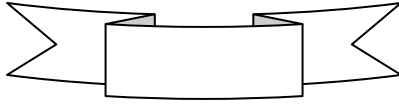
Please note: If you use a bill paying system for donations to UCCEG, please notify your banks of the church's new address. It may take a few weeks for it to go through the bank's system. If you have not already notified your bill payers, now's the time! Thank you for your generosity! UCCEG's new address:

**United Church of Christ East Goshen, Church House,
1066 S. New Street, West Chester, PA 19382**

Financial Update

Note:

An end of year report for the 2024 financial year will be available soon.



Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Celebrate the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. “Make it a Day On, Not a Day Off.”

St Paul’s Baptist Church, in collaboration with the Charles A Melton Center, is holding its 21st annual day of service in honor of Dr King. (All programs described below are from 9-12 noon on Monday 1/20/25 unless otherwise noted.) There are many ways for you to get involved.

- Donate non-perishable food. Items can be dropped off at St Paul’s or the Melton Center.
- Donate a children's book. Most desired are contemporary books that appeal to a diverse audience of children. Please drop off at St Paul's.
- Participate in a service project. These will be held at both locations. Details were included in the Friday email or ask Carol Swingle.
- Ask for donations at a local grocery store. Teams will be collecting at the West Chester Acme on Paoli Pike and the West Chester Shoprite on Route 3. Look for a team leader for instructions.
- Get needed clothing for yourself or tell others about this opportunity. Clothing for children, women, and men will be available for free through the Blessings Boutique at St Paul's.

LUNCHEON: No matter where or how you participated the entire community is invited to a luncheon at St Paul's at noon. It will be followed by a brief Service of Reflection on the importance of Dr King's legacy of Building the Beloved Community. Please bring a donation of an item of non-perishable food.

LOCATIONS: St Paul's Baptist Church, One Hagerty Blvd, West Chester, PA 19382.

The Charles A Melton Arts and Education Center, 501 East Miner Street, West Chester, PA 19382

TWO CONCERTS THIS AFTERNOON CELEBRATING REV DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR:

There are two concerts this afternoon dedicated to the life and legacy of Dr King.

- **CHESTER CHILDREN'S CHORUS:**
4:00 PM, Our Mother of Good Counsel, 31 Pennswood Rd, Bryn Mawr, PA, 19010
Free, arrive early for a good seat.

- **THE PINE FORGE ACADEMY CHOIR**
4:00 PM, St Paul's Baptist Church, One Hagerty Blvd, West Chester, PA, 19382
Please bring an item of non-perishable food or a children's book to donate.