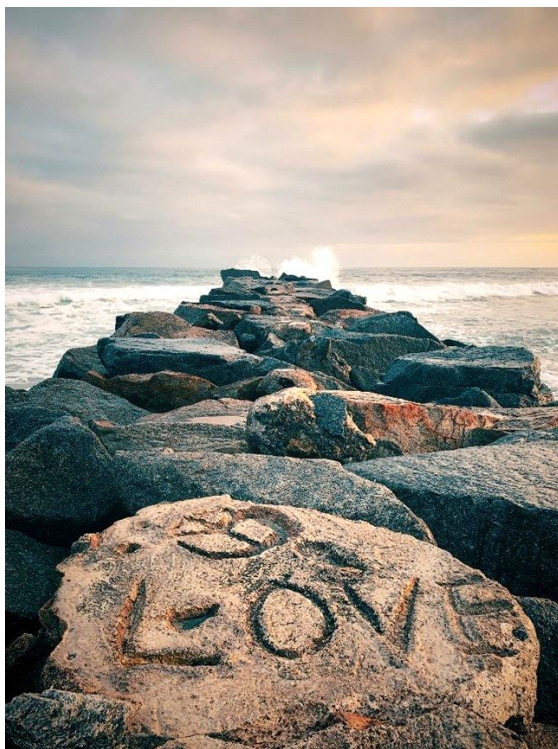


# UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST EAST GOSHEN

Rev. Lynice Pinkard, Pastor

We Are a Church of Extravagant Welcome!

July 13, 2025 – 10 AM



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Love—A Worthy Adventure**

We are an Open and Affirming congregation that celebrates  
our LGBTQIA+ kindred

**Ringling of the Singing Bowl**

Beth Sayler

**Invocation**

Pastor Lynice

**Psalm 25:1-9 (NRSV)**

Bonnie Yost

1To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
2O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.  
3Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.  
4Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.  
5Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.  
6Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
7Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!  
8Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
9He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

*\*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
*(\*stand as you are able)*

NCH 335 (1,4,5)

# **Pastoral Welcome**

## **\*Call to Worship**

### **Leader:**

Come, beloved community--  
you are already walking in love,  
you who long to love more deeply still.  
Give thanks for your compassion,  
for your faithfulness.  
for the ways you care for one another.

### **People**

Love is everything.  
It's the hardest, holiest thing we do—  
a truth stitched into Paul's prayer,  
a song rising from the road to Jericho.

### **Leader:**

We are always being called onward—  
to grow in wisdom,  
to be strengthened in endurance,  
to discover the deeper adventure of love.

### **People:**

The Spirit keeps shaping us.  
There is more muscle to grow in our grace,  
more marrow in our mercy,  
more connective tissue in our kindness.

### **Leader:**

Love is not just a feeling.  
It's a fierce, unfolding frontier—  
a path where we don't just help others,  
we become something new.

**People:**

So rise, heart forward travelers.  
Stretch your soul like skin in the sun.  
Come with your questions and your longing.  
Come ready to be surprised  
for the journey of love leads always  
beyond the boundaries we once knew.

**All:**

Holy One, send us your Spirit of wisdom and  
boldness  
Refine our love.  
Stretch our compassion.  
Deepen our mercy.  
Lead us on the adventure  
of becoming more fully alive in love.  
Amen.

**\*Passing the Peace** *(in a safe and sensitive manner)*

**Special Music:**     *Known*                      Words & Music by Sapp, Wells, Hulse

*\*Come, We That Love the Lord*    NCH 379 (1,3,4)

**Prayers of the People**    Ann Boohar

Prayer leader, after a prayer: Lord in your mercy  
Congregation: Hear our prayers.

**\*All:**

**Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit,  
who is in Heaven,  
hallowed be your name.**

**Your Kin-dom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our faults, as we forgive the faults of others.  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For yours is the kin-dom, power, and glory, forever. Amen.**

## **Listening To Our Sacred Text**

Webb Mealy

### **Colossians 1: 3-12 (NRSV)**

3In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 4for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel 6that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. 7This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, 8and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

9For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. 11May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience,

while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

## **Luke 10: 25-37 (NRSV)**

25Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 27He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." 28And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

29But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. 34He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' 36Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" 37He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**Sermon**    Love Ruins Us and Remakes Us--Beautifully    Pastor Lynice

## **Time of Silent Reflection**

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

## **\*Prayer of Commitment**

Pastor Lynice

### **Let us pray:**

#### **Leader:**

O Love that leaps beyond limits,  
we stand at threshold of your daring dream,  
hearts open,  
hands trembling,  
ready not just to speak love—  
but to become it.

#### **People:**

We commit not to comfort,  
But to the climb--  
where love means kneeling in unfamiliar dust.  
Reaching for the wounds we once walked past,  
choosing mercy when silence would be easier.

#### **Leader:**

Shape us, not into saints of sentiment,  
but into storm-walkers of compassion,  
truth tellers in troubled times,  
bridge-builders where the world has burned  
the roads.

#### **People:**

Let us be the kind of brave  
that forgives first,  
that listens long,

that loves those deemed unlovable—  
even the stranger in the mirror.

**Leader:**

Transform us, O Holy Flame,  
from observers to participants,  
from polite kindness  
into wild, widening love.

**People:**

For this is our sacred vow:  
Wherever it leads—  
even when it frightens  
even when it costs,  
even when it changes everything.

**ALL:**

We say yes.  
Yes to love that grows us.  
Yes to love that moves us.  
Yes to the adventure of becoming  
fully, fearlessly,  
your people of hope.

Fill us with your Spirit.  
We cannot do this without her.  
Amen.

**Offertory Music**

*God of Heaven*

Heather Sorensen

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

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.**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

O God,

We share our offerings from our resources, that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries in the days ahead, that each of us may be a part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen

*\*Take My Life and Let It Be*

NCH 448 (1,5,6)

**Announcements** (Please read the printed announcements)

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *The Heavens Are Telling, -the oratorio The Creation* Haydn

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

Please join us for fellowship in the Parlor.

## **THANK YOU to ALL helping with Worship Today:**

Ann Boohar: Greeters/Offering Collection

Beth Sayler: Singing Bowl

Ann Boohar: Prayers of the People

Susan Ward: Tech Support

Bonnie Yost, Webb Mealy: Lay Reader(s)

Bonnie Yost : Fellowship Hour

Bonnie Yost and Andy Grim: Counters

## **Worship Volunteers for Sunday, 7/20/25**

: Greeters/Offering Collection

: Singing Bowl

: Conversation for All Ages

: Prayers of the People

Bart Yost :Tech Support

: Lay Reader(s)

: Fellowship Hour

Candice Keith and Carol Swingle: Counters

## **Church Office Hours This Week**

	<u>Pastor Lynice</u>	<u>Administrator</u>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Day Off</i>	---
<i>Tuesday</i>	10–4PM	<i>Work from home</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	10–4PM	<i>Work from home</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	10–4PM	11AM–1PM
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Day Off</i>	<i>Work from home</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Work from home</i>	---

Lindsay Woessner, Music Director

Carolyn Scherer, Office Administrator

## **UCCEG Worship & Events**

July 15: 1pm: Cafe Script

July 15: 7pm: Worship & Music Committee (Zoom)

July 20 - 10am: Worship

## Prayer Requests

Please fill out a **prayer request form** (on the table in the Foyer) and place in the offering plate, email [office@ucceastgoshen.org](mailto:office@ucceastgoshen.org), or contact Carol Swingle for any updates or additions to our prayer list.

**We pray for the following members and friends of UCCEG:**



Roy Garlisch, Cliff Keljikian, George Litzke, Family and friends of Susan Morey, Susan Ward, Carol Swingle, Anne Phinney, Ron Rising, Beverly Catt, MaryAnn McCracken, Family of Eric Flicker, Jim Wilson, Family of Eileen Kukoda, Sandy Haymaker, Family and friends of Roxanne, Andy Mahard, Cherri Murphy, Marquita Kinard, Elizabeth Hess, fur baby Annie Watts, Jeff Fletcher and family

## Announcements and Community Notices

### MORE KINDNESS INTO ACTION

How do you give kindness? How do you receive kindness?

Kindness suggestions:

10. Visit someone who is homebound.
11. Donate your old cell phones to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence ([ncadv.org](http://ncadv.org)).
12. Triple the tip.

Kindness received:

7. I have received kindness from many in the congregation who have offered to help me before and after my surgery. One person gave me a prayer shawl and another made soup. Others have offered to help me with household chores when I get home. It's a beautiful community of kindness and love in action! S.W.
8. In stacked traffic on the Schuylkill Expwy a driver let me and a few others into their lane which was actually moving. Later, on Rte 1, I let another driver pull in front of me. And not long after that, that driver let someone in front of them. A chain reaction in a good way. A.B.

### **CAFE SCRIPT IS BACK-ALL WELCOME:**

The first Café Script with Pastor Lynice was a success; thanks to all who attended! Cafe Script with Pastor Lynice is on Tuesdays, 1:00 pm, at the Church House. Cafe Script is a time of Bible Study. In the past we began with reading a bible chapter and then discussing it and the context within which it was written and how it fits into our daily life. This is a “safe space” when we can ask any question and learn from Pastor Lynice and others. Please come!

### **July/August Outreach for Safe Harbor**

Safe Harbor (SH) greatly appreciates the items we have donated throughout the year. If you care to donate in July and August, we are asking that you make a monetary donation for SH to use as needed. If you write a check please make it payable to UCCEG and add Safe Harbor on the memo line or put cash in a church envelope, label it for Safe Harbor, and drop it in the collection plate. Thank you for kind your generosity.

### **West Chester Food Cupboard (WCFC)**

40,000 people currently are experiencing food insecurity in Chester County. Suggested items to donate are canned meat, canned fish, cereal, peanut butter, non-grape jelly, spaghetti sauce (cans or plastic jars), hearty soups, canned fruit but other non-perishable items are gratefully accepted as well. Also, personal care items including soaps, toothpaste, toilet paper, diapers (sizes 5 and 6,) baby wipes, and feminine products. WCFC, at 431 S. Bolmar Street, is adding hours on Thursday evenings from June 19<sup>th</sup> through August 21<sup>st</sup> to provide extra food for children over the summer. More information is available at [westchesterfoodcupboard.org](http://westchesterfoodcupboard.org). Please put your items in the bin in the hallway of the Church House. Grateful thanks.