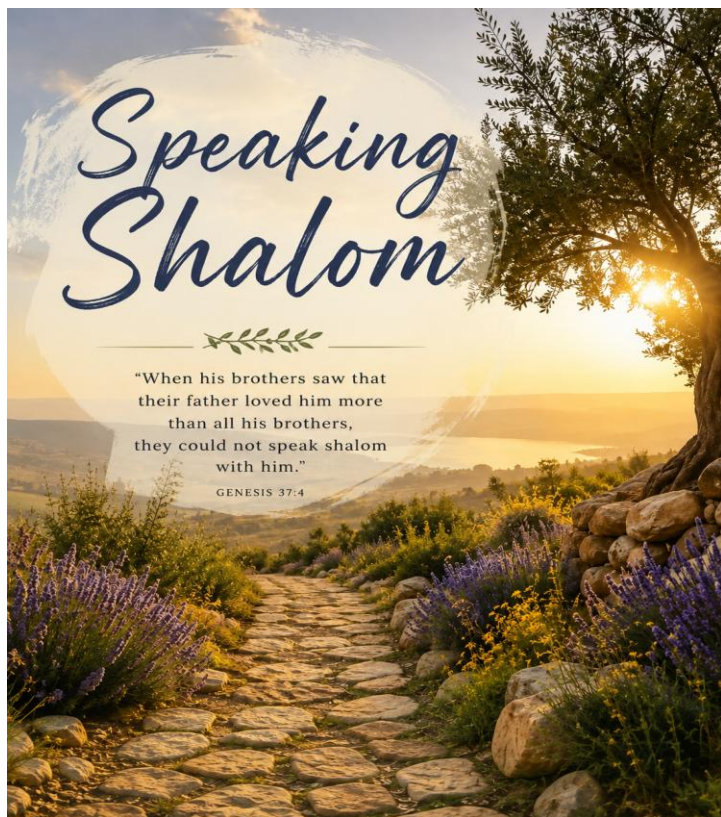


UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST EAST GOSHEN

We Are a Church of Extravagant Welcome for All People!

August 9, 2026—10AM



Speaking Shalom **Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost**

We are a Congregation that celebrates our LGBTQIA+ kindred

Rev. Lynice Pinkard, Pastor

Carolyn Scherer, Office Administrator

Marty Meyer, Music Director

Warren Cooper, Musician

Prelude *We Have Come Into This House*

Ballinger, arr. Warren B. Cooper

Pastoral Welcome

Announcements

Ringling of the Singing Bowl

Invocation

***A Prayer of Entrance**

Leader:

Come, beloved of God.

Come before the One whose love has never been divided.

Before there was comparison,
there was Love.

Before there was envy,
there was Grace.

Before there was fear,
there was the God who looked upon all creation and called it very good.

People:

We come before the God whose love is never scarce,
whose mercy is never rationed,
and whose belovedness is given without measure.

Leader:

Come before the One who knows us more deeply than we know
ourselves.

The One who knows our joys,
our wounds,
our gifts,
our longings,
and the sacred shape of our lives.

The One who delights in every one of God's children.

People:

We come before the God who calls each of us by name
and loves each of us wholly.

Leader:

We have not gathered merely to offer our worship.

We have come to be formed by the living God.

To have what has become twisted,
straightened.

What has become fearful,
made courageous.

What has become divided,
made whole.

What has become hardened,
made tender again.

People:

Come, Holy God.
Form us again.

Leader:

Teach us to see as you see.

Teach us to rejoice in the gifts of another.

Teach us to celebrate another's flourishing without fear for our own.

Teach us to become a people who can once again speak shalom to one another.

People:

Loving God,
remake us in your love.

Leader:

For your love is deeper than our wounds,
stronger than our comparisons,
greater than our fears,
and wider than every boundary we have drawn.

Your love restores.

Your love heals.

Your love transforms.

All:

Come, Holy Spirit.

Meet us here.

Shape us by your grace.

Renew us in your love.

And send us into the world
as kindred who know ourselves to be deeply beloved
and who delight in the belovedness of others.

Let us worship God. Amen.

**For the Beauty of the Earth*

NCH 28 (1,4)

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b (NRSVUE)

1 O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
2 Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
3 Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
4 Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.
5 Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,
6 O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

16 When he summoned famine against the land
and cut off every supply of bread,
17 he had sent a man ahead of them,
Joseph, who had been sold as a slave.
18 His feet were hurt with fetters;
his neck was put in a collar of iron;
19 until what he had said came to pass,
the word of the LORD kept testing him.
20 The king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
21 He made him lord of his house
and ruler of all his possessions,
22 to instruct his officials at his pleasure
and to teach his elders wisdom.

45
Praise the LORD!

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

We Regather in Song:

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

NCH 393 vs 1

Blessed be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The sharing of a common life
Is like to that above.

Prayers of the People

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 in 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

Will O'Brien

Genesis 37: 1-4 (NRSVUE)

1 Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. 2 These are the descendants of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. 4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

**Special Music: I Surrender All*

Van De Venter, Weeden - Arr. Warren B. Cooper

Sermon

Another's Blessing

Rev. Kevin McLemore

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**

(please see insert)

**We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

NCH 182 (1,3)

Offertory Music *Love Lifted Me* *Rowe, Smith, arr. Warren Cooper*

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.

****I'm Gonna Go Serve Jesus***

Warren B. Cooper

Lyrics:

*I'm Gonna Go, Go, Go Serve Jesus
Go, Go, Go Serve Jesus
Go, Go, Go Serve Jesus – Un-til He Comes.
I'm Gonna Feed, Feed, Feed God's People
I'm Gonna Love, Love, Love My Neighbor
I'm Gonna Live, Live, Live For Justice*

***Benediction**

(People gather in a circle up front to participate in the benediction)

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:

Bonnie Yost: Greeters/Offering Collection

Bart Yost: Tech Support

Rain Willover, Will O’Brien: Lay Reader(s)

Beth Sayler, Rain Willover: Fellowship Hour

Bonnie Yost and Carol Swingle: Counters

Worship Volunteers for Sunday, 8/16/26

: Greeters/Offering Collection

Susan Ward: Tech Support

Webb Mealy: Lay Reader(s)

, Kang Chen : Fellowship Hour

Susan Ward and Ann Boohar: Counters

Church Office Hours This Week

	<u>Pastor Lynice</u>	<u>Administrator</u>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Day Off</i>	<i>Work from home</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	10-4	<i>Work from home</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	10-4	<i>Work from home</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	10-4	<i>Church House</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Day Off</i>	<i>Work from home</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Work from home</i>	---

UCCEG Worship & Events

8/11/26: 1pm: Café Script (Hybrid-Come in person or join via Zoom)

8/11/26: 7pm: Worship Team (Zoom)

8/16/26: 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, or contact Carol Swingle for any updates or additions to our prayer list.

We pray for the following members and friends of UCCEG:

Cliff Keljikian, Anne Phinney, Ron Rising, Family of Jim Wilson, Cherri Murphy, Marquita Kinard, Bunny Watts, Jeff Fletcher and family, Roger Meacham, Joanie Youse, Rain Willover, Nancy Jane van Krieken (mom of Beth Anne Keates), Andy and Thea Mahard, Johari Jabir, Jane and Frank Resides, Barbara Booth and family, Rafael Barber, Debra Ann Leapheart and family, Lanning and Deanne Risher as they deal with serious health issues, Lester Allen (uncle of Bonnie Jackson and brother of Beverly Myles), Bonnie Jackson and family on the loss of her brother Roy Garlisch, Pete Speece, Annie Sherman, Claudia Morrow, Cathie Bonner (cousin of Carolyn Scherer), Lurch Hill, Jeanine Hiester, Lizzy Hinton, Pat Riddle, Amanda Runyan.



Announcements and Community Notices

WELCOME:

We welcome The Rev. Kevin McLemore as our guest preacher today!

Rev. McLemore serves the Keystone Conference as Transitional Regional Conference Minister for Region 1, which includes the Covenant, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon, North Penn, Philadelphia, York, and Ursinus Associations. Ordained in 1998, he began his ministry in Spokane, Washington, and most recently served an urban congregation in Chicago for ten years. Throughout his ministry, he has served congregations of every size and setting—from rural to urban—and helped plant a new church early in his career.

Kevin and his spouse, Douglas, live in Pottstown with their three dogs and two cats.

Rev. McLemore, we extend to you a UCC East Goshen extravagant welcome. Thank you for worshipping with us and for sharing God's Word with our congregation.

CAFÉ SCRIPT IS BACK — ALL ARE WELCOME!

Café Script meets Tuesdays from 1–2 pm on Zoom as we continue our journey through the Gospel of **Mark, with Matthew, Luke, and John** still ahead. All are welcome — come as you are, whether you join regularly or drop in from time to time. Cafe Script is now hybrid—taking place at the Church House and on Zoom. Carolyn sends the Zoom link out every week. We hope you will join us for this time of Scripture, reflection, and shared learning.

WEST CHESTER FOOD CUPBOARD (WCFC)

Thank you from WCFC: Thank you so much for your continued generosity to the West Chester Food Cupboard. In these especially challenging times, your support means more than ever – not just to us, but to the growing number of families who rely on us. Last year we served over 8,000 people. Many are turning to us for the first time. You are truly making a difference in the lives of so many people. Needs: Cereal, non-grape jelly, canned meat, canned fish, peanut butter,

spaghetti sauce (cans or plastic jars), hearty soups, and canned fruit. Personal care items are always needed. Please put items in the bin in the foyer. No glass items please. If you care to give a monetary donation, please write a check payable to UCCEG with WCFC on the memo line or put cash in a church envelope, label it for WCFC, and drop it in the collection plate. Thank you.

OUTREACH FOR SAFE HARBOR

Thanks to all who contribute to this essential ministry of service to the houseless and those working towards a permanent housing situation. Safe Harbor would appreciate donations of the following at this time: Lunch snack items (packaged chips, pretzels, etc.), water, juice boxes (or jugs), baked goods (e.g. brownies), and toilet paper. If you would like to learn about volunteering opportunities, please see Webb Mealy. Monetary donations will support purchase of special baskets/bins for refrigerated food storage. If you care to donate to this effort, please write a check payable to UCCEG with 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 your kind generosity.

***Prayer of Commitment**

Leader:

Holy and Loving God,
we thank you that your love is never divided,
your mercy is never scarce,
and your belovedness is never rationed.

People:

You have called each of us by name
and loved each of us wholly.

Leader:

Forgive us when we forget who we are.

When fear becomes comparison...

comparison becomes resentment...

and resentment keeps us from rejoicing
in the goodness you have given to another.

People:

Heal what has become twisted within us.
Restore what has become fearful.
Open our hearts to the abundance of your grace.

Leader:

By your Holy Spirit,
bend our hearts toward gratitude.

Teach us to delight
in the gifts you have given to one another.

Teach us to celebrate another's flourishing
without fearing for our own.

People:

By your grace,
make your love
the truest thing we know about ourselves.

Leader:

When we know ourselves to be deeply beloved,
comparison loses its power.

Scarcity loses its power.

Envy loses its power.

People:

Teach us to rejoice with those who rejoice,
to bless rather than begrudge,
to encourage rather than compare,
and to delight in the belovedness of every child of God.

Leader:

Make us a people who speak shalom.

A people whose lives bear witness
to the wideness of your love.

All:

Through Jesus Christ,
who has loved us wholly
and teaches us to love one another.

Amen.