UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST EAST GOSHEN

We Are a Church of Extravagant Welcome for All People!

November 1, 2026—10AM



Held in a Love That Outlives Us

Twenty-third 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 *For All the Saints* arr. Hayes

Pastoral Welcome

Announcements

Ringing of the Singing Bowl

Invocation

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, saints of God—those still becoming and those gone before us.

People: We come surrounded by a love older and larger than ourselves.

Leader: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

People: Look at the birds. Consider the lilies. See what love God has given us.

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children now.

People: Let us rejoice, give thanks, and worship God.

**For the Beauty of the Earth* NCH 28 (1-4)

*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.

Listening to Our Sacred Text

Rain Willover and Webb Mealy

Psalm 34:1–10, 22 (NRSVUE)

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
3 O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
5 Look to him, and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
6 This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD
and was saved from every trouble.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.
8 O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.
9 O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
10 The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

22 The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Matthew 6:25–34 (NRSVUE)

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat
or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not
life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the
birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet
your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?
27 And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of
life? 28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the
field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even
Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 30 But if God
so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is
thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little
faith? 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What
will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ 32 For it is the gentiles who seek
all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need
all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his
righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
34 “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of
its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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.

**More Love to You, O Christ* NCH 456 (1-3)

Listening To Our Sacred Text

Rain Willover

1 John 3:1a–2 (NRSVUE)

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called
children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not
know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children
now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is
this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he
is.

Sermon Apparently, God Can Manage

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

Leader: God of the saints who came before us and of the lives we are living now,

People: teach us to trust what we cannot control.

Leader: Free us from carrying what was never ours to carry.

People: Open our eyes to the goodness already around us.

Leader: Help us receive our lives as gift, our neighbors as beloved, and this day as enough.

People: Make us faithful, joyful, and free.

Leader: And when we forget that the world rests in Your hands and not ours,

All: remind us again. Amen.

Offertory Music *Give Me Jesus** Anne Krentz Organ

*AAHH 561

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.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

PASTOR:

There are tables that divide, tables that measure worth, and tables where only some are welcome.

This is not one of those tables.

This is Christ's table—a table where strangers become neighbors, burdens are shared, and grace is freely given.

And on this All Saints Sunday, we remember that we do not gather here alone.

We come with the saints who have gone before us—those who taught us to pray and showed us how to love, those who struggled to believe and trusted when trust was hard, those whose lives helped make our lives possible.

We come with those whose names we speak with tenderness, and with countless others whose names are lost to history but never lost to God.

Here there is room for memory and gratitude, for grief and laughter, for healing and hope.

So come with your whole self.

Come carrying those you love and those you miss.

Come knowing that when we break this bread, we join a communion larger than this congregation and larger than this moment—the living and the departed, the remembered and the forgotten, all held in the love of God.

The welcome is wide.

The grace is free.

The table is Christ's.

Come and be nourished.

Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also, with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

PASTOR:

God of life,

You have made us, held us, and accompanied us through every season—through what we understood and what remained a mystery, through familiar paths and unexpected turns.

On this All Saints Sunday, we give thanks for those who came before us—those who taught us to love, helped shape our faith, and made our lives possible.

Thank you for the communion that neither time nor death can undo, and for the love in which the living and the departed are held together in you.

For those who came before us,

for those who walk beside us,

for those who will come after us,

and for Christ who gathers us all,

we give you thanks.

Amen.

Words of Institution

On the night that Jesus was betrayed

He took bread, gave thanks,
broke it, and said:

"This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

After that, he took the cup, saying:

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
poured out for you and for many.
Do this in remembrance of me."

Invoking the Holy Spirit

ALL: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God,
and upon these gifts of bread and cup,

that this bread and cup may be Christ among us,
and we may become a people formed by Christ.

Ground us in what holds. Shape us in what is true.

That we may be the body of Christ
alive in the world—strengthened in love,
filled with life.

Amen.

Distribution of the Elements

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come. All things are now ready.

Sharing the Bread

Let Us Break Bread Together - Verse one NCH330

Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.

(Servers distribute bread to congregation. Pastor serves them when they return to the table.)

PASTOR: Take and eat. This is the body of Christ, given for you.

PEOPLE: Amen

Sharing the cup

Let Us Drink Wine Together – Verse two NCH 330

Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees.

(Servers distribute cups to congregation. Pastor serves them when they return to the table.)

PASTOR: Take and drink.

This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Proclamation

PASTOR: Christ has died.

PEOPLE: Christ is risen.

ALL: Christ will come again. Amen.

**When the Saints Go Marching In* AAHH 595 (1-3)

*Benediction

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

Deep Peace

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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:

Linda Ardao: Greeters/Offering Collection
Bart Yost: Tech Support
Rain Willover, Webb Mealy: Lay Reader(s)
Todd Speece and Kang Chen: Fellowship Hour
Linda Ardao, : Counters, Communion Servers

Worship Volunteers for Sunday, 11/8/26

: Greeters/Offering Collection
Susan Ward: Tech Support
Will O'Brien, Rain Willover: Lay Reader(s)
Erica Britton, : Fellowship Hour
Bart Yost, Greg Sayler : Counters

Church Office Hours This Week

	Pastor Lynice	Administrator
Monday	*Day Off*	*Work from home*
Tuesday	10-4	*Work from home*
Wednesday	10-4	*Work from home*
Thursday	10-4	*Work from home*
Friday	*Day Off*	*Church House*
Saturday	*Work from home*	---

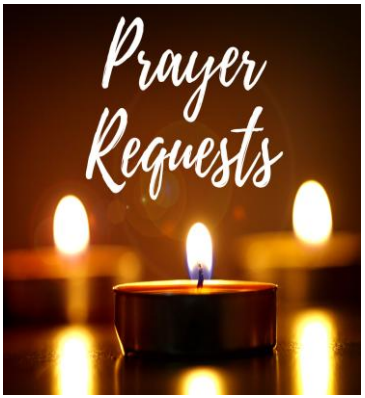
UCCEG Worship & Events

11/1/26: Council & Steering Committee available following worship for discussion
11/3/26: 1pm: Café Script (Hybrid-in person or join via Zoom)
11/8/26: 10am-Worship
Save the Date:
11/15/26: 9:25 am-Pop Up Choir Rehearsal
11/22/26: Congregational Meeting

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 (Carolyn Scherer's cousin), Jeanine Hiester, Lizzy Hinton, family and friends of Don Rising, Denise, David Brubaker, Marilyn.

Announcements and Community Notices

CHOIR REHEARSAL-POP UP CHOIR

Sunday Pop-up Choir will happen on November 15th. If you enjoy singing, come join other singers Sunday morning 11/15. We'll meet at 9:25am and learn an anthem. Then we'll sing it in worship that day. See Marty if you have questions.

UPDATES FROM THE UCCEG CHURCH COUNCIL

The UCCEG Council is informing the Congregation of some changes to Council membership and Music leadership:

- for personal reasons, Margaret Ernst has resigned as chair of the Worship & Music committee.
- Linda Ardao has been appointed by Council to chair the Worship & Music committee through the end of the year.
- for personal reasons, Naomi Washington Leapheart has resigned as chair of the Spiritual Formation committee.
- Marty Meyer has decided not to extend her contract to 2027. She will be the UCCEG Music Director through the end of December 2026.
- Warren Cooper's contract will finish at the end of December 2027. Warren will provide music at the Nov 14th and Dec 12th services.

CAFÉ SCRIPT — 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 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 for the growing number of families who rely on us. 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. If you would like to learn about volunteering opportunities, please see

Webb Mealy. Monetary donations will support general needs at Safe Harbor. If you care to donate, 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.