

**Pennsylvania Southeast Conference
of the United Church of Christ**



**Closing Worship
Saturday, June 4, 2022
2022 Annual Meeting**

We are called to worship as we engage our entire body, mind, and Spirit

Hymn of Praise “Come, O Spirit, with Your Sound” John Dalles NCH #265

Come, O Spirit with your sound like a wind, quick rushing;
come from heaven, stir our hearts, each disciple touching!
Mold our actions to your will, you our service giving;
move in our community, transform now our living!

Come, O Spirit, with your flame, leaping tongues of fire;
come, and with your glorious light all our thoughts inspire!
Rest upon each servant’s head till each one is speaking
of our Christ, the Holy One all the earth is seeking!

Come, O Spirit, fill your church, making strong our mission;
fill your daughters and your sons with a mighty vision.
Till the great and glorious day when the whole creation
sings your praise as Sovereign One, giver of salvation!

Faith Sharing – We welcome a few individuals to share how God’s Spirit has worked through them this weekend, then we will spend a few minutes sharing at our tables

We Hear the Words of God Acts 2: 14-21 Read by Rev. Sharell Shippen

Sermon – Rev. William P. Worley

Preparing for Holy Communion with Hand Washing
(adapted from the Reformed Worship 82 December. 2006)

Hymn “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” One License #708988 NCH 498

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Knelt at the feet of his friends, silently washing their feet, Jesu you acted as servant to them.

Refrain

Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are near and far away.

Refrain

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love, all these are neighbors to us and you.

Refrain

Loving puts us on our knees, showing our faith by our deeds, serving the neighbors we have from you.

Refrain

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you.

Refrain

Invitation to Hand Washing

L1 - Jesus said, "So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example that you also should do as I have done for you."

Experience of a Faith Imagination - Rev. Anne Cormier

You are invited to pair up and wash each other's hands using the bowl on each table.

We Celebrate Holy Communion Together

L2 - As Jesus prayed to God in the shadows of the Garden of Gethsemane, let us pray together now in the shadow of his love. For the leaders of the world, that they may put aside their differences and seek the peace of Christ, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

L3 - For the Church, that she may become a servant offering hope, life, and compassion to all who seek God's love, we pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

L2 - For all who receive daily bread in welfare lines, food banks, and at this table, that they may forgive our daily trespasses, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

L1 - Lord, gather your people around your table, that we who celebrate this sacrament may understand what Christ does for us and follow in his way, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

L2 - That we may long for the day when all may feast at the table of our Lord, no one will be an outsider, and all will be loved, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

L3 - As our Lord continues to make intercession for us, let us unite in this prayer, remembering those who asked us to pray and those who need our prayers.

[Silent prayer]

Rev. Worley - Gracious God, as we eat and drink the sacrament of the body and blood of your Son, help us in turn to give ourselves to you by giving ourselves to others. Pour Your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts, that we may experience Your love and grace. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our God in Heaven, Holy is Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Keep us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

-The cups have grape juice but the wafer is NOT gluten free. A gluten free wafer is available.

Prayer after Communion

Hymn of Sending

"You Are the Seed"

Cesareo Gabarain NCH 528

You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will shine through the day;
You are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the night.

You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;

You are a sting and soft, gentle touch, my witnesses where 'er you go.

Refrain: Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all, messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love

Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world".

You are the flame that will brighten the way, sending sparkles of hope, faith and love; you are the shepherds to lead the whole world through valleys and pastures of peace.

You are the friends that I chose for myself, the word that I want to proclaim. you are the city that's built on a rock where justice and truth always reign.

Refrain

You are the life that will nurture the plant; you're the waves in a turbulent sea; yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread it will yield.

There is no place for a city to hide, nor a mountain can cover its might; may your good deeds show a world in despair a path that will lead all to God.

Refrain

Benediction – Rev. William P. Worley

May the blessings of God go with you as you take all you have experienced to your congregations. Allow God's Spirit to flow through you to your community.

We are the body of Christ, freely giving love to all we meet.

Go in the peace of Christ!

Amen!

We give thanks for our Leader participants:

L1 – Susan Zimmerman

L2 – Karen Toback

L3 – Deborah Lord