## Welcome and Gathering Songs- Don Carl

## Ringing of the Bell

**Prelude:** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Peery/Mason

#### Call to Worship

L: We were created in relationship and for relationship with God and one another.

L: Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

<u>Hymn</u> In Christ There Is No East or West" – Red Hymnal #285

Reinagle

**Children's Message-** Michele Hamme

Sanctuary Choir: "Share the Table"

Johnson

**Scripture:** 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 Nancy King

Message: Rekindle the Spark

# Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

*Hymn*: "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" - Red Hymnal #325

Dearle

# **Confession**

Let us examine our lives in the presence of God, humbly confessing our sins and opening our hearts.

One fact remains that does not change: God has loved you, loves you now, and will love you always. This is the Good News.

Sacrament of Holy Communion
L: This table is for all who wish to know the risen Christ.
L: This table is a table of grace, reconciliation, renewal, and hope.
L: God be with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.
L: We give you thanks, Holy One, almighty and eternal God, always and everywherewho gathers us from every people to unite us in one holy church.
(You will be invited to come forward to receive the elements individually. If you are not able to come forward, someone will come to you.)
*Closing Hymn: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" -Red Hymnal #344 Thomas
* <u>Benediction</u>
*Postlude: "Finale" Koch
*Members should rise if able.



Thank you for joining us today. We are happy to have you here. Please sign the guestbook located at the bell tower. Since you may be unfamiliar with us, below are some housekeeping items to help you find your way around:

- Restrooms are located in the overflow room, in the new section by the office, and down the stairs from the new sections.
- Brown offering envelopes are located in the pew backs and also in the overflow room by the bulletins. The offering plate is located on the same table.

Today, Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate *World Communion Sunday* – a day observed by many Christian denominations on the first Sunday of October. This special occasion reminds us of our unity in Christ and the spirit of cooperation shared by Christians around the world. Today we also receive the *Neighbors in Need* offering, a United Church of Christ mission initiative that supports ministries of justice and compassion across the United States. Offering envelopes are available on the cart in the overflow room.

We will be collecting for the upcoming holiday season. Donations may be brought in . This year, our goal is collection bin will be available in the . Monetary donations are also accepted. Note on the envelope that the donation is for Harvest of Hope. Thank you for helping us share the gift of food and kindness with others! resumes TODAY, , and will gather for lunch at . If you plan to join us, please let following the worship service at know this morning. After worship, we'll give Genova's our count so we can be seated together. Confirmation class begins today, Sunday, October 5th. Confirmands are asked to sit together during the worship service. TODAY, October 5th, we will hold a Q&A session to address any questions the congregation may have about our church going forward beyond Pastor Cathy.

We're excited to return to the Tree of Life Personal Care Home (where Marie Luckabaugh resides) to host another afternoon of bingo on . We already

have four volunteers ready to help lead the games, but if you'd also like to join in, please speak with Pastor Cathy. To make the afternoon extra special, we're collecting . Your donations will help brighten the day for the residents and create moments of fun and connection A donation box is located on the table in the overflow room. Thank you for sharing your time, joy, and generosity with these beloved residents!					
past generosity the number of a provide	ssion project with neighboring churches continues this October. Thanks to your , St. Paul's UCC in Stoverstown currently has a surplus of supplies. As a result, tems needed for this month's distribution is smaller. For October, we are asked to and . A sign-up sheet and collection bir the table in the overflow room. Please bring donations by . assembled on				
<u>©</u>					
more.  ♀ Little Creek  ✔ Tickets avail	for a spook-tacular evening on ! Enjoy a paved trail lined with over 100 lit carved k-or-treating, food trucks, s'mores, apple cider, live music, a hot air balloon, and Community Park, 1657 Route 116, Spring Grove, PA able online September 1 or at the event gate. e family for an evening of fall fun!				
hunger, both lo . Sign	will be held on . Registration begins , followed by opening announcements and prayer. The walk will . The CROP Walk is a community-led event that raises funds to help end cally and around the world. Our  You are invited to eup sheets are available on the table in the overflow room. Checks should be made thurch, with all donations being processed through the church this year. Please be all funds by				
thanks for the laway in the pas	ovember 2 <sup>nd</sup> , we will observe , a time to remember and give ives of those who have gone before us. If you have a loved one who has passed at year—whether a member of our church family or not—and would like their during the service, please complete the form available on the table in the overflow				
	elcome to share one or two photos of your loved one. These will be included in a oint presentation during the service (not displayed on a table). Your photos will be				

You are also welcome to share one or two photos of your loved one. These will be included in a special PowerPoint presentation during the service (not displayed on a table). Your photos will be carefully returned after they are scanned (attach your name to the picture(s) to avoid confusion). Please place both the form and photos in the secretary's mailbox by

As we prepare to honor our veterans and active-duty service members on , we would like to once again display pictures of you or those in your family who have served.

- and left your tent card at church, please stop by the table in the overflow room to review your information. If everything is correct, place the card in the container provided.
- or if updates are needed, please fill out the form available on the same table. Include the service member's
  - . Tent cards with this information will be created to display alongside the picture(s). Please return your form as soon as possible.
- Details on when to bring in your photos will be shared in the coming weeks.

After many faithful years of service, is stepping down as our Christmas poinsettia coordinator. We are deeply grateful for her dedication in helping keep this beautiful tradition alive. As Carol passes the torch, we are now in need of someone willing to step in and continue this meaningful ministry. If you feel called to fill this role, please let the office know.

Mark your calendars! Our annual Christmas Gift-A-Way will be held on . We invite you to begin setting aside items to donate and help make this special event a success.

-		
Communion Servers	Blaine Breeden, Don Carl,	
	Lisa Crisamore, Toni O'Neal,	
	& Joy Spangler	
Gathering Music	Don Carl	Sharon Winter
Lay Reader	Nancy King	TJ Mensinger
Acolyte	Grace Mensinger	Olivia Godfrey
Greeters	Elvin Myers & Diane Patterson	Toni & Abigail O'Neal
Money Counters	Joanne Hoffman, Jean Gross,	Darlene Miner, John Klinedinst,
	& Pat McKowen	& Lisa Crisamore
Sound & Streaming	Blaine Breeden & Toni O'Neal	Joy & Larry Spangler

Thursday Ostobor Oth	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 9th	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
Sunday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School & SPLATT
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Monday, October 13th	7:00 PM	Council Meeting

The office will be open during the hours listed below. Doors will be locked for security; therefore, we ask that you call (717) 225-3932 to let us know you are coming. Staff will be there at the following times:

Cathy Sherry, Pastor	Tue/Wed	10:00 AM - Noon
Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music	Mon/Thur	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Tue-Thur	11:00 - 2:00 PM

October 05	Jill Neiderer	October 09	Marley Hay
October 05	Dennis Runk	October 09	Cole McKowen
October 07	Blair Byers		
	•		
Attendance	71: 66 Sanctuary / 5 YouTube		
Current Offering		\$2,945.00	
Loose Offering		330.00	
OCWM		145.00	
Memorial Offe	ering	140.00	
Harvest of Ho	pe	25.00	