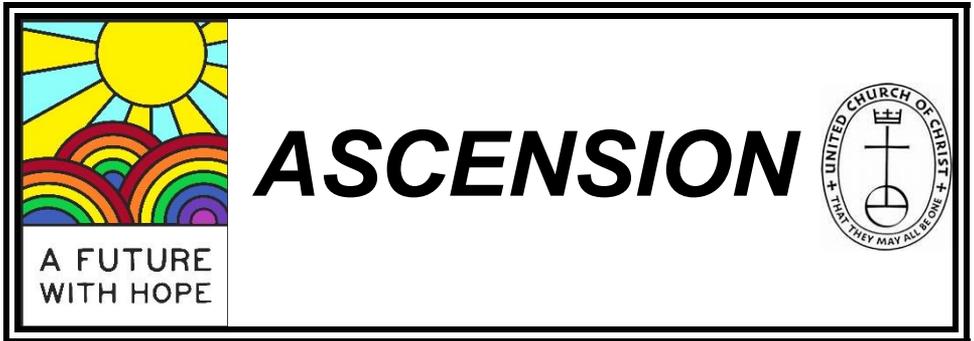


“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”
God is Still Speaking



An Open and Affirming Congregation

October 30, 2022

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“On This Day” (Peterson)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

please rise

Leader: This is a secret -- our church is glad to see you ...
and you ... and you ... and me.

People: **I’m here today when I could be other places,
and I’m glad that all of you are here.**

Leader: These are secrets -- the best exercise is a smile,
the fastest server is an open heart, the truest word
is silence, the deepest peace comes after the
storm.

People: **These are gifts I can give, and these are
gifts I need to receive.**

Leader: Let’s not keep it secret – how good and
gracious is our God.

People: **Let’s offer thanks, tell stories,
sing songs and share prayers.**

Leader: Let’s not keep it secret – we meet God at church!

People: **Let’s worship in community and leave to live
the benediction!**

GATHERING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *Glory to God* 275

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we feel out of balance – we let activity overcome reflection or withdraw from everything to lick our wounds. We present ourselves as extroverts or introverts rather than companions. Sometimes we insist on controlling time, an event, a person, a job or give it up completely. Forgive us our imbalance and our intolerance of the tightrope others walk.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

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DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God is our center, Christ our fulcrum, and the Spirit breathes in us a fragile equilibrium.

People: We are forgiven and our lives made new.

All: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” *Glory to God 591*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

please be seated

First Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

“The Earth Belongs to God Alone” *Glory to God 715*

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

please rise for the gospel

Gospel Lesson Luke 19:1-10

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY

please rise

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

THE INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care. We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history. We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and with all the company of heaven, we glorify you:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” *Glory to God 565*

Leader: On the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread; giving thanks to you, he broke the bread and offered it to his disciples, saying: “Take this and eat; this is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me.”
Taking a cup, again he gave thanks to you, shared the cup with his disciples and said: “This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood. Drink from this all of you. This is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.”

HYMN

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

Glory to God 498

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table, that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

People: Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please continue to pray for Sally S., Sally C., Stephen, Eric, Dan, Greg, Cornel, Barbara, Theo, Lorraine & Larry P., Edie C., Gino A., Matt, Samantha G., Elena, Donna T.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

*Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

Give us this day our daily bread.

*Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.*

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

*For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE WINE

Leader: Through the Broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we share in the new life Christ gives.

LAMB OF GOD

Alice Jordan



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready, come and taste and see how good the Lord is.

PARTAKING OF THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bountiful God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” *Glory to God* 394

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“The Path of Life” (Dyner)

Birthdays

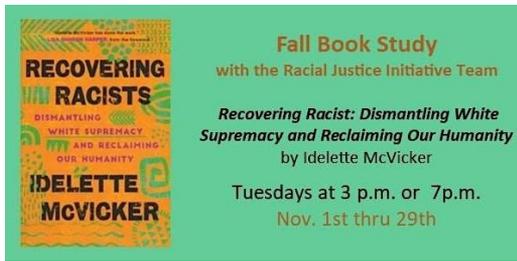
10/30-11/5/2022

Lynda Waltman (31); Grace Harvey (3); Aaron Mosier (5)

Anniversaries

10/30-11/5/2022

Rick & Laurie Fryer (1)



The PSEC Justice Initiative is offering a
2022 Fall Book Study

Recovering Racists: Dismantling White Supremacy and Reclaiming Our Humanity
by Idelette McVicker

As we work for the freedom for everyone, we also find freedom for ourselves.

Join us for five on-line sessions, Tuesdays November 1st – 29th, 3pm Or 7pm each week
Pastor Dwayne Mosier will lead the 3pm session and Liz Brunton will lead the 7pm session

Registration is free! To register: <https://psecfallbkstudy.eventbrite.com>



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, November 6th!

Memorial Candles are available for dedication to honor loved ones on All Saints Sunday. Please see the order forms in the

Narthax, or you can call the office at

610-539-1693 to order Memorial Candles.

The candles are \$5.00 each and need to be ordered

no later than, Tuesday, November 1st.

Please call the office with any questions.



**Thanksgiving Eve Prayer Service,
Wednesday, November 23rd,**

Time TBD

**Please join us at
Gulph United Church of Christ
100 Matsonford Road
Gulph Mills, PA 19428
Gulph UCC, Christ Church UCC
and Ascension UCC are all invited**



We welcome you to our Community of Faith. We pray that God will speak to you during this worship experience. If you have need of pastoral assistance, we encourage you to contact Pastor Dwayne at the church office number listed below or make an appointment with him today.

We welcome children in worship at all times. If you would prefer, childcare is available. Please see one of our ushers. Children's bulletins and crayons are available from the ushers.

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| Pastor | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier |
| Minister of Music | Dan Weckerly |
| President of the Consistory | Liz Brunton |
| Vice President of the Consistory | Michele Luke |
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Molly Lorenz, Barbara Montague-Graham |
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