

Communion

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND GREETING

Handbell Choir

Amen

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN ELW 693 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

And also with you

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW 684 Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries

signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with

light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. Below the first staff, there are two verses of lyrics. The second and third staves continue the melody and have lyrics that wrap around from the first staff. The lyrics describe God's creation and the wonders of the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING: II Timothy 3:14-4:5

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

At the beginning of the reading:

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS 1005 Ask the Complicated Questions



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock-ing,



strong our weak-ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

APOSTLE'S CREED

Together with people of faith in all times and places, we profess our faith with the words of the creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end with the words:

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ MEAL +

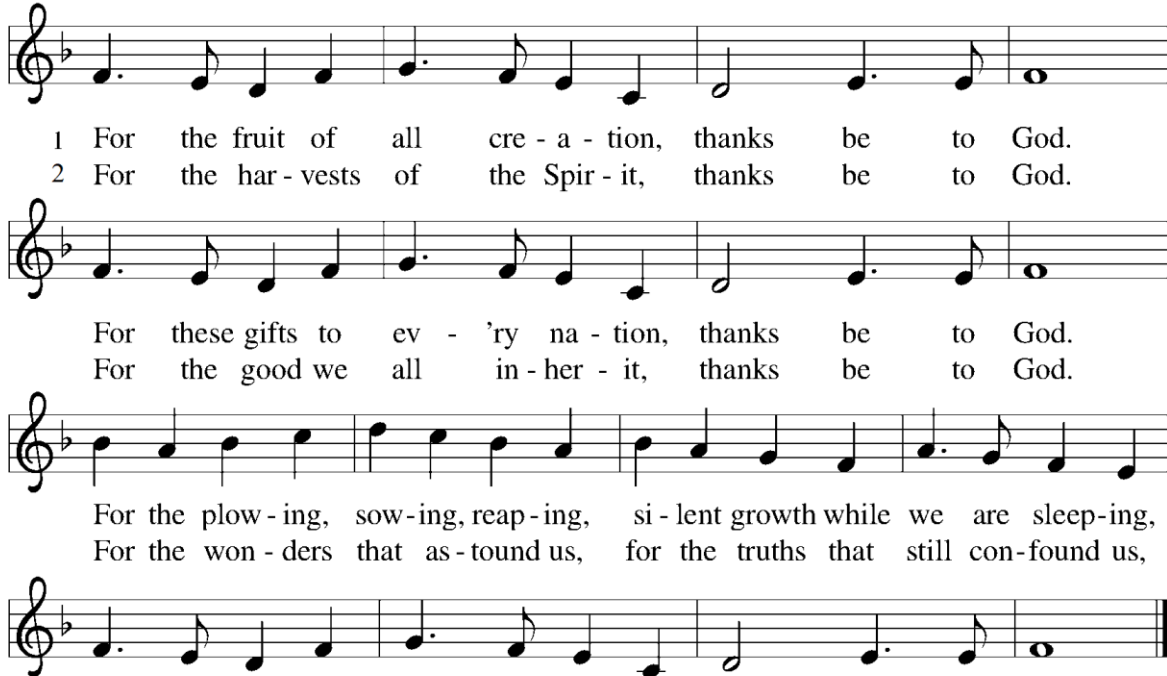
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Praise the Lord with Joyful Song - Hopson
St. John's choir

OFFERTORY ELW 679 For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS – continuous on the floor

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ELW 754 Jesus, the Very Thought of You

ELW 501 Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sing to the Lord of Harvest - arr. Culli
Dave Lewis, trumpet

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PRAYER LIST

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Bob Moran, Leonard Gibeon, David Mounts, Ed & Billie Schanely, Steve Keyser, Andrew Breuninger, the Stauffer family, Renee Fels, Rebecca Jellen, Sarah Keller, Mary Bonar, Mary Flint, Richard Ditzler, Paige Seasock, Charlie Izurieta, Jeff Jadick, Joy Miller, Alyson Harvey, Audrey Sell, Fred Swavely, Marie Wolfe, Erik Ockenlaender, Bob Ernst, Sr. and Michael Toth.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 20	5:30pm Soup & Study 7pm Great Songs of Faith choir rehearsal
Tuesday, October 21	6:30 Third Year Confirmation Rehearsal & Cat Chats 7:15 Worship and Music Committee meeting
Wednesday, October 22	7pm First and Second Year Confirmation
Sunday, October 26	8am Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15am Worship

Pennsburg Code Blue Shelter Open House, 2-4pm on November 2nd.

There will be a training sessions for ALL volunteers (old and new) Tuesday Oct. 26th at 6:30pm and Sunday, Nov. 2nd at 4:15pm. The address is 775 Main St., Pennsburg 18901.



FALL FLING TRUNK OR TREAT
Hayrides, food, craft, trunk or treating!
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*The Reformed Churches in the Upper
Perkiomen Valley welcome you to*

Thanksgiving Worship & Dinner

Sunday, November 23

Worship begins at 4 PM

FREE Thanksgiving dinner to follow

Dessert donations requested!

New Goshenhoppen UCC
1070 Church Rd, East Greenville

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