

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

# WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS.

#### CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP!

Children's bulletins and coloring pagers are available at the worship entrance near the baptismal font. And please, if your children do not yet receive Holy Communion, bring them forward for a blessing.

**LARGE PRINT WORSHIP** binders are available in the church lobby.

# COVID-19 INFORMATION & CURRENT WORSHIP PRACTICES

- We have resumed congregational speaking and singing in the building.
- Hymnals are available in the pew racks.
- Wine and grape juice are once again being offered from the chalice.
- The offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary by the door.

# **HOLY COMMUNION**

7th Sunday of Easter – May 29th, 2022 Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church 252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972 570-385-2657 \* www.jerusalemlutheran.com FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

# **GATHERING**

#### **PRELUDE**

# Jesus Shall Reign

Robert Powell

The bell rings calling us to worship.

# EASTER PROCLAMATION

The presiding minister says to the assembly:

The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ! Thanks be to God!

# GREETING SONG Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

From the "With One Voice Hymnal, # 671"

# Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord; alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Presiding minister sings the verse 1 time. The congregation joins in and sings this verse with the minister 2 times.

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

#### Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,

we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,

and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,

who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,

flowing freely from your throne:

through the earth,

through the city,

through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;

You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,

and our sin is drowned forever.

You open the gate of righteousness

and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.

You nourish us and enclose us in safety.

You call us forth and send us out.

In lush and barren places, you are with us.

You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water

and awaken your church once more.

Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.

Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,

our Shepherd and Lamb,

be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,

now and forever. Amen.

### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

# To Christ Belong, in Christ Behold

Purple Hymnal # 958

#### GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**







# PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the assembly in prayer.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# WORD

#### FIRST READING

Acts 16:16-34

The assembly is seated.

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 97

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;

let the multitude of the | isles be glad.

<sup>2</sup>Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,

righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.

<sup>3</sup>Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,

burning up enemies on | every side.

# <sup>4</sup>Lightnings light | up the world;

the earth | sees and trembles.

<sup>5</sup>The mountains | melt like wax

before the Lord of | all the earth.

 $^6$ The heavens declare your righteous- $^{\mid}$ ness, O LORD,

and all the peoples see your glory.

<sup>7</sup>Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false gods! Bow down before the LORD, | all you gods.

8Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,

because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth;

you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

<sup>10</sup>You who love the |LORD, hate evil!

God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand  $^{\dag}$  of the wicked.

<sup>11</sup>Light dawns | for the righteous,

and joy for the hon- est of heart.

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's | holy name.

# SECOND READING

# Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

<sup>12</sup>"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>16</sup>"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

<sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

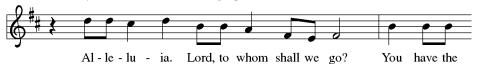
<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.





GOSPEL John 17:20-26

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup> I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup>"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

the Rev. Larry Laine

**SERMON** 

the Rev. Larry Laine

*The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.* 

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision

Red Hymnal #793

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

# APOSTLES CREED

We confess our faith with the whole church using the ancient baptismal creed that summarizes the teaching of the scripture and the apostles.

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 to the dead.\* 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 INTERSESSION

The assisting minister leads the prayers. As a local assembly of believers, we pray for the whole world and church, as well as our local congregation and neighborhood.

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Make worthy the work of scientists who look to the stars and planets, as well as scientists who look to atoms and molecules. Bring innovation and well-being to humanity through their discoveries. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians. May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry. Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit's gift of faith. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Turn our eyes to your mercy in times of confusion and loss. Comfort this nation as we mourn, especially those who have been affected by the shootings in Uvalde, TX and Buffalo, NY. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

#### PASSING THE PEACE

We greet each other with a nod or gesture of Christian fellowship from a distance, and we also invite you to text or email a word of peace to someone. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

# **CHOIR ANTHEM**

# Come Proclaim the Victory

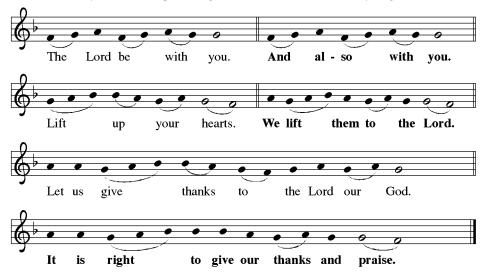
Joseph Martin

God's Word is sung or played as an offering. Let us participate in the anthem with our prayerful listening.

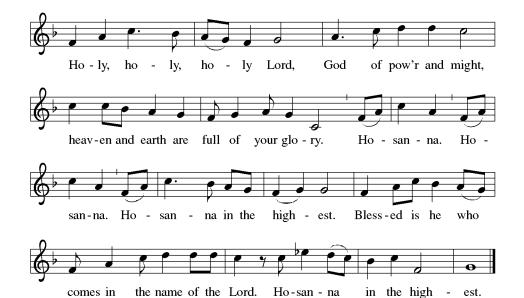
# **MEAL**

# **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The assembly stands. The presiding minister invites the assembly to give thanks.



The presiding minister continues with the communion preface; then the assembly responds:



#### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER IV

...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

...burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

...blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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;

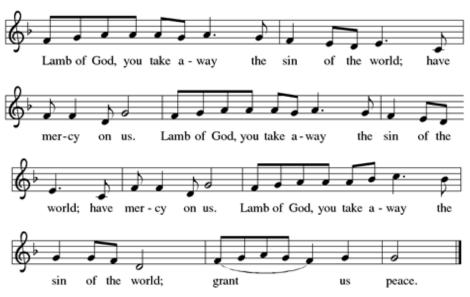
and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### COMMUNION

The presiding minister says:

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.



The assembly is seated. All baptized Christians who wish to receive Christ in the meal are welcome to receive the Eucharist. Ushers will dismiss you by pew. Please take an empty glass if you wish to receive wine, or a glass prefilled with grape juice. If you wish to receive communion at your seat please speak with an usher. And please, if your children do not yet receive Holy Communion, bring them forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION ANTHEM In Remembrance of Me
Audrey Christ, solo Burt Red

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The presiding minister says:

The body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assembly stands. The assisting minister leads the prayer.

We give you thanks, generous God,

for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

# **SENDING**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may be seated

#### BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing. God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,

+ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG Crown Him with Many Crowns

Red Hymnal #855

#### DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

# POSTLUDE Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Lani Smith

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# **MINISTRY NEWS**

# PRAYER LIST

Joanna Sirianni Edwards, Ed Freed, Pauline Crawshaw, Karen Tropp, Diane Buffington, Jack Harnock, Marie Harnock, Keith Shoener, Tom Gerber, Kelly Carl, Leslie R., Mary Beth (Krater) Dinneen, Stewart Haver, Sue Sigler, Robert Schwartz, Craig Bracken, Paul Calderone, Nicholas LaScala, Gail Kunkel, Lee Llewellyn, Caroline Eister, Jeanette Stine, Christopher Payonk, Seth Ney, Renee Shade, Ben Moyer, Gaylene Ebling, Wally Foose, Jane Deibert, Tom Cook, Ronald Bromwell, Lisa Weiser, Janest Yost, Madge Miller, Melissa Focht, Cecelia Kacmar, Melanie Hart, Janice Moore, Christie O'Dell, John Cooper, Clarence Zweizig, Melvin Rodriguez & family, JoAnn Baker Copley, Carlene Wenner, Christy Deaton Stocks, Maria Motto, Katharine Macnutt, Mateo Thomas, Barry Heffner, Phyllis Trinca Czech, Stephen Edwards, Christa Miller, Cathy Covach-Hale, Rev. Bruce MacLaughlin, Mary Miller, Rose Martin-Fuls, Earle Kull, Trent Johnson, Mary Rauch, Tom Lokitus, Albert Tripp, Helen Fath, Diana Vasquez, Dorothy & Dan Ness, Robin Moran, Kendra Johnson, Rob Baessler, Stanley Daniels, Darlene and Bob Zechman, Diane Laine, Eileen Guitas, Zoey Heydt, Bill O'Donnell, Ann Marie Pyle, Lisa Katious

# Those with Long-term health issues:

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Carol Landes, Donna Direnzo, Jim Musico, John Krater, Fawn Goodman, Rebecca Marshall, Sapphire Schaeffer, Mark Wyllie, Krysta Kolbe, Shirley Emrich, Anna Heffner, David Wise, Donna Leashefski, Florence Clemens, Chuck Copley, Jeff Kamar, Mary Sewalt, Pat Thomas, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Harold & Fay Sausser, Ruth Brown, Kevin Seibert, William O'Donnell, Cheryl Feeser

# Those serving in the Armed Forces:

Major Michael Shay, Staff Sgt. Joseph Moyer, Senior Airman Matthew Nettles, Airman Jackie Nettles, Sgt. Travis D. Miller, Sgt. Anthony Cooper

# WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	Ellayna Boyer	Jim Covert
Lector	Deborah Reed	Linda Covert
Communion Assistants	Philip Kriner	Rob Baessler
Ushers	Donald Nettles	Mike Sausser
	Joy Heffner	Frank Mahoney
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Rachel Kramer
Counters	Linda Collins and Rob Baessler	
Altar Guild	Deb Reed and Lou Messina	

# WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Lector	Laurie Bedford	Jill McCloy
Communion Assistants	Ellayna Boyer	Rob Baessler
Ushers	Faith Batz	Frank Mahoney
	Don Nettles	Don Boyer

Sound Board Melissa Boyer Rachel Kramer

Acolyte Conner Roeder

Counters Linda Collins, Deb Reed, and Marie Shay

Altar Guild Deb Reed

# **WEEKLY NEWS**

**THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES** are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of MSG James C. Bromwell and his dedication to our country through his many years of military service, by his children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren.

*THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY IS SPONSORED THIS WEEK* in honor of our grandson, Ronald Kramer, on his 8<sup>th</sup> birthday by Jim and Linda Covert.

*CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>* in observance of Memorial Day. Counters please report in on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

ATTENTION WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS! The June 2022 Worship Volunteer Schedule is available for pick up at the Sign-up Center. Also, sheets for the month of July are out at the "Sign-Up" Center. Please check your calendar and sign up for the Sunday in July you are available. As always – THANK YOU for being a worship volunteer!

**THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST** is coming up NEXT SUNDAY. We invite everyone to wear **RED** that Sunday, as fire is the theme of the day. We will be celebrating the  $50^{th}$  day from Easter, when the Holy Spirit descends upon the followers of Jesus!

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH THERE WILL BE AN ECUMENICAL OUTSIDE WORSHIP AT 4P.M. This is being hosted by our Northeastern Pa Synod Bishop Christopher deForest along with the president of the United Church of Christ Penn Northeast Conference and president of the Penna Southeast Conference U.C.C., the head of the Presbyterian Lehigh Presbytery, and the head of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem. All these leaders will be there as part of the worship! It will be held at St Paul UCC church Summer Hill Road. Following that there will be a pot luck picnic! This is an exciting opportunity in that it is geographically close and we get to meet afterwards with our bishop and all the other people from our surrounding communities. Mark your calendars now to save the date! Rain or shine! Look for more information in forthcoming bulletins!

OUR FIRST MINI-RETREAT will be held on Sunday, June 26, beginning at 2:00 pm. Our topic will be JOY! What is it? How do we experience it? What does God say about it? How do we share it? The retreat will be led by Pastor Jim Covert and will be hosted by Pastor Jim and Linda at their home. Bring your Bibles and other readings that express Joy for you. We will have time for sharing and conversation and will finish our day with a potluck dinner. A signup sheet will be in the Narthex of the church that we ask you to sign up if you

plan to come. Let us know how many you will have, write down a phone number, and what you will bring for the potluck. Any questions, contact Pastor Jim and/or Linda. Hope to see you there!

**CHURCH KEYS NEEDED.** Do you have a copy of Jerusalem's key? If you have a copy of the church key and do not need it, please, turn it into the office.

HELP STOCK THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY. Weekly sponsorships of \$20 will now be accepted for the Little Free Pantry to help feed our neighbors in need while honoring or remembering a loved one. Just as you may sponsor the altar flowers, your "in honor of" or "in memory of" will be listed in the Sunday bulletin. Just drop your check made out to Jerusalem Lutheran Church in the offering plate with the vital information (that it is for Little Free Pantry, who you are honoring, and who it is from). Your sponsorship will be noted in the following Sunday bulletin. Thank you for supporting our LFP!

**ALTAR VASE FLOWER SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE** for Sunday, June 26, if there is someone you would like to have flowers in honor or in memory of please contact the church office at 570-385-2657. Thank you!

*ON TUESDAY, JUNE* 7<sup>TH</sup>, the Schuylkill Haven Borough will host the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Citizen Appreciation Day and Picnic at the Island Park from 4 – 8 pm. All seniors 50+ who are members of churches from the Schuylkill Haven and Vicinity Council of Churches are invited to attend. The event is free of charge. For questions call the Rec Center at 570-385-1313.

A TREASURER IS NEEDED for the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches. Knowledge of Quicken and basic accounting is helpful. The treasurer offers an essential ministry as a community volunteer, ensuring the food pantry, blood bank, and emergency utility needs are met. 5-10 hours per month. Contact the Rev. Ms. Shawn D. Van Dyke for more information at 570-385-2049 or firstuccpastor@verizon.net.

**PASTOR DANIEL BELL** has passed away recently. Anyone wishing to send condolences to his family may mail their sympathies to: 4268 Wordsworth, Venice, FL 34293.

# **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:**

TODAY 8:00am Worship

9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship

3:00pm Perkins Piano Recital in Nave

MONDAY MEMORIAL DAY. CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.

WEDNESDAY 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY 6:30pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting











# ALL GOD'S PEOPLE WORSHIP

Sunday, June 12, 2022 4:00 pm Ecumenical Worship 5:00 pm Picnic

**Rain or Shine** 

Who: All members of congregations located in

Schuylkill County

UCC, PCUSA, Episcopal, ELCA

Hosted by: Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, Rev. Christopher

DeForest, Rev. Rhonda Kruse, Rev. Canon Barbara Harrison Seward, Rev. Ken McDowell, the Rt. Rev. Kevin

Nichols, Rev. William Worley

Where: St. Paul's UCC, 1235 Summerhill Road, Auburn, PA

What: Worship followed by a potluck picnic. (Both

outdoors)

1235 Summer Hill Rd - Google Maps

Bring: An Iconic Emblem or symbol which represents your

congregation,

Your open heart and spirit,

An outdoor chair, for worship and the picnic Please indicate what are willing to bring to

the picnic

Share what you are bringing on this

document:

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For location questions: Rev. Ken McDowell, ken mcdowell@vmail.com