

**First United Methodist Church**

**Pastor Chris Hardy**



## **Greeting & Announcements**

### **Gathering Meditation**

"I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life."

– Jesus, John 5:25 (NLT)

### **Prelude & Lighting of the Candles**

O God, by your Spirit plant your Word within us that we may follow your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, and never leave him. May we find our home in your kingdom and our life in your Spirit. **Amen.**

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: God, who rules the universe calls us;

**People: Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul, calls us;**

Leader: Christ, who took us his cross, calls us;

**People: Christ, who wears the crown of glory, calls us.**

**All: Let us faithfully answer by worshipping God – Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit.**

### **\*Praise Song**

"Your Royal Blood"

### **\*Opening Prayer**

**Holy God, you call us to ventures that cannot be foretold,  
to paths we do not know. Be our guide, through your Word, and  
feed us with your assurance that your way is the truth to the  
path of love, joy, and peace. Amen.**



## **The Baptismal Covenant**

**Pastor:** Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated in Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

**Lay Leader:** I present Cora Sipos for baptism.

**Pastor to sponsors:** Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

**We will.**

**Pastor to congregation:** Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will your nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Cora into your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Cora with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

**Pastor to all:** Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### **Thanksgiving Over the Water**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos,  
you swept across the dark waters  
and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah

you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,  
you led them to freedom through the Jordan  
to the land which you promised.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Tell of God's mercy each day.**

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,  
nurtured in the water of a womb.

He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.  
He called his disciples

to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection  
and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare his works to the nations,  
his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
to bless this gift of water and those who receive it,  
to wash away their sin  
and clothe them in righteousness through their lives,  
that, dying and being raised with Christ,  
they may share in his final victory.

**All praise you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus  
Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and  
reigns for ever. Amen.**

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

*Cora Siphos*

I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you,  
that being born through water and the Spirit  
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome Cora Siphos, our new sister in Christ.

**\*Hymn**                      "Take My Life, and Let It Be"                      #399

**A Time of Prayer – Sharing our Joys & Concerns**  
**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn**                      "Lift High the Cross"                      #159



**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Giving Back to God with our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Gracious God, you give us yourself as Jesus, our teacher, friend, lord and savior whose life, death, resurrection, and ascension shows us your love for your people. Bless these gifts, and make us truly thankful – for both the cross and the crown. All glory and honor is yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Hymn** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #396

**\*Postlude**

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\*Please stand if you are able

†Each Sunday our children will be accepting coin donations that will benefit a ministry or project of their choosing.



Today's bulletins are sponsored by Duane & Esther Dingle  
in celebration of 36 years of marriage on July 1

# *Ride for Relief*

**July 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**

**50 mile scenic ride through the Slate Belt**

**\$20 – t-shirt, breakfast, lunch, beverages**

**Classic Rock by DJ Zazzy**

**Benefits victims of disaster in US**



# Supplied for School

**August 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm**

**FREE backpacks, school supplies and haircuts**



# You're Welcome Here

Here at our church we extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, straight, filthy rich, comfortable, dirt poor, have lived here for decades, just moved in, or are passing on through.

We extend a special welcome to those that are newly married, never married, married again, or married for longer than they can even remember... or choose to remember. We welcome families of all shapes and sizes, those with one child that is as quiet as a mouse, those with a whole basketball team, and even moms and dads with crying new-born babies.

You're welcome here if you can sing like Garth Brooks or if you can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woke up or just got out of prison. Those that serve in our military or work in our community as first responders, you're welcome here, too. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Bishop of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference, or if you haven't been in church since your little nephew's baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters and food connoisseurs.

We welcome those who are in recovery or are still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps. We welcome you even if don't like 'organized religion' or you call yourself 'spiritual.'

If you blew all your money on the horses or the blackjack table, you're welcome here, too. We offer a welcome to those who work too hard, don't work at all, can't spell, or come just because grandma is in town and she made you go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost on route 191 and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts, and all those at different locations on their own journey of faith... and we welcome you!

We hope that you'll visit us for worship on Sunday at 11:00 and consider making us a part of your family. You're welcome here.

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