


ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.
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God is still speaking.

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May 17th, 2020 – Sunday Online Service

Prelude

“What a Friend we have in Jesus” Bev Junker

(Piano)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Written by Lynn Bujnak (UCC Pastor)

Based on John 14:18a, II Corinthians 5 &, Isaiah 43:5

Leader: When we feel isolated and alone, O God, Your Word comes to us:

People: I will not leave you orphaned.

Leader: When we face an uncertain future, the Bible reminds us:

People: We walk by faith, not by sight.

Leader: When we are scared and anxious, we hear Your whisper:

People: Be not afraid, for I am with you.

Leader: We come to this time of worship remembering the promises of our
God, strengthened in hope and saturated with holy Love.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

All loving and caring God, on this Sunday set aside to discuss mental health and related illnesses; we pray that You would remind us of Your presence in this world and in our lives. Help us to remove the stigma of mental illness from our world and remind those in this world that it is real, and as Christians we need to encourage one another and help our brothers and sisters in their times of distress and need. Give comfort to Your children who suffer from such illnesses and guidance to those who offer love and care. In the precious name of Jesus, Your Son, we pray. Amen.

Opening Songs

“He Has Made Me Glad”

“He is Exalted”

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:38-42

Special Music

“I Believe” Chancel Choir (Christ Church, Summit NJ)

Scripture Reading

I Kings 22:1-5; 2 Chronicles 20:1-4, 15-29

Sermon

“Jumpy Jehoshaphat”

Closing Song

“Trading My Sorrows”

Benediction

Special Music: “I Believe”

Composed by Mark Miller and edited by Jeff Shook

Chancel Choir, Christ Church, Summit, NJ

Minister of Music: Mark Miller

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St. Peter’s UCC

PO Box 220

Grant Park, IL 60940

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Please Pray For:

Nancy Lewke
Karla Lehnert
James Caton
Mary Cirks
Delores Shimmin

Nancy Sturm
Melissa Mort
Carter Fortin
Tom Barrera
Daren Lehnert

Austin Delaney
Frank Hoss
Mason Beseke
Delores Caton

And our shut-ins: Mabel, Louise, Minnie, Mildred and Pauline.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one.^[a] Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

I Kings 22:1-5

22 For three years there was no war between Aram and Israel. ²But in the third year Jehoshaphat king of Judah went down to see the king of Israel. ³The king of Israel had said to his officials, "Don't you know that Ramoth Gilead belongs to us and yet we are doing nothing to retake it from the king of Aram?"

⁴So he asked Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me to fight against Ramoth Gilead?"

Jehoshaphat replied to the king of Israel, "I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses." ⁵But Jehoshaphat also said to the king of Israel, "First seek the counsel of the LORD."

2 Chronicles 20

20 After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites^[a] came to wage war against Jehoshaphat.

²Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, "A vast army is coming against you from Edom,^[b] from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazezon Tamar" (that is, En Gedi). ³Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the LORD, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. ⁴The people of Judah came together to seek help from the LORD; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him.

15Jahaziel said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. ¹⁶Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert

of Jeruel. ¹⁷You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.”

¹⁸Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD.

¹⁹Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

²⁰Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.” ²¹After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his^[e] holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying:

“Give thanks to the LORD,
for his love endures forever.”

²²As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. ²³The Ammonites and Moabites rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

²⁴When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped. ²⁵So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing^[d] and also articles of value—more than they could take away. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it. ²⁶On the

fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berakah, where they praised the LORD. This is why it is called the Valley of Berakah^[e] to this day.

²⁷Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully to Jerusalem, for the LORD had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies. ²⁸They entered Jerusalem and went to the temple of the LORD with harps and lyres and trumpets.

²⁹The fear of God came on all the surrounding kingdoms when they heard how the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel. ³⁰And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side.