

Shavertown United Methodist Church

6th Sunday after Pentecost

*The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world!*

PRELUDE

“America the Beautiful”

with “God Bless America” & “Battle Hymn of the Republic” Arr. Suzanne Arant

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centering Meditation:

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends...You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.”

John 15:12-14a, 16a

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Ellen Pajor/ Bev Bunney, Liturgists

Welcome home, welcome in.

Here we find a song for our souls and healing for our wounds.

Welcome home.

Here we find children’s laughter that chases dark clouds away, and quiet prayers that lead us to still waters and green pastures.

Welcome to this holy space. In Christ we are made new. We belong to a new community,

Discovering we are friends, sisters and brothers in Christ.

Welcome home. God has been expecting you. The candles are lit, and the door is open.

Welcome to this celebration of renewal and hope.

*OPENING PRAYER

Dear God, we thank you that you never forsake us, that you never stop loving us. Trusting in your unfailing love, we have gathered to worship and praise you. Through your Holy Spirit, touch us, renew us, comfort us, challenge us; for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“God of the Ages”

#698

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

#94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, who power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Generous God, thank you for the gifts you bestow upon us daily. Make us aware of each blessing that comes our way and create in us the constant desire to be blessings for others. Bless what we bring before you, we pray. Amen.

GIFT OF MUSIC

“The Joy of the Lord”

Rend Collective/Ed Cash

Arranged by David Angerman

Chancel Choir and God’s Handful

THE WORD OF GOD

John 15:9-17 NRSV

THE MESSAGE

“From Strangers to Friends”

Pastor Jon Buxton

*HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (vs. 1)

#526

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Silent Prayer of Confession

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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; 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.

Amen.

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH

“Bind Us Together Lord “

#2226

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“A Time for New Beginnings”

Organ: Nancy Evans

by Lani Smith



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