

Worship Through Music *“Prelude from Pour le Piano”* Debussy
Sara Post, Pianist

A Time for Children

After this, children up through grade 3 may leave for the Nursery; 4th graders and older are invited to remain in the service. To get to the nursery, go through the door toward the front of the sanctuary on the right, and then up the stairs. Activity packets for older children are available in the narthex.

*Hymn 508 *Prayer Is the Soul’s Sincere Desire*

Scripture Reading Psalm 63

Sermon *“Being Present to God”*

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer (In Unison)

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offering *In gratitude for life itself and for God’s many gifts to us and to all humankind, we take this opportunity to offer up our gifts to God. Let us give generously and with grateful hearts.*

Offertory *“Nocturn”* Chopin
Sara Post, pianist

*Doxology ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)

May our offerings made to you O God, be worthy of the name “gift.” May they reflect the giftedness of our lives and the blessings we know each day. We dedicate these gifts to your sacred purposes, so that the world might become a better home for the entire human family. May human sorrow and suffering decrease as our joy in giving increases. Amen.

*Hymn 80 *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*

*Benediction and Postlude

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Our Ministry

Ministers—All the Congregation *Pastor*—Rev. Dr. Diane Prosser

Nursery—Mark & Meta Meckstroth *Trustee*—Tom Juhnke

Head Usher—Neil Christy *Ushers*—John Benninghoff, Tina Aumiller

Coffee Host—June Irvin *Liturgist*—Jane Sheckells

Church Staff: *Church School Coor*—Cindy Neidigh *Choir Director*—Jacki Hunt

Church Secretary—Karen Gilmore *Church Custodian*—Scott Luzier

WELCOME to Faith UCC. We’re a church that “seeks to be a dynamic and inclusive faith community embodying the love of Jesus Christ as we grow through worship, learning, fellowship and service.” We’re glad you chose to worship with us today. **Please join us after worship for conversation and refreshments downstairs in Romig Hall.**

We welcome both Sara Post and Barb Chellman as musicians for our service today. Sara was a student at Penn State she moved to South America and lived in Peru and Ecuador. In a few weeks, she’ll move to Portland, Oregon to attend Reed College where she plans to major in Biology. Barb was an organist in her home church in Madison, PA, for 25 years before moving to State College with her husband Alva and parents, John and Susan Keck. She is volunteering her musical talents during part of the summer. Barb currently serves as our Church Treasurer and Financial Secretary. **Please talk with Edna Bicehouse or June Irvin if you can provide refreshments for the fellowship time after church on Sundays.** There is also a book on the round table in the Gathering Space where you could sign up. We keep it simple in the summertime. Pretzels or cookies and cold lemonade are fine.

Please note that we have a new way of organizing ushers. If you cannot be an usher on the scheduled day, please call another person to sub for you and let the church office know of the change. The ushers for **August 1** are **Mary Jane Wild, Davin & Jules Carr-Chellman.** The name in **bold** is the head usher.

The Caldwells formerly known as the “Gospel Sounds Duet” will perform on the lawn at St. John’s United Church of Christ, 218 N. Church Street in Boalsburg, next Saturday, July 31 at 7:00 pm.

You are cordially invited to the parade party at the home of Brent Frank and Steven Romig this coming Thursday, July 29. The Pleasant Gap Fireman’s Parade begins at 6 p.m., but because of traffic/parking issues, it’s best to be there by 5:30 p.m. Parking is sometimes available in the lot next door (St. Marks Lutheran), or across the street along the road to Gettig Baseball Fields. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Main course, beverages and bags for the kid’s goodies will be provided. If you have a favorite lawn chair or blanket you may want to bring that along as well. If you plan to attend, please let Brent and Steven know at 359-3339, or ba.frank@comcast.net. Please come and enjoy a community-centered event and some good old fashioned fun!

You are also invited to a birthday party for Joshua Singh this coming Saturday at 6 pm in Romig Hall. Joshua will turn one year old on this date. We welcome Jennifer’s father to this very special event. If you are planning to come, please email David Singh at dms59@psu.edu

Please save your books for this Fall’s Booksale as a fundraiser for the church. We will announce the time and place later in the Fall.

Save the dates of October 18, 19 and 20 for the taking of pictures for the new picture church directory. Lifetouch is working with our Membership and Fellowship Ministry Team to provide the pictures. No purchase necessary. One free picture and one free directory for every family who has their picture taken.