

*Welcome to  
St. Peter's Pikeland  
United Church of Christ*

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Chester Springs, Pennsylvania  
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*Heifer Sunday  
Heifer Project Mission Sunday*

March 30, 2025  
10 a.m.

WELCOME AND JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE      “Come Christians, Join to Sing”      arr Mayo

COMING OF THE LIGHT

*Please use this time for silent meditation before worship.  
During the service, the people will make the responses  
in the **bold** print.*

## GATHERING

Redeemer God, we gather today to remember your care for all the earth and the people in it.

**We gather to hear your call to care; for each other, and for all life on your sacred planet.**

Fill us with visions of health and happiness for all people.

**Holy One, empower us to help those who are struggling.**

God is our Shepherd, who leads us to green pastures and still waters.

**Come, blessed God. Help us as we seek a world of full stomachs, happy hearts, and grateful souls.**

HYMN 547

“Amazing Grace”

*All who are able may stand for the hymn and prayers that follow.*

## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

The word “repent” is a call from a God of forgiveness. In a spirit of repentance and gratitude, let us turn toward our heavenly Shepherd with a prayer of confession.

**God of grace, you never give up on the lost sheep. Yet, we confess that your call to follow is not always heard. We confess that we wander from your holy path. Forgive us, and guide us all our life long; in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Our God of new life can transform small gestures into great things. Our sustaining God can reveal paths to bounty where scarcity once held sway. Friends, turn to God and find unending opportunities to co-create a better world. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Colors of the Wind”  
Emily Gorge, soloist

Schwartz/Menken

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Great Shepherd, we give thanks for your creation that feeds us, shelters us, and brings us joy. May the hearing of your holy Word assure us that you always will be our help and our guide. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 7:11-18; 8:14-19; 9:8-13                      Pew Bibles, Page 6  
*Noah and the great flood; God's covenant with Noah*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32  
*The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother*      Pew Bibles, Page 78

HEIFER MESSAGE

Pastor Doug Hanson

HYMN 190

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”  
*After the Hymn, please be seated.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

*Using “debts . . . debtors.”*

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr Raney

PRESENTATION

*All may stand as the offering is presented and remain standing for the prayer, blessing, and hymn that follow.*

SONG OF PRAISE 780

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy Shepherd, heavenly Pastor, we dedicate these gifts to your use. May your church be a shepherd to all; to guide and protect and nurture your flock. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for all. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

HYMN “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

**He’s got the whole world in His hands,  
He’s got the big round world in His hands,  
He’s got the whole world in His hands,  
He’s got the whole world in His hands.**

**He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands,  
He’s got the sun and the moon in His hands,  
He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands,  
He’s got the whole world in His hands.**

**He’s got the lit-tle ba-by in His hands,  
He’s got the tin-y litt-tle ba-by in His hands,  
He’s got the lit-tle ba-by in His hands,  
He’s got the whole world in His hands.**

**He’s got you and me, brother in His hands,  
He’s got you and me, sister, in His hands,  
He’s got you and me, brother, in His hands,  
He’s got the whole world in His hands.**

**He’s got ev-ery-bod-y in His hands,  
He’s got ev-ery-bod-y in His hands,  
He’s got ev-ery-bod-y in His hands,  
He’s got the whole world in His hands.**

**He’s got the whole world in His hands,  
He’s got the big round world in His hands,  
He’s got the whole world in His hands,  
He’s got the whole world in His hands.**



## **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**THE MESSAGE** is brought to us by Pastor Doug Hanson

**THE ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR** is Kat Bowman

**THE USHERS** today are the Heifer family

**THE LECTOR** today is Maureen Wookey

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by the Heifer family in celebration of Heifer International

**THE SOCIAL HOUR** today is hosted by the Sewing Circle

## **TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HEIFER SUNDAY TODAY:** Heifer Project Living Gift Market will be held after Church today. Contributions to Heifer can be made through offerings or after service on March 30, 2025 at the Living Gift Market table in Fellowship Hall. Heifer project fights hunger and poverty around the world and in the United States and changes peoples lives. Your contributions are a big help.

**FISHERMAN'S BREAKFAST:** Join us on Sunday, April 13 for our annual pancake breakfast that supports Habitat for Humanity. This breakfast starts at 7:45 am. Pancakes, sausage, bacon, orange juice and fruit will be served. A monetary donation will be graciously accepted at the door.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** Invite all your friends, family and neighbors with kids! This annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt is always a big hit! The hunt will take place immediately after worship service on Palm Sunday, April 13.

**SIGN UPS:** Please take a look at the Sign Up sheets in Fellowship Hall to see what Sundays you may be able to help out with worship needs. Sign ups are posted through August. Thank you!

You can now give to the church more easily by scanning the QR code here:  
All online giving will be designated on your giving statements. Thank you!



## **Holy Week Schedule**

April 13: Palm Sunday; Fisherman's Breakfast;  
Easter Egg Hunt

April 17: Holy Week Communion Service 7:30pm

April 20: Easter; 8am Communion service;  
10am family service

## Our Prayer List

*Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:*

Andrea Lafleur  
Angie Schlessm  
Ann Kieffer, cousin of Eric Johnson  
Barbara Broyles, friend of the Wachsmuths  
Barbara Shivers  
Bill Cochran, friend of Fred and Maureen Wookey  
Carol Meyer  
Cole Davenport  
Connie Hershey, friend of Micki and Alyssa Menkins  
Charlie Fishman, Pete Warner's Nephew and Godson  
Charles and Virginia Garber  
Danielle Smith, friend of Sara Hackman  
David Richman, friend of Grace Merryman  
Debbie Rittenhouse, mother-in-law of Mitchell Warner  
Diane, friend of Dee McClimon  
Dr. Michael J. Ward  
Ernie Gross, cousin of Fred Wookey  
Gwen Davidson  
Heather Murphy, cousin of Steve Krasley  
Heidi Kieffer, daughter of Eric Johnson's cousin  
Hugh Lawson  
Jamie Glennon, friend of Eric Hanson  
Jeff Johnson, Co-worker of Eric Johnson  
Jennifer Osborne  
Jessica G., friend of Grace Merryman  
Jim Smith, Denise Harlow's brother  
John Pandjak  
John Pittock, friend of Grace Merryman  
Laura Dick  
Laura S., friend of Grace Merryman  
Lisa, cousin of Eric Johnson  
Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys  
Melinda Greenwood, cousin of Joe Thomson  
Patrick, friend of Dee McClimon  
Richard, friend of Dee McClimon  
Sally Kramer, Cherri Romano's sister  
Sandy Pereni, Joyce Rosen's sister  
Sharon Basile, Jennifer Basile's mother-in-law  
Sylvia Houff, Kathleen Wachsmuth's sister  
Tara Cantello, friend of Denise Harlow  
Tina Frick, friend of Sarah Hackman  
Tracey Knox, cousin of Kathy Krasley

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