



**PENBROOK  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

An Open and Affirming Congregation  
of the United Church of Christ

No matter who you are,  
or where you are on life's journey,  
you are always welcome here!

**MAY 31, 2026  
TRINITY SUNDAY/FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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## WELCOME TO PENBROOK UCC

We are so blessed that you have joined us today, to remember and celebrate the gifts of God. If this is your first time or if you are a long-time member, we hope this service helps you to ponder your relationship with God and neighbor, and that you find your blessing and go from this service to share in the World.

We are an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. If you are interested in knowing more about the United Church of Christ or Penbrook UCC or have questions about membership in this family of faith, please feel welcome to speak with any of the leaders listed below.

### Those who serve today:

Pastor: Rev. Donna Hughes

Liturgist: Robin Wheeler

Choir Director: Faith Brown

Pianist/Organist/Accompanist: Dawn Shertzer

Acolyte:

Greeter/Usher: Lorna Owens

Welcome/Announcements: Jonathan Morgan

Streaming Operator: James Wheeler

PowerPoint Operator: Mel Amago

### Your Executive Team:

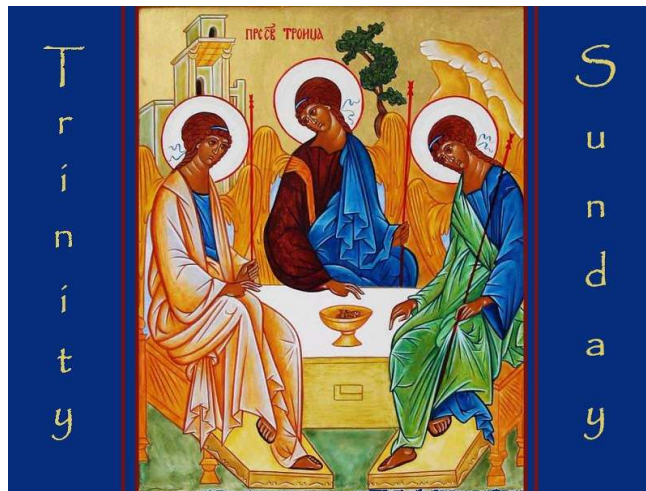
President: Mary Kelly

Vice President: Mel Amago

Secretary: Mackenzie Weinhold

Treasurer: James Wheeler

MAY'S MISSION OFFERING IS FOR THE UCC'S STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH PROGRAM.



### About today's worship service:

◆ Throughout today's service, this symbol ◆ indicates an invitation to rise either in body or in spirit.

**Bold print** indicates a unison response or prayer.

"NCH" refers to the New Century Hymnal.

## THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Welcome to worship. At the ringing of the steeple bell, please enter a time of quietness in preparation for our worship together.

### THE RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

#### THE PRELUDE

#### *Passacaglia*

George Frederick Handel/Johan Halvorsen, arr. Christina Petrandò

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### THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHOUT-OUTS

#### ◆ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

On this Trinity Sunday, we come to praise the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

**We praise God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!**

We come to wade into the depths of the divine mystery of God, the One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

**We seek an ever-deepening faith in God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!**

We come to witness the interconnectedness of the Triune God, to marvel at the divine dance of partnership and cooperation.

**We receive the invitation to join the divine dance of God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!**

Come, let us worship the Triune God—Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer!

**Come, let us worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

Voice, Body, Spirit, we acknowledge your presence gathering us together as your church.

Today, we join in worship. May we encounter you anew. We find a good place in you and with one another. You have made us in your image and enabled us to be in community with you, O God, as people called to service, justice, and caretaking. Let your name be praised. Let us receive your word. Let us embrace and live your truth. Amen.

#### ◆ THE HYMN NCH #558

#### *O How Glorious, Full of Wonder*

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (RESPONSIVE)

As heirs of God, let us come to lay before God our sin and wrongdoings and lack of faith.

**Let us come with hearts that seek newness.**

Holy One, we acknowledge that too often we try to live not acknowledging the mystery of your Being.

**Even though you have shown us your truth, we allow ourselves to rest in our own uncertainties.**

We find ourselves unable or unwilling to embrace the love through which you sent Christ to live among us.

**We take for granted the grandeur of you as Creator, Redeemer, and ever-present Sustainer.**

We do not live out the beloved community you desire for all.

**Forgive us, we pray, and help us give testimony to your love.**

## SILENT REFLECTION

## WORDS OF GRACE

We trust in these promises: that the Triune God, in each of its persons, promises us newness of life, a gift of new birth. The Divine Trinity invites us to testify to its Being as the foundation for reconciliation of all of God's people and for Creation. In these truths, we trust and give thanks. Thanks Be to God!

## ◆ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*(The congregation may greet each other with a sign of reconciliation and peace, such as a handshake, an embrace, or other appropriate signs of peace, accompanied by these or similar words: "The Peace of God be with you," and in response, "And also with you.")*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

## THE PSALTER (RESPONSIVE)

Psalm 8

LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth! You made your glory higher than heaven!

**<sup>2</sup> From the mouths of nursing babies you have laid a strong foundation because of your foes, in order to stop vengeful enemies.**

**<sup>3</sup> When I look up at your skies, at what your fingers made— the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place—**

**<sup>4</sup> what are human beings that you think about them; what are human beings that you pay attention to them?**

**<sup>5</sup> You've made them only slightly less than divine, crowning them with glory and grandeur.**

**<sup>6</sup> You've let them rule over your handiwork, putting everything under their feet—**

**<sup>7</sup> all sheep and all cattle, the wild animals too,<sup>8</sup> the birds in the sky, the fish of the ocean, everything that travels the pathways of the sea.**

**<sup>9</sup> LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!**

## THE HEBREW BIBLE READING

Genesis 1;1-3,6, 9, 14-15, 20, 24, 26, 2:1-4a

## THE GIFT OF MUSIC

*A Future with Hope*  
The Koinonia Singers  
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Mark Burrows

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THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Faith Brown

*(Following the Children's Message, children are invited to go downstairs with our children's leaders to attend Children's Church.)*

THE EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:16-20

THE MESSAGE

Yellow Warning Part

Deux

Rev Donna

◆ THE HYMN NCH #277

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

PRAYER HYMN

*O Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

**O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer.**

**When we call answer us.**

**O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Come and listen to us.**

Music: Jacques Berthier. Text: Taizé Community.

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THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

**Our Friend, our Mother, our Father in heaven: hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

THE INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Generous God, just as you provided for all our needs in your creative acts, you have made us caretakers of your good creation. Let us accept the call to faithful discipleship, the opportunity to trust in your provision, and the generous nature you have embedded in us.

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

*Cares Chorus*

Kelly Willard

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◆ THE DOXOLOGY FOR PENTECOST SEASON NCH #778

**Praise God, the wind that stirs our hearts,  
Praise God, the one who grants fresh starts,  
Praise God, the source of each new birth,  
Praise God who loves all those on earth.**

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◆ THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (RESPONSIVE)

Creating God, from the beginning, you formed light out of darkness, breath from dust, and life from love. In Christ, you walked among us, and through your Spirit, you empower us still.

**Today, we offer our gifts—signs of our desire to partner with you in your ongoing work of creation, healing, and discipleship. Use these offerings to build communities of compassion, to welcome the stranger, and to teach your ways of justice and joy. May our giving reflect the wonder of your Triune love and our willingness to go and grow disciples in your name. Amen.**

◆ THE HYMN NCH #273 Praise with Joy the World's Creator

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◆ THE BENEDICTION

Go now in the blessing of the Triune God who draws you into the divine dance, inviting you to partner in God's life-giving work to bring flourishing and abundant life to all creation! Amen.

◆ THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE NCH #78 (verse 3) *Part in Peace*

**Part in peace! Our voices raising, in God's presence always be.  
This the worship and the praising, bringing peace to you and me.**

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THE POSTLUDE

*Go Light Your World*

Chris Rice

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## **Announcements and Information**

### **OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) ART PROJECT**

We are looking for 2-3 people who would volunteer a few hours to do a pre-designed art installation at one of our local businesses, the Midtown Scholar bookstore. Stencils, art supplies and all information to make it happen is provided. If you are interested in being involved in letting others know that we are an Open and Affirming Congregation through art, let Rev. Donna know. [pastor@penbrookucc.org](mailto:pastor@penbrookucc.org)

### **FAITH FORMATION**

Interested in joining a book group? Faith Formation continues its study of the book *Awake*, by Jen Hatmaker, meeting on Sunday mornings, except the third Sunday of the month, in the newly refurbished Ross Room at 9:30 am. If you are interested, contact Becky Boone ([64beckster@gmail.com](mailto:64beckster@gmail.com)).

### **PASTORAL CARE NEEDS & JUNE OFFICE HOURS FOR REVEREND DONNA**

Rev. Donna will hold office hours from 10:30 – 2:00 on Tuesdays in June, except the 23rd and 30th. She is available to connect with you over coffee, lunch, or just to visit. Please feel free to schedule a time to meet with her via email at [pastor@penbrookucc.org](mailto:pastor@penbrookucc.org) or text to 216-299-8391. You may use the same contact information for pastoral care needs that do not require a visit or face-to-face meeting.

## **MAY'S SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING: THE UCC'S STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH**

This month, as we do each month, we have been collecting a second-mile offering in support of our May designated mission, the UCC's Strengthen the Church, which supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Even though the month ends today, your contributions are still welcome! Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

## **STRENGTHEN *THIS* CHURCH BY VOLUNTEERING TO COUNT!**

To better align with best practices and improve our financial safeguards, we are seeking volunteers to help with the Sunday offering counting and bookkeeping. Currently, four individuals share this function. We would like up to 5 more, so that each Sunday's offering can be documented by a pair of unrelated individuals who would not need to serve more than once a month. We will train you! In the beginning, new volunteers will be observers only, and won't have to do the work until comfortable with the process. This weekly accounting only takes about 15 minutes most Sundays, immediately after worship. Please see Reverend Donna ([pastor@penbrookucc.org](mailto:pastor@penbrookucc.org)) or James Wheeler ([treasurer@penbrookucc.org](mailto:treasurer@penbrookucc.org)) for more information.

## **2026 PUCC SUMMER SESSION IS COMING. . . AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

This year's Summer Session will feature speakers covering the United Church of Christ "Be the Church" affirmations. We will start with "Enjoy This Life" on June 21 and 28. That is where you come in. How do you "enjoy this life"? Spending time with family? Cooking? Making music? Reading? Making art? Watching TV or movies? If you would like to participate, you will need to make a short, 5 to 10 minute presentation of how you "Enjoy this Life." You may bring visuals or just tell a short story about what brings you enjoyment. Please let Becky Boone know if you are interested and willing! Thanks for your help! Summer Session will begin June 21 with breakfast treats at 9:15 and presentations at 9:30 to 10:15.

## **PUCC LENDING LIBRARY**

Our Lending Library has relocated, and is feeling lonely in the Ross Room. Please check out the book selection and take a book home to read, or share a book that you loved!

## **SPECIAL REMEMBRANCES**

During the moments of quiet this morning, please remember our homebound members and friends, and pray for those affected by violence, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual, within our society.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

If you have special prayer requests, you may fill out a prayer request form located in the lobby outside the sanctuary and pass it to the preacher or put it in the wire basket in the office. Or you may email [prayerchain@penbrookucc.org](mailto:prayerchain@penbrookucc.org) so we can send your requests out to the prayer warriors who will lift up your concerns.

## COMMUNITY AID PARTNERSHIP

Don't forget our partnership with the Community Aid Foundation, which enables PUCC to share in Community Aid's proceeds. When you drop off your unwanted household goods and clothing to Community Aid's locations in Harrisburg or Mechanicsburg (there are other locations, but those are the closest), provide them with our partner number, 50334, so that PUCC receives credit for the donations.

## E-GIVING IS AVAILABLE!

Interested in giving electronically? Download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App from either the Google or Apple app store, and make regular giving for the work of God and the kingdom effortless. Questions or concerns or issues with using the app, contact James at [treasurer@penbrookucc.org](mailto:treasurer@penbrookucc.org).

## MEMBERS' ASSISTANCE FUND

For many years, the membership of this church has given back to itself in order to help out those of our brothers and sisters who find themselves in a momentary pinch. We have been remiss in reminding you of this important internal ministry, but we find ourselves in a time of year when sudden expenses can crop up. In the past few years, members have received funds for a variety of purposes, from unexpected bills to support during the loss of a loved one. Each gift you make to the Members Assistance Fund is earmarked for this ministry. If you ever need funds, please reach out to the pastor or treasurer for a confidential conversation about what we might be able to assist with.

## CHURCH FINANCES – UPDATE

<b>Weekly Income 05/17/2026</b>	<b>Year-to-date Income</b>
<b>Tithes, Offerings, Miscellaneous</b>	
\$ 1,293	\$50,218
<b>Fundraising/Other</b>	
\$ 599	\$ 4,115
<b>Total Income</b>	
\$ 1,892	\$54,333
<b>Weekly Expense 05/17/2026</b>	
\$ 3,971	\$54,282
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	
(\$ 2,079)	\$ 51

## SIGN UP! SIGN UP! HELP WITH WORSHIP!

Does the volunteer roster below look a little bare? Please consider volunteering to help with worship by signing up to be an Acolyte, Greeter/ Usher, Lectionary Reader/Liturgist, Purveyor of the Welcome/Announcements, Streaming Operator or PowerPoint Operator. You are here on Sunday anyway, right? Sign-up sheets are on the table outside the rear Sanctuary doors.

**PENBROOK UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MAY 31, 2026:**

**Today:** 9:15 am Koinonia Singers rehearsal (ASSR)  
9:30 am Faith Formation (Ross Room)  
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)  
12:00 pm Outreach Team (Ross Room)  
**Tuesday:** 7:00 pm Manna Board (FH)  
**Wednesday:** 7:00 pm NA (FH)  
**Thursday:** 9:00 am Manna Prep (Lower Level)  
6:00 pm Manna Food Pantry (Lower Level)  
**Friday:** 9:00 am Manna Prep (Lower Level)

**VOLUNTEERS SERVING DURING WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026:**

Acolyte: Kayden Bailey  
Greeter/Usher: Lorna Owens  
Lectionary Reader/Liturgist: Mitch Amago  
Welcome/Announcements: Jonathan Morgan  
Streaming Operator:  
PowerPoint Operator: