

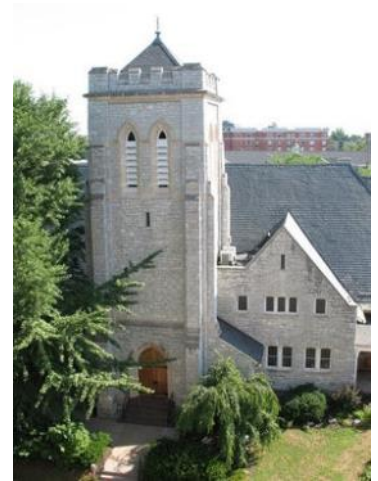


# Welcome to Worship

July 9, 2023

10:00 am

## Gathering Around the Word



Prelude

Words of Welcome

Deannine Shipman

Introit

This Is the Day  
Ned Wetherald, 2022

This is the day, this is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us re-joice, let us re-joice, let us re-joice and be glad in it!

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "This Is the Day" by Ned Wetherald. It consists of two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and the second has a bass clef. Both staves feature a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is simple and repetitive, with triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**\*Call to Worship**

Deannine Shipman

Leader: Grandparents, children, and parents trade stories of God’s goodness when the family gathers.

**People: Recalling the power of your presence among us,**

Leader: We will turn our minds to reflect on your goodness.

**People: Together we will tell everyone the wonderful way you defend, bless, and restore life.**

Leader: Every week we hold a party to celebrate being among those you call family and claim as your children.

**People: Let’s celebrate God’s goodness!**

**\*Hymn No. 32**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

**\*Call to Confession**

Allison Maus

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Allison Maus

Loving God, we want to follow the ways of peace you teach us, but we don’t always succeed.

Sometimes we fail to do what is right, and at times we choose to think and act in ways we know are harmful to ourselves and others. We don’t always understand our actions, distracted by fear.

Help us to let go of our tight grip of fear, that we may find encouragement in your presence to think and act in love. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Allison Maus

**\*Passing of the Peace**

## Hearing the Word

Prayer for Inspiration

Marti Sawyer

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:16-19

Marti Sawyer

<b>Anthem</b>	<b>“One Step Away”</b> Written by Joel Blunk and Phil Spangler	Phil Spangler
<b>Children’s Time</b>		Deannine Shipman
<b>Song After Children’s Time Hymn No. 487, verse 2</b>	<b>“These Treasured Children”</b>	
<b>Second Scripture Reading</b>	Romans 7:5:25	John Porter
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>“Existential Mending: The Work of Our Higher Power”</b>	John Porter

### **Responding to the Word**

<b>*Hymn No. 104</b>	<b>“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”</b>	
<b>*Affirmation of Faith—A Brief Statement of Faith Page 37 , Paragraphs 3 &amp;5</b>		John Porter

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
 In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.  
 But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
 Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation.  
 Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
 In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.  
 Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.  
 Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
 Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.  
 With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

<b>Announcements</b>		Allison Maus
<b>Minute for Mission—Deacons</b>		
<b>Call to Offering</b>		Allison Maus
<b>Offertory Anthem</b>		
<b>*Doxology Hymn No. 609</b>	<b>“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”</b>	
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		Marti Sawyer
<b>Sharing of Joys and Concerns</b>		Reed Dressler
<b>Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer</b>		Reed Dressler
	<b>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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.</b>	
<b>*Hymn No. 79</b>	<b>“Light Dawns on a Weary World”</b>	
<b>*Charge &amp; Benediction</b>		John Porter and Allison Maus
<b>Postlude</b>		

### Ushers this Morning:

**Head Usher:** Juli Mortimore

**Ushers:** Sharon Ambrose, Scott Banfield, Katie Nurmi, and Katie Stone

### Coffee Hour:

**Host:** Reed Miller

**Assisting:** Margaret VanFossan

### Greeters this Morning:

**Fraser Street:** Ginny Rainey

**Parking Lot:** Mary Hartzell

**Information Desk:** Jenny Van Hook

## SUMMERTIME PATHWAYS

SUMMERTIME PATHWAYS follows the Children's Message. This broadly graded class is for Ages 4 - completed 3rd graders.

We meet downstairs ON THE LOWER LEVEL of the building in Room 10. You can pick up your child on the way to Coffee Hour!

Today's story is: **MIXED: A Colorful Story**

*The reds, the yellows, and the blues all think they're the best in this vibrant, thought-provoking picture book from Arree Chung, with a message of acceptance and unity.*

(Any 4th/5th Graders or youth who would like to assist this summer should talk to Deannine Shipman ahead of time!)



**CREATIVE FELLOWSHIP** hands-on fellowship opportunity every month led by Pastor Allison

**Today!** AT 11:15AM SOCIAL HALL

We'll be making prayer flags to share our hopes for the Church and the world. All skill levels welcome!

## Flowers for Sunday Service

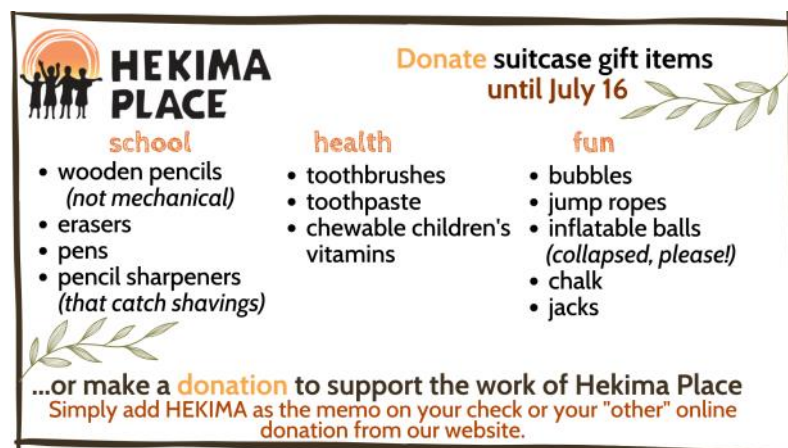
For anyone wanting to supply flowers for 2023 Sunday worship services, we still have many openings for the rest of the year. The flower chart is posted in the hallway between the sanctuary and the church office. Or you may call or email the church office at 814-238-2422 or officespc@gmail.com.

## Church Picnic 2023 ~ July 16

The entire congregation and friends are invited to the annual SCPC church picnic at Tudek Park on Sunday, July 16th, immediately following the service until 2:00 pm. The Deacons will be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers, and will also provide beverages. **The remainder of the picnic is pot-luck - last names A-M are encouraged to bring a side dish and last names N-Z are encouraged to bring a dessert.** There will also be games for all ages. Please join your SCPC family for fellowship and fun.

## Sunday Membership Opportunity—Today!

Anyone interested in becoming a member of our church family is invited to the Martin Room after the worship service today at 11:15 am. You'll meet the pastor, several elders from our Session, and be received into membership if you wish. Questions? Contact the Martha Trout at (marthascpc@gmail.com).



**HEKIMA PLACE**

**school**

- wooden pencils (not mechanical)
- erasers
- pens
- pencil sharpeners (that catch shavings)

**health**

- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- chewable children's vitamins

**fun**

- bubbles
- jump ropes
- inflatable balls (collapsed, please!)
- chalk
- jacks

**Donate suitcase gift items until July 16**

...or make a **donation** to support the work of Hekima Place  
Simply add **HEKIMA** as the memo on your check or your "other" online donation from our website.

## Welcome Visitors & Guests

We are so glad you have joined us today. If you have questions about our church, our programs or activities offered here, stop by the Information Desk outside the Church Office.

### Sunday, July 9th

Deacons' Minute for Mission

- 9:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **10:00 am Worship Service**
- Summertime Pathways (PreK-4th Grade) - Rm 10
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 11:15 am Creative Fellowship—Social Hall
- 11:15 am Invitation to Join—Martin Rm

### Monday, July 10th

- 5:30 pm SJMT—Zoom
- 5:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting—Rm 10
- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study—Fireside Rm
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

### Tuesday, July 11th

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom

### Wednesday, July 12th

Arts Fest

- 4:00 pm Pastor Nominating Committee—Rm 10

### Thursday, July 13th

Arts Fest

- 7:00 pm Finance Meeting—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group—Martin Rm

### Friday, July 14th

Arts Fest

### Saturday, July 15th

Arts Fest

### Sunday, July 16th

Arts Fest

Hekima Commissioning and Minute for Mission

- 9:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **10:00 am Worship Service**
- Summertime Pathways (PreK-4th Grade) - Rm 10
- 11:30 am Church Picnic—Tudek Park

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Hearing Assist Devices are  
available on the back table in the  
Sanctuary

## Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Get Social with it!! The coffee hour team would love you join in on serving Sunday mornings. We're a fun, social group serving in this important church ministry. **ON THE JOB TRAINING PROVIDED!** It's fun and easy. Just sign-up in a volunteer slot, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0448a5af29aa8-summer3#/>. If you have any questions, please email Jamey Perry, [jrp5@psu.edu](mailto:jrp5@psu.edu), or Jerry Sawyer as [jvs3@psu.edu](mailto:jvs3@psu.edu).



## Food Bank Needs

For those of you excited about helping the State College Food Bank, here are three of their needs:

- Canned Fruit
- Pasta Sauce
- Bar Soap

For your convenience, items can be dropped here at SCPC at the parking lot, or rear of the sanctuary entrance.

For more information about the church and our programs please visit our website at [scpresby.org](http://scpresby.org)

If you are an online attender we hope you will "sign the pew pad" virtually on Sunday mornings by texting "check in" during the welcome and announcement time so we know you're watching! The phone number is:

833-234-1326.

To give via our Online Giving site, scan the QR Code.

