

September 28, 2025
10:15 AM
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision, setting by Gary Lanier
David Lewis, trumpet

WELCOME AND GREETING



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you

LITANY FOR GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY

Leader: Our hands have created war and terror and have drawn lines between friends and enemies.

Women: Now we search for lasting peace and radical reconciliation.

Leader: Our hands have created hunger and poverty, homelessness and unemployment.

Men: Now we long to be fed, sheltered and given new opportunities.

ALL: Renew our hands for your work, O God, today and every day.

Leader: Our hands have polluted your creation and misused our resources.

Women: Now we seek clean air, soil, water and abundant life for all living things.

Leader: Our hands have broken homes, communities and nations with fear, abuse and violence.

Men: We plead for safety and wholeness.

ALL: Renew our hands for your work, O God, today and every day.

Leader: Our hands have brought discrimination and oppression based on race and class.

Women: Now we look for unity in diversity and the freedom to live in holy community with one another.

Leader: Your hands created the world, and your life redeems it.

Men: Even now we see your reign of peace among us.

ALL: For our hands and your work, O God, we praise you today and every day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord Jesus,

I give you my hands to do your work. I give you my feet to go your way. I give you my eyes to see as you do. I give you my tongue to speak your words. I give you my mind that you may think in me. I give you my spirit that you may pray in me. Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all mankind. I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who lives and works through me. In Jesus' name. Amen

+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING: I Timothy 6:11-19

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING He's Got the Whole World in His Hands - setting by Stan Pethel
David Lewis, trumpet

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends with the phrase:

God, we pray,
open our hands in love.

The prayers conclude:

Into your wounded hands of love, O God, we place all our prayers, trusting in your mercy through the crucified and risen one Jesus. **Amen.**

Vikki - don't print the prayers below in the bulletin - those are from the God's work Our Hands Sunday resources and I didn't want to misplace them.

Gathered into God's embrace, let us lift our voices on behalf of a weary and wounded world. God of love, send us out filled with your love and life. Be known in our daily living, that your love may be known through our proclamation. God, we pray, **open our hands in love.**

God of creation, remind us to be good stewards of your diverse and beautiful world. God, we pray, **open our hands in love.**

God of peace, fill the hearts of those who rule, govern and lead. Give them and us compassion to guide the peoples of this world in the ways of truth, justice, equity and peace. God, we pray, **open our hands in love.**

God of healing, visit those who yearn for your wholeness, especially those whose names and needs we lift up now (names and needs added as desired). Encourage all those who bear another's burdens. Give wisdom and perseverance to all who work in health care professions. God, we pray, **open our hands in love.**

God of service, give us strength and humility. In our service to those near and far, whose needs are visible or invisible, may we find you in the faces of our neighbors. God, we pray, **open our hands in love.**

Everlasting God, support us in this life. As we remember those who have gone before as examples of faithful living and honor those whose faith was known only to you, inspire us to follow their example of baptismal life until we join with them in worship. God, we pray, **open our hands in love.**

Into your wounded hands of love, O God, we place all our prayers, trusting in your mercy through the crucified and risen one Jesus. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 and ever. Amen.

+ SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION OF VOCATION AND BLESSING OF HANDS FOR MINISTRY

We are called to proclaim the good news:

God is at work!

This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

God is at work in the world still today!

In us and through us, God is glorified in our work. When we offer a helping hand, God is praised. When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

God is at work in us!

In our service today and in our daily lives, let us live out what God has called us to in baptism.

God is at work through our hands!

God bless your hands and your work that through you, God's love may be known. Amen.

BLESSING

God who sets forth the law of love,
Jesus who fulfills the law for you,
and the Spirit through whom you are called to love,
bless you this day,
that you may be God's hands and heart and voice
at work in the world.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 688 Lord of Light

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Fanfare - R. Mark Otterstad

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PRAYER LIST

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Bob Moran, Leonard Gibeon, David Mounts, Ed & Billie Schanely, Steve Keyser, Andrew Breuninger, the Stauffer family, Renee Fels, Rebecca Jellen, Sarah Keller, Mary Bonar, Mary Flint, Richard Ditzler, Paige Seasock, Charlie Izurieta, Jeff Jadick, Joy Miller, Alyson Harvey, Audrey Sell, Fred Swavely, Marie Wolfe and Erik Ockenlaender.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 29	5:30pm Soup & Study 7pm Great Songs of Faith choir rehearsal
Wednesday, October 1	7pm Third Year Confirmation
Sunday, October 5	8am Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15am Worship

We need your help! Our A/V team needs more people. Please volunteer to help our worship services reach out those who are unable to attend in person. Please help.

Heavenly Helpers is in need of donations of gift cards to Lowes and Walmart or Visa gift cards in any denomination are being collected between this Sunday and October 19. All gift cards will be used to purchase supplies, window AC units, doors and baby supplies for the family. Gift card donations can be dropped in the donation box outside PB's office.

This fall, the Reformed churches in the Upper Perkiomen Valley will offer a more contemplative, mid-week worship opportunity

3rd Wednesdays from 6-7 PM

Oct 15 – St. Mark's, Pennsburg

Nov 19 – St. John's, Sumneytown

Dec 17 – New Goshenhoppen UCC, East Greenville

Jan 21 – Friedens UCC, Sumneytown

All are welcome!





FALL 2025
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN & FRIEDENS UCC
JOIN TOGETHER FOR

SOUP & STUDY

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Mondays from 5:30PM to 7PM
September 22 - November 10
at St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**

We will enjoy a simple soup supper
and then discuss the book,
**Appreciate These Things:
Eight Ways of Cultivating
Compassion by Jill J. Duffield**

**Please see Pastor Stephanie or
Pastor Becky to purchase a book**



Questions? Reach out to
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FALL CONCERT SERIES

St. John's Lutheran Church 3104 Main Street Green Lane, PA

Sunday, Oct. 12 at 2:00 P.M.
Robert Mouland
"Well there's something you don't hear
everyday!"

*Historical melodies and song on unusual instruments,
including Baroque violin, c. 1760; Baroque flute, c. 1795,
English guitar, c. 1760-70 and others*



Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2:00 P.M.
Rock Solid

*Contemporary Praise and Worship
team that has been leading services
since 1995. The team's mission is to
introduce/reintroduce people to
Jesus through music.*

Saturday, Dec 6 at 6:30 PM
Christmas Carols, Cocoa
and Cookies Concert

*Join us for a chance to sing some of
your favorite Christmas carols,
interspersed with solo performances by
St. John's musicians!*



All concerts followed by a light reception

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