

A Service of
Installation
for
The Rev. Wendy Ann Farber
June 1, 2025 10:00 am

Grace
United Church of Christ
Claysburg,
Pennsylvania

Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ

June 1, 2025

Grace 10:00 am

7th Sunday of Easter / Installation for Pastor Wendy Ann Farber

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

Gary McIntyre

Words of Welcome

* *Processional Hymn*

“Be Thou My Vision”

Insert

* *Call to Worship*

Jeanne Mowry (Greenfield)

Clap your hands. Sing for joy!

God’s glory is all around.

Rejoice and praise. Worship and pray.

God’s glory is in each of us.

* *Invocation*

God of grace and glory, shine through our worship, that we may know your presence. Shine through our lives, that we may bring your presence to others. Shine through our world, that all may come to know you, love you, and glorify your name. Amen.

Prayer of Yearning

From the fears that haunt our lives, deliver us. From the self-judgment and shame that dim the light with us, save us.

From the hurts and sorrows that harm us, heal us. Cover us with your comfort, grace, and love, that we may shine with your glory and grace. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Let the thirsty come. For in Christ’s grace, we receive the water of life. In God’s mercy, we receive forgiveness and love.

First Reading

Lisa Pejack (Mt Hope)

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 NRSV

¹² “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶ “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

** The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

Peggy Berkhimer (Mt Hope)

Gloria Tibi (Glory be to Thee, O Lord.)

TH #497

John 17:20-26 NRSV

²⁰ “I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message

Pastor Mary Hendricks

* *Meditation Hymn* “Great is Thy Faithfulness” Red VH #28

Homily ‘The Hope and Challenge of Christian Unity’

Pastor David Ackerman

* *The Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic/Christian church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Special Music

“Here I Am, Lord”

Roger Knisely with Gary McIntire



Service of Installation

Greeting

Association Representative

The Juniata Association of the Penn West Conference of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

**Let us look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross,
despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the
throne of God.**

Presentation

Local Church Representative

Barry Barnes

Association Representative

*The pastor may leave their place in the congregation
and may stand, if able, before the representative(s) of the
association.*

Association Representative

Exhortation

Association Representative

Covenant

Association Representative

Pastor Response

Pastor Wendy Farber

I am willing, and I promise to serve these churches faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Association Representative

*Members of the church who are able
stand for the remainder of the covenant.*

Local Church Members

We, the members of the Greenfield Charge of the United Church of Christ, receive the Rev. Wendy Farber as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with her in the ministry of the gospel and to give her due honor and support.

We gather with her and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Association Representative

*Members of the association who are able
stand for the remainder of the covenant.*

Association Members

We, the members of the Juniata Association of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and the pastor and teacher of the Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

**** Prayer of Installation***

Association Representative

Response

Amen.

Declaration

Association Representative

Response

Thanks be to God.

Charge to Congregation/Charge to the Church

Rev. David Ackerman

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Statement

Offertory (MH)

* Doxology

TH # 551

* Offertory Prayer

Glorious God, as we dedicate these gifts to you, may we shine with your glory and grace. Shine through these gifts and through our very lives, that others may experience the beauty of your love and the power of your presence. Amen.



Call to Communion

Pastor Wendy Farber

Friends, what we are about to do is to celebrate the Joyful Feast of the people of God. Jesus prayed that we might all be one - united in love, just as he and the Father are one. And the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." Let everyone who hears say, "Come." Let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

When we glimpse the unity Christ desires and receive the gift of God's grace, then all of creation is drawn to this table—no longer strangers or rivals, but beloved companions.

So come—eat and drink, be nourished and renewed for the ongoing work of justice, mercy, and humble faithfulness, until Christ comes again.

* *Communion Hymn* *"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*

Red VH #166

Holy Communion Litany

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Responsive Communion Praise

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Sovereign of the universe.
Blessed are you, and blessed is your eternal promise: “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

From the beginning, your love created all things and called them good. You sent your Son into the world, not to condemn it, but to reconcile all creation to yourself. Christ prayed that we might be one—so that the world would believe in your love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus sat at the table with his friends. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: “Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: “Drink from this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Come to us now, Holy Spirit. Make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until the day when we drink anew with him in the kingdom of God. Let the Spirit and the Church always say:

“Come.”

** The Lord's Prayer*

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.

Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Blessed are those who are called to his table.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you.

But only speak the Word and I shall be healed.

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Sharing of the Elements

Receive the gifts of God for the people of God

Words of Prayer

This has been no ordinary meal.

We have tasted the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

We have shared in the prayer of Christ for unity.

We have heard the Spirit's invitation: "Come."

Send us now, O God, to be bearers of hope,

witnesses of grace, and ministers of reconciliation.

In the name of the Risen and Returning Christ, we pray. Amen.



* *Closing Hymn* *"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"* Insert

* *Benediction* *Pastor Wendy Farber*

* *Three-Fold Amen* TH # 558

* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle* *Gary McIntyre*



Rev. David Ackerman..... Penn West Conference Minister

Rev. Mary Hendricks.....Mentor and Former Pastor (Retired)

Gary McIntyre..... Organist at Grace UCC

Rev. Jim NeatrourJuniata Association Representative