

WORSHIP 10:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM

JULY 9, 2023

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

To parents of young children: Relax! God put the wiggles in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house. Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage. Explain parts of the service and actions of the pastor, musicians, and leaders. Sing the songs, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you. If you have to leave the Sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. You and your child are a blessing to the church and this congregation. After the Children's Moments, children are welcomed and encouraged to stay and be part of the service or if you choose they can attend God's Big House (Ages: K-5th Grade upstairs with Mr. Andrew and our volunteers) or the Nursery (Ages: New-born to Pre-K on the main level with Ms. Sarah and our volunteers). As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

*Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONGS OF PRAISE: GOD SO LOVED
OCEANS

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: COME ON IN AND FIND SOME REST!

P: WE NEED THAT REST, FOR WE ARE WEARY!

L: COME ON IN AND DISCOVER PEACE!

P: WE NEED PEACE, FOR OUR SPIRITS ARE WEIGHED DOWN BY TROUBLES.

L: YOU HAVE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE! OUR LORD IS HERE, WAITING FOR YOU.

P: THANKS BE TO GOD, WHO BRINGS US REST AND PEACE. AMEN.

*OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON) LED BY BILL NIEMANN:

*We gather together this morning, O Lord, eager to feel your healing touch for our wounded spirits and weary souls. Flood our lives with your peace. Shine your light of joy in our souls this day, for we pray in Christ's Name.
Amen*

CHORAL ANTHEM

A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH DEBBIE WALLIN

This, this is where children belong.
Welcomed as part of our worship and song.
Hearing God's Word, sharing love all along.
This is where children belong.

*A SONG OF PREPARATION: GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU UMH 130

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 11:25-30 (NRSV) READ BY BILL NIEMANN

²⁵ AT THAT TIME JESUS SAID, "I THANK YOU, FATHER, LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, BECAUSE YOU HAVE HIDDEN THESE THINGS FROM THE WISE AND THE INTELLIGENT AND HAVE REVEALED THEM TO INFANTS; ²⁶ YES, FATHER, FOR SUCH WAS YOUR GRACIOUS WILL. ²⁷ ALL THINGS HAVE BEEN HANDED OVER TO ME BY MY FATHER, AND NO ONE KNOWS THE SON EXCEPT THE FATHER, AND NO ONE KNOWS THE FATHER EXCEPT THE SON AND ANYONE TO WHOM THE SON CHOOSES TO REVEAL HIM. ²⁸ "COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND ARE CARRYING HEAVY BURDENS, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. ²⁹ TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU, AND LEARN FROM ME, FOR I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE IN HEART, AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. ³⁰ FOR MY YOKE IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT."

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD. DO YOU BELIEVE IT?
YES, WE BELIEVE IT.

MESSAGE : REST FOR THE WEARY PASTOR DUSTIN McCUNE

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF GIVING

IN A WORLD THAT CALLS US TO SEEK FOR 'ME', WE STRUGGLE TO UNDERSTAND AND SEE THE ABUNDANCE AMONG 'US'. AS WE PREPARE TO GIVE OUR GIFTS THIS DAY, WE REFLECT ON THE PLACES OF ABUNDANCE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND PLEDGE TO CONTINUE CREATING THESE PLACES. PRICK OUR HEARTS FOR THE PLACES OF LACK AND NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN OUR WORLD, THAT WE MIGHT BE YOUR HANDS AND FEET TO THEM.

*DOXOLOGY

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.

*A SONG OF INVITATION: NEAR TO THE HEART OF GOD UMH 472

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTIONAL SONG: THE BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace. Amen.

***BENEDICTIONAL PRAYER:**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Big House: Sundays at 10:00 am for Pre-K—5th grade

Adult Sunday School Class: meets after Church in the Conference Room. Join Debbie Wallin as she leads a video series titled *The Art of Neighboring*.

Prayer Breakfast: Join Pastor Dustin every Thursday at 8:30 am at Bob Evans in Kinetic Park

Meeting: Tonight - July 9: Meeting Night

Fall Fest: The United Women in Faith will host a Fall Fest in the gym of Cross Roads UMC on September 9, 2023, 10:00 am –2:00 pm. Crafters and Vendors wanted. Contact the church office for contract/information.

Camden Park: Wednesday Night Kids are going to Camden Park on July 16 at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come. See Martha for discounted tickets. Cost: \$14.50.

VBS: July 31– August 2, 6-8 pm

Thank you to our hosts/hostesses for Coffee on the Lawn:

Schedule: July 16: Bobbie Michael, Nicki Osburn and Myra Davis

July 23: Sue Dostal, Josh Taylor, Sandy Blank

July 30: Pastor Dustin and Carrie

If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

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