

OCTOBER 1, 2023

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE & GOD'S BIG HOUSE (PRE-K - 5TH GRADE)

11:10 AM: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (CONFERENCE ROOM)

*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 REALLY LOVES US  
JESUS MESSIAH

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE! WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU HERE!

P: WE HUNGER FOR GOD'S WORD OF HOPE.

L: YOU HAVE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE. HERE YOU WILL BE FED ON THE LIFE-GIVING LOVE OF GOD.

P: WE THIRST FOR GOD'S HEALING IN OUR LIVES.

L: AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD, YOU WILL BE FED AND YOUR THIRST QUENCHED.

P: THANKS BE TO GOD WHO PROVIDES FOR OUR NEEDS.

#### \*OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON):

*Lord, we gather with Christians all around the world to receive your nourishing words of hope and peace. Be with us as we seek your will and wisdom. Amen.*

CHORAL ANTHEM

CROSS ROADS UMC CHOIR

HOLY COMMUNION

A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH SHARON RILEY

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: MAJESTY

UMH 176

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 21:23-32 (NRSV)

This Is the Word of God. Do you believe It?  
**Yes, we believe It.**

MESSAGE : THE KING'S AUTHORITY

REV. DUSTIN McCUNE

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF GIVING

#### \*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: SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

UMH 348

\*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

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

- Oct. 1: Carol MacCourtney, BJ Childers, Julie Savage  
8: Betty Campbell, Tammy Holland, Emma Walters  
15: Bobbi Michael, Myra Davis

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

**Today– October 1: Meeting Night at 5:00 pm**

**Pre-Charge Conference Meeting at 6:16 pm**

**OCC:** Please continue to pray for Operation Christmas Child. We will be filling 108 shoeboxes for children aged 2 to 14. For more information, check the website under the "Missions/Outreach" tab. Thanks for your support.

**Wednesday Dinner Main Dish:**

- Oct. 4: Soup & ?? Compliments of Maratha and Carol  
Oct. 11 Pizza compliments of Paula

**Charge Conference: October 22 at 2:00 pm at Cross Roads UMC.**

**Children's Sabbath: October 22–** The service will be held in the gym where the children will perform a play, "The Great Pumpkin". There will also be a soup fundraiser.

**Balloons:** orders are being taken though Oct, 15 to purchase a balloon in honor or memory of a child which will be displayed during the Children's Sabbath Service on Oct. 22.

**Crafters/Vendors:** Due to the unfortunate cancellation of our Fall Fest , vendors in the church who worked hard to prepare will be able to display their items on October 22 after the Worship Service. If anyone else in the church would like to participate, please contact Debbie Wallin. This will be a great opportunity to pick up a special handmade item. They make great gifts.

There will be tables with the following:

- \*Beverly Overby with beautiful wreaths and flower arrangements
- \*Sue Dostal with handmade woodcraft
- \*Susan Wyant with cross stitch holiday & no sew ornaments., Basket & wreath ties

**September Club:** Wednesday, October 4 at Noon. Please bring a side dish.

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