

OCTOBER 15, 2023

20TH 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: OUR GOD  
REVELATIONS SONG

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

**L: LOOK AROUND AT THIS WONDROUS WORLD!**

P: GOD'S MIGHTY ACTS IN CREATION ARE MAGNIFICENT!

**L: LOOK AROUND AT THE DIVERSITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE!**

P: DIVERSITY IS TO BE CELEBRATED FOR WE HAVE MUCH TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER.

**L: COME, LET US OFFER PRAISE AND PRAYER TO GOD.**

P: LET US CELEBRATE ALL GOD'S GOODNESS, FOR EVEN IN THE MIDST OF THE HORRIBLE

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

*Patient and persistent God, we are grateful that even when we get side-tracked, you are with us. Be in our hearts and spirits today as we learn of your love through creation. Amen.*

#### SPECIAL SONG

#### A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH MARTHA GILL

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: WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN  
UMH 701

#### SCRIPTURE: PSALM 19:1-4 AND VERSE 14 (NRSV)

PSALM 19:14 LET THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH AND THE MEDITATION OF MY HEART BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, OH LORD, MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER.

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

MESSAGE : GOD'S WORDS MATTER ANNABEL DAYHOFF

#### 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: SHALL WE GATHER UMH 723

#### \*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. 22 Sue Dostal, Josh Taylor, Sandy Blank

Oct. 29 Pastor Dustin & Carrie

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

**Sunday School:** immediately after the 10:00 service in the conference room. Join Debbie Wallin as she leads a new video series "Max on Life" by Max Lucado.

**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. Deadline is Nov. 5.

### **Wednesday Dinner Main Dish:**

Oct. 18 BBQ compliments of Pastor Dustin and Carrie

**Day of Remembrance:** Your offering will go to the Ministerial Education Fund that provides grants for 20 students. Please indicate Day of Remembrance in the memo and put check in the offering plate.

**Charge Conference:** October 22 at 2:00 pm at Cross Roads UMC. **All Leaders are requested to attend.**

**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 through Oct. 15 to purchase a balloon in honor or memory of a child. The balloon will be displayed during the Children's Sabbath Service on Oct. 22.

**Crafters/Vendors:** October 22 following the 10:00 service. If anyone 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

**Trunk or Treat:** October 25- Donations of candy are needed. Please bring candy to Church office.

**All Saints Day:** November 5- Please turn in names of loved ones to be remembered by October 29.

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"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."



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