

OCTOBER 8, 2023

19TH 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: THIS IS AMAZING GRACE
KING OF KINGS

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE, A PLACE OF FAITH.

P: FROM OUR HOMES, WE COME SEEKING GOD'S WORD.

L: HERE YOU WILL FIND NOURISHMENT AND HOPE.

P: MAY WE LEARN LESSONS OF COURAGE AND PEACE.

L: HERE YOU WILL FIND REST FROM YOUR STRUGGLES.

P: LORD, PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE YOUR WORDS THAT WE MAY LEAVE THIS HOLY HOUSE OF FAITH AND RETURN TO OUR HOMES, ENCOURAGED AND CHALLENGED TO BE YOUR PEOPLE. AMEN.

*OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON):

*Gracious God, you have called us to be your faithful witnesses. We struggle with this because so often we are caught up in our doubts and our despair about this world. Help us to turn again to you, living in your household of freedom and peace, of reconciliation and witness. We offer this prayer in Jesus' name.
Amen.*

CHORAL ANTHEM

CROSS ROADS UMC CHOIR

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: BLESSED ASSURANCE

UMH 369

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 14:1-6 (NRSV)

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

MESSAGE : EMBRACING THE TRUTH

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: BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC UMH 717

*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:

8: Betty Campbell, Tammy Holland, Emma Walters

15: Bobbi Michael, Myra Davis

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.

Wednesday Dinner Main Dish:

Oct. 11 Pizza compliments of Paula

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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