

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

25TH 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: WE GATHER TOGETHER

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONGS OF PRAISE: FOREVER

10,000 REASONS

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: HOW SHALL WE ENTER THE HOUSE OF THE LORD?

P: WITH SONGS OF GREAT PRAISE AND REJOICING!

L: HOW SHALL WE PREPARE OURSELVES TO RECEIVE THE BLESSINGS?

P: WITH HEARTS, MINDS, AND SPIRITS THAT ARE OPEN.

L: COME, LET US WORSHIP THE LORD AND BOW DOWN.

P: LET US OFFER OUR PRAISE TO GOD WHO HAS REDEEMED US. AMEN.

*OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON):

Lord of bounty and blessing, we come to you this day in gratitude for all that we have been given. We are grateful for the blessings and for the opportunities to be of service to others in your holy Name. Bless each of us here, that we may become truly blessings to others. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

CROSSROADS UMC CHOIR

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: HE HAS MADE ME GLAD

FWS 2270

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 107:9 (NRSV)

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

MESSAGE : THE EMPTY CHAIR

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF GIVING

*DOXOLOGY

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what
The Lord has done for us."

*A SONG OF INVITATION: COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE COME

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*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 in the Conference Room.

Nov. 26 Sue Dostal, Josh Taylor, Sandy Blank

Dec. 3 Carol MacCourtney, Julie Savage

Dec. 10 Betty Campbell, Tammy Holland, Emma Walters

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.

Today: We will gather in the gym at 5:00 pm for our Thanksgiving dinner. Meat, mashed potatoes and bread will be provided. Please bring a side dish.

Today: Christmas play practice at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary.

November 26: We will decorate the Sanctuary and Courtyard for Christmas at 3:00 pm

November 29: Christmas play practice at 5:00 pm

Common Grounds: This month will meet at 5:45 pm on November 30 at Johnson Memorial UMC. Servers and table talkers are needed.

Prayers and Squares Ministry-see Ceryl Waugh.

Wednesday Dinner Main Dish:

November: 22 No Bible Study/Dinner

Angel Tree: The return date for Angel Tree gifts is December 10. Please adhere to the gift limits as some families have multiple children: \$25.00 for clothing gift and \$25.00 for toy (or other gift).

Please write YOUR name and phone number as well as the CODE # and CHILD'S name on the sign up sheet.

Please put the gifts in gift bags as they are easier to deliver.

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