

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE & GOD'S BIG HOUSE 10:00 AM (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: LIFESONG
HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: WHEN THE TIDES OF FEAR SEEM TO OVERWHELM US, WE CRY OUT...

P: LORD, COME TO US AND LEAD US TO PATHS OF SAFETY!

L: WHEN WE FEEL LOST AND ALONE AND WE WONDER IF ANYONE CARES ABOUT US, WE CRY OUT.....

P: LORD, COME AND HEAL OUR WOUNDED SPIRITS!

L: WHEN TURBULENCE WITHIN AND WITHOUT SEEM TO THREATEN US, WE CRY OUT...

P: LORD, BRING US PEACE. AMEN.

*OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON):

When we feel overwhelmed by the storms of life, enter our hearts with your redeeming love, O Christ. When our fears overtake us and we cannot find our way, give us direction that we might faithfully serve you all our days, singing your praises! Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

CROSS ROADS UMC CHOIR

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

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 TOUCHED ME **UMH 367**

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 18:21-35 (NRSV)

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

SERIES: TO MY FRIEND WHO LEFT THE FAITH

MESSAGE : PART 3

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: HOW GREAT THOU ART **UMH 77**

*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:

17: Bobbi Michael, Nicki Osburn, Myra Davis

24: Sue Dostal, Josh Taylor, Myra Davis

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

OCC: Please continue to pray for Operation Christmas Child. We will be filling 108 shoeboxes this year, and the ages are 2 to 14. Now is an excellent time to get summer items from a clearance rack. Small items that will fit in a shoebox are needed like toys, clothing, or hygiene items. There is a box in the mission cubicle and at the entrance for your donations. Each box has a list of things NOT to donate and items that are acceptable. Thanks for your support. Also, if you prefer, monetary donations are appreciated too. (Make checks payable to CRUMC.)

Meeting: September 19- Finance Team at 6:30 PM

Common Grounds: September 21. Volunteers to serve and talk with guests are welcome.

Flu Shot Clinic: September 21-Flu shots will be available 1-3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Weekly:

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 the lesson.

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

Wednesdays:

Choir Practice at 5:00 PM

Dinner at 6:00 PM

Bible Study at 6:30 PM. Join us in a study of the book of Nehemiah.

WNK at 6:30 PM

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