

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

17TH 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: ONE THING REMAINS  
OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO GOD'S LOVING MERCY.

P: LORD, COME INTO OUR HEARTS THIS DAY.

L: HAVING RECEIVED GOD'S MERCY, BRING THAT LOVE TO OTHERS.

P: LORD, BE WITH US AS WE REACH OUT TO OTHERS IN COMPASSION.

L: FEEL YOUR SPIRITS FILLED WITH THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

P: LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE MANY BLESSINGS WHICH YOU POUR INTO OUR LIVES. AMEN.

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

*As we sing our praise to you, O Lord, we remember the multitude of blessings you have given us. We are mindful of the ways in which you have lifted us when we have fallen low. Be with us this day as we gather to hear your word for our lives. Amen.*

#### CHORAL ANTHEM

CROSS ROADS UMC CHOIR

#### A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH DIANE VARNUM

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: SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

UMH 381

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 20:1-16 (NRSV)

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

MESSAGE : IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM FAIR

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: JUST AS I AM

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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 on the Lawn:

Sept: 24: Sue Dostal, Josh Taylor, Myra Davis

Oct. 1: Carol MacCourtney, BJ Childers, Julie Savage

8: Betty Campbell, Tammy Holland, Emma Walters

15: Bobbi Michael, Nicki Osburn, 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.)

**Wednesday Dinner Main Dish:**

Sept. 27 Chili, Chips, Cheese compliments of Debbie & Wally

Oct. 4: Soup & ?? Compliments of Maratha and Carol

Oct. 11 Pizza compliments of Paula

**Meeting Night: October 1 - Pre-Charge Conference Meeting**

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

**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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