

WORSHIP 10:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM

JULY 16, 2023

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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: NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP
CHAIN BREAKER

*CALL TO WORSHIP LED BY DALE MEADOWS

L: WITH ALL OUR STRENGTHS AND ALL OUR WEAKNESSES,

P: WE COME TO WORSHIP.

L: WITH EXCITEMENT AND ENERGY OR WITH AGING ACHING BODIES,

P: WE COME TO WORSHIP.

L: WITH STRONG VIBRANT FAITH UNAFRAID TO QUESTION OR WITH HESITATION
AND UNCERTAINTY,

P: WE COME TO WORSHIP.

L: WITH EAGER LAUGHTER AND JOY OR WITH PAINFUL WHISPERED PRAYERS,

P: WE COME TO WORSHIP.

L: FILLED WITH SAINTLY DETERMINATION OR DEEPLY AWARE OF OUR HUMAN
FAILINGS,

P: WE COME TO WORSHIP.

L: MADE STRONG BY THE PROMISE OF UNENDING LOVE AND GRACIOUS ACCEPTANCE,

ALL: WE COME TO WORSHIP THE ONE WHOSE LOVE CALLS US HERE.

*OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON) LED BY DALE MEADOWS:

Lord, We long for your simple gifts for our lives.

We long for your peace. We long for your joy.

We long for your hope. We long for your love.

We long for your touch. We long for your grace.

We long for your healing. We long for your touch.

*O Lord, open a spring in our lives
that daily refreshes us with your simple gifts. Amen.*

CHORAL ANTHEM

CROSS ROADS 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: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

UMH 62

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 25:19-34 (NRSV) READ BY DALE MEADOWS

MESSAGE : THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING RIGHT DECISIONS

PASTOR DUSTIN MCCUNE

A TIME OF PRAYER WITH SECIAL MUSIC BY BILL NEIMANN

A TIME OF GIVING

IN A WORLD THAT CALLS US TO SEEK FOR 'ME', WE STRUGGLE TO UNDER-
STAND AND SEE THE ABUNDANCE AMONG 'US'. AS WE PREPARE TO GIVE OUR
GIFTS THIS DAY, WE REFLECT ON THE PLACES OF ABUNDANCE IN OUR COM-
MUNITY AND PLEDGE TO CONTINUE CREATING THESE PLACES. PRICK OUR
HEARTS FOR THE PLACES OF LACK AND NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN
OUR WORLD, THAT WE MIGHT BE YOUR HANDS AND FEET TO THEM.

*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: HE LEADETH ME: O BLESSED THOUGHT

UMH 128

***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

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 a video series titled *The Art of Neighboring*.

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

Meeting: Child Care Board-Sunday, July 30 immediately after church

Fall Fest: The United Women in Faith will host a Fall Fest in the gym of Cross Roads UMC on September 9, 2023, 10:00 am –2:00 pm. Crafters and Vendors wanted. Contact the church office for contract/information.

VBS: July 31– August 2, 6-8 pm

Thank you to our hosts/hostesses for Coffee on the Lawn:

Schedule: July 23: Sue Dostal, Josh Taylor, Sandy Blank

July 30: Pastor Dustin and Carrie

Aug, 6: Carol MacCourtney, BJ Childers, Julie Savage

Aug. 13: Betty Campbell, Tammy Holland, Emma Walters

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

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