

WORSHIP 10:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM

JULY 30, 2023

9TH 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: TRADING MY SORROWS
BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP LED BY KANE MACCOURTNEY

L: Waiting is never easy for us.

P: We are a culture of "instant" response.

L: Today, God is asking us to wait; to be patient.

P: It is not going to be easy for us to do that.

L: Quiet your spirits and open your hearts to God's word for you today.

P: Lord, be with us. Help us to be ready to hear and respond to your word. Amen

*OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON) LED BY KANE MACCOURTNEY:

Lord of preparation and transitions, we are already halfway through our summer months. We sit and wonder where the time went, did we spend it well in your service. Give us these next few weeks for renewal that we may be prepared to work through your church for your world. Keep us mindful of the needs of family, friends and others, that we will be your faithful disciples, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

CROSS ROADS UMC

A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH DALE MEADOWS

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: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY
UMH 64

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 29:15-28 (NRSV) READ BY KANE MACCOURTNEY

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

MESSAGE : MAKING SENSE OUT OF LIFE'S MESSES

REV. DUSTIN MCCUNE

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF GIVING

IN A WORLD THAT CALLS US TO SEEK FOR 'ME', WE STRUGGLE TO UNDERSTAND AND SEE THE ABUNDANCE AMONG 'US'. AS WE PREPARE TO GIVE OUR GIFTS THIS DAY, WE REFLECT ON THE PLACES OF ABUNDANCE IN OUR COMMUNITY 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: BE THOU MY VISION

UMH 451

*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 Today: Child Care Board- immediately after church

Meeting Night: August 6

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 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.

Child Care Sunday/Church Picnic: August 27

OCC: Please be in prayer for Operation Christmas Child. Once again, we will participate in the shoebox program, and we plan to fill 108 boxes. If you would like to help, now is a great time to purchase school items that will fit in a shoebox. Crayons, markers, pencils, erasers, scissors, etc. are items that are on sale now. Thank you for your assistance. We cannot do this without YOU!

Fundraiser: There are still envelopes available for our fundraiser. Please take one or two. We need everyone's support to meet our goal of \$5,000.00.

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“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”



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