

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023 – 10:55 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC		Jeanne Banks, Pianist
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Will Waller
CHIMING THE HOUR		
OPENING VOLUNTARY	<i>Meditation</i> —Martin	Lynn Meeks, Organist
ACOLYTE MINISTRY		

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Steve Angle, Liturgist

L: Loving God, call us together as your people;

P: Transform us with your love.

L: Transform our hearts, that we may love generously.

P: Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace.

L: Transform our hands, that we may serve others.

P: Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ, gathered to worship and sent out to serve. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* No. 400

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN *Where Children Belong* TFWS No. 2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Waller

(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 12:1-2 New Testament pg. 151

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *The Body of Christ: Hands-Free* Rev. Waller

OFFERTORY *Morning Has Broken*—Smith

*THE DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
Whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ANTHEM *Wings of the Dawn*—Spencer Chancel Choir

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER *Open Our Eyes, Lord* TFWS No. 2086

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS No. 38
Bob and Rhonda Chapman

*CLOSING HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* No. 593

*THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *As We Go*
As we go, may your spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where you lead.
May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard,
and be a light unto the world, as we go.

*GOING FORTH Rev. Waller

*POSTLUDE Mrs. Meeks

Serving Today:

Liturgist: Steve Angle

Greeters: Nathan, Jovie and Georgia Angle

Acolyte: Fisher Gibson

Usher: Benny Board

Children's Church: Martha Sue Gibson

Nursery: Jane Roseberry

Counters: Linda Handy, Charlotte Hill

Locking Up After Worship: Benny Board

Serving Next Week (September 25):

Liturgist: Brandi Altice

Greeters: Christina, Lera Gibson and Miles Gibson

Acolyte: Silas Gibson

Usher: Linda C. Handy

Children's Church: Nathan Angle and Charlie Mitchell

Nursery: Ina Clements

Counters: Ina Clements, Ben Whitesell

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Peggie Foster; Kathleen Higgins; Lillie Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Tim Funk; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Evelyn Hutcherson (Mike Turner); KC Barron (Becky Newbill); Janis Odom (DJ Pritchard); Everett Cotter (LuAnn Dunbar); Becky Bennett (Jennie Ardis); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Melissa Hays-Smith (Marsha Robertson); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); and Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland).

Forget-Me-Nots:

Eleanor Woody

**Will Waller, Pastor
Lynn M. Meeks, Director of Music/Diaconal Minister
Jeanne Banks, Pianist
Valerie Latimer, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant
Rebecca Dillon, Children's Church Coordinator
Brad Hodges, Custodian**

Meetings and Announcements:

- **Monday, September 19** **October Newsletter Deadline**
7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts
- **Tuesday, September 20** 9:30 a.m., Ladies Bible Study
7:00 p.m., Jubilant Ringers
- **Wednesday, Sept. 21** 5:00-6:30 p.m., Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir
- **Thursday, September 22** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts
- **Next Sunday, Sept. 25** 8:45 a.m., United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting
10:00 a.m., Small Groups
10:55 a.m., Worship
- **Tuesday, September 27** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
12:00 p.m., Sunshine Girls will meet at Ippy's for lunch
- **Saturday, October 1** 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Alzheimer's Yard Sale
- **Monday, October 3** 11:00 a.m., United Women in Faith Meeting
- **Tuesday, October 4** 7:00 p.m., Trustees Committee Meeting

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

The Bald Knob Artists Art Show and Sale will be in the Fellowship Hall today from 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Attention! The downstairs kitchen will be enjoying a deep clean on Saturday. If you have supplies in the kitchen that you need to take home, please do so before Saturday.

Alzheimer's Annual Yard Sale - What am I going to do with all of these books, clothes, games, toys, old furniture, decorations? You can donate them to the Alzheimer's Yard Sale. It is a win win. You get rid of old things and help out a great cause. This sale will be held here at the church on Saturday, October 1 from 8:00 a.m-1:00 p.m. Contact Nancy Middaugh (540-597-7581) for more information. Volunteers are needed.

The Sontag Feeding Program is beginning again for its fifth year! To celebrate five years of feeding kids at Sontag Elementary School, we're asking for your help. Would you like to bag and deliver food? Terri Naff and Kelly Peterson will sign you up if you are interested in volunteering. We're looking for once-a-month commitments to deliver as well as quarterly commitments to bag the purchased food.

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Cub Scout Pack 456 is hosting a Lego Pinewood Derby on Saturday September 24 and are in need of Legos. Specifically, they are not accepting Duplo Legos. Instead, they're looking for Legos, new and used, that you'd be willing to donate for their event. A collection bin will be available starting this Sunday in the Narthex. For more details, please email Trish Rhodes at trhodes0456@gmail.com.

We are collecting macaroni and cheese for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!