

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 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

Be Thou But Near—Bach

Lynn Meeks, Organist

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Linda Dunlap, Liturgist

L: Bless us as we meet together.

P: Dear Lord we pray.

L: Bless the singing of your praise, the reading of your Word, and the sharing of our fellowship.

P: Dear Lord we pray.

L: Hear the prayers that are spoken aloud and uttered in the recesses of our hearts.

P: Bless us as we met together, and bless our work beyond the walls of the church. Dear Lord, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Sweet Hour of Prayer

No. 496

***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 worshiping 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

2 Corinthians 12:6-10

New Testament pg.174

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Why Do Prayers Go Unanswered?

Rev. Waller

OFFERTORY

Allegretto—Handel

***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

You Are My All in All—Larson

Chancel Choir

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER

All I Need is You

TFWS No. 2080

All I need is you, Jesus, all I need is you.
You are the source of all I need. All I need is you.

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

***CLOSING HYMN**

Take Time to Be Holy

No. 395

***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

CCLI License Number 2745989

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Pat Cundiff's 75th birthday.

The flowers on the piano are given by Roger and Nancy Middaugh to the Glory of God and in memory of Nancy's wonderful loving Dad. They miss him every day.

Serving Today:

Liturgist: Linda Dunlap

Greeter: Jane Turner

Acolyte: Miles Gibson

Usher: Mike Turner

Children's Church: Linda Handy

Nursery: Martha Sue Gibson

Counters: Ina Clements, Bobby Thompson

Serving Next Week (October 22):

Liturgist: Becky Newbill

Greeter: Mittie Hambrick

Acolyte: Rowan Eitner

Usher: P. D. Hambrick

Children's Church: Mittle Hambrick

Nursery: Ina Clements

Counters: Charlotte Hill, Linda Handy

Elementary Small Group at 10:00 a.m. (October 22)

Emily Waller

Prayer Concerns:

The People of Israel, our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Ronnie Breedlove; Abraham Tosh; Willie Denny; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Rodney Cundiff; Bob Huffman; Debbie Caulder; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Jerry Davis; Barbara Huffman; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Jennifer Cooper; Sophia Moore (CO Brickey); Dr. Matthew and Amanda Billups (Jack Watts); Don Angle (Steve Angle); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland); Tina Funk (Lindsey McDaniel); Carol Vaughn (Lisa Angle); Linda Wimmer (Crystal Minnix); Hannah Bittner (Cassandra Bittner); Tim Funk and Family in the death of his nephew, Matthew Sink, on October 9; Tyler Godfrey and Family in the death of his nephew, AJ Evatt, on October 9; and Family of Jack Dillon who passed away on October 10.

Forget-Me-Nots:

Kathleen Higgins, Peggy Santrock, Peggy McAndrew

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

Meetings and Announcements:

- **Sunday, October 15** **Following worship**, Church Gathering
5:00 p.m., Youth Meeting

- **Monday, October 16** **November Newsletter Deadline**
7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts

- **Tuesday, October 17** 9:30 a.m., Ladies Bible Study
5:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m., Jubilant Ringers

- **Wednesday, October 18** 5:00-6:30 p.m., Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir

- **Thursday, October 19** 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts

- **Friday, October 20** **The United Methodist Women Annual Fall Soup Making Day.**

- **Next Sunday, October 22** 10:00 a.m., Small Groups
10:55 a.m., Worship
Following worship, Youth Parents Planning Session in the Assembly Room

- **Tuesday, October 24** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
12:00 p.m., Sunshine Girls will meet at Ippy's for lunch
7:00 p.m., Church Council Meeting

- **Thursday, October 26** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**

- **Wednesday, November 1** 6:00 p.m., Trunk-or-Treat

- **Sunday, November 5** **Don't forget to "fall back!" Daylight Saving Time Ends.**

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

Today, all church members are asked to attend a post-worship gathering. Tammy Burdick and Pastor Will are leading a session asking the important question, "Do we wish to remain United Methodist in this season?" This is not a disaffiliation vote, but rather a survey about who we are. We will be taking a paper ballot vote at the end of the presentation and conversation.

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This is the last week to order soup from the United Women in Faith. They are taking orders for quarts of homemade potato, with or without meat, chicken tortilla, and vegetable beef soup. Simply fill out the order form in the Sunday bulletin and give it to one of the United Women in Faith. Cost is \$10 a quart. You may pick up your soup on Sunday, October 22 after worship. All funds raised will be used for United Women in Faith mission projects.

The orders for Poinsettias need to be in the Church Office by tomorrow, October 16. You also have the option to make a monetary donation of any amount to the Helping Fund in place of ordering poinsettias by November 20. Please fill out the enclosed order form and drop it in the offering plate.

Next Sunday, October 22, at 10:00 a.m., there will be a reception held in the Atrium to honor our small group leaders. These faithful Christians generously give of their talents and time to share God's love for us! Come and join in our appreciation of them!

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