

September 24, 2023-Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost 10:30 AM

Those who are able, please stand

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. Today we are talking about “Walking with Faith”

Announcements: Fund Raising Meeting Today in Fellowship Hall w/Coffee time

MUSICAL PRELUDE: “Teach Me Thy Will ” (Pianist) Mavis Baldwin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

Feel the comforting power of God’s love and mercy in your lives. God is with us through all our experiences. Though we try we cannot stray from God’s love. Rejoice! This is the good news for all of us! AMEN.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us have faith in God who provides for us.

People: Let us lift our voices in praise, for God has come to comfort each of us.

Leader: Thanks be to God who forgives and heals our wounded souls.

People: Open our hearts, O Lord, and let us truly listen to your words.

Leader: We have come here this day with burdens on our hearts.

People: Our bodies, spirits, and our hearts need such comforting.

Leader: Open your hearts to God’s infinite mercy. Show us how faith works.

People: We open our spirits to receive God’s love for us.

Leader: Feel the power of God’s grace, have faith in God.

People: Wash away our fears and doubts, O Lord.

All: Lord, open our eyes and our hearts to hear and feel your presence with us.

GATHERING SONG “O Master, Let me Walk with Thee” UMH 430

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

Gracious Lord, we come this day to worship with so many things on our hearts and minds. Turn our hearts to you now, as we lift our prayers to you. Your people grow weary. We still need to ask how shall we do your will today? Will it be in acts of praise, in gifts shared, in prayers lifted? Help us to listen closely for your word to us. Remind us that you are always with us, throughout all of our lives. Give us confidence in your presence, so that we may go into your

world ready to witness to your love through our works and our deeds, for we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen

Time with God’s Children: Pray for all the children of the World today as they struggle with the same fears and concerns that we all have. Please email me a prayer to share with the children each day. I will post them on our Facebook.

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE “Surely the Presence of the Lord” UMH 328

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Faith Unlocks the Door” Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

God of abundance, you fill us with good things, and you satisfy our thirst. You call us to let go and step out in faith. When we ask for your help, you meet our every need. From your waters, our blessings flow. Accept these gifts that we give in return for they come from our hearts, our hands, and our love. Use them to answer the cries of our church, our community and of a world in need. Amen.

SONG OF COMMITMENT “Precious Lord Take My Hand” UMH 474

Special Prayer of Faith: (in unison) Prayer for a New Heart UMH 392

Psalter Reading: Psalm 105 UMH 828

Affirmation of Faith: (Please Stand) A Modern Affirmation UMH 885

GLORIA PATRI (We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible)

Scripture Matthew 20: 1-16

SHARING THE STORY “Being Part of the Workers” Pastor Joyce

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE Monday Sept 25, 2023, Free Lunch w/North Bush

SENDING SONG “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” UMH 452

THE SENDING FORTH (Unison)

Go bravely and boldly into this world Let the love of Christ be reflected in your life and your deeds. Go with the faith that God has given to you. Share your faith with others. Go with joy to serve the Lord. AMEN.

MUSICAL POSTLUDE “Lord You Give The Great Commission” Mavis Baldwin

The flowers on the alter are given by Sandra Maceyka in Memory of her Father

Lectionary Reader: James Medbury, Certified Lay Servant

Prayer List: Family of Gary Scribner, Family of Eleanor Bonfey, Family of Louise Robbins, Steve Miles, The Kevlins, Kasey and Mike Frederick, Family of Jerry Gessinger, Family of Doris Clo, Kathy Malley, Victoria Davin, Nancy Egans family in the death of Jeff Reese, Elaine&Art Schrum, Carol Johnson, Linda Sammons, Linda Howland, Penna’s family, Kevin Quaresino, Portia Robles, Family of Rev Bill Rowe and Sabrina Dahoha’s family

Our Terri Lynn Nuts and Candy Fundraiser Website is open

Use <https://northmainstUMC.terri Lynn.com>

*** If you have a joy or a prayer request or would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain group, please call Carol Johnson at 518-844-3354***

Welcome to Worship

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Matthew 20: 1-16

