

**Sept 1, 2024 Fifteenth 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. This is the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Today we will be talking about trusting our faith even on our worse days.

The flowers are in Memory of William Brezovsky given by Capasso & Boles Family

**Free lunch Monday September 2, 2024** with North Main UMC with Nancy Marsh, Nancy Eagan and Penna Smith - Labor Day

**September 8, 2024 Mum orders due - Pick up September 14, 2024**

**September 24, 2024 - NEU "Veggies to Go @ Trail Station Park 4-6 PM**

**October 16, 2024 - Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser -Tickets are available now**

**MUSICAL PRELUDE: "There's Something About That Name" Mavis Baldwin**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (In Unison)

Because we are not worthy to enter God's dwelling, God came to dwell with us through the body and being of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Christ came to be with us, amongst us, and for us. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Day by day we are reminded of God's creative love.

People: There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens

Leader: Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God's glory.

People: Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God.

Leader: Just as the heavens burst forth in praise to God.

People: Lord, we come, seeking your wisdom and your guidance

Leader: Open our hearts and spirits, Lord, and teach us your ways

People: God watches over us, loving and healing us.

Leader: We are called to follow Jesus wherever He sends us.

People: Come, let us celebrate with joy the love of God. AMEN

**GATHERING SONG**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH 140

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (In Unison) Heavenly Father, we tend to walk through life with eyes focused only forward on the things and people that have importance for us at the time. Help us to learn to stop and look with peripheral vision at all those who are unknown, those who lack acknowledgement or respect, those who desperately need a hand up. When we show respect and compassion for those who have been marginalized, we show them the kind of love that Jesus' demonstrated. We learn this from you. Let us always remember to honor and respect the lessons you have given us, for it is in these teachings that we should exemplify the love and acceptance of our faith. Amen

**Time with God's Children:**

**SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS** (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

**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** "Turn your Eyes Upon Jesus"

UMH 473

**GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

**DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

**UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

Gracious God, we bring these offerings with hearts filled with gratitude for the love and grace you offer to all who will accept Your Son, Jesus Christ. Let our offerings be used to lift up those who struggle, often in silence or obscurity. Let it further your kingdom with compassion, awareness and patience. May it bring hope, peace, and transformation, reflecting your love for all. Help us to

be stewards of your grace and love in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray.  
Amen.

SONG OF COMMITMENT "Open my eye's, that I May See" UMH 454

Prayer for Direction (in Unison) UMH 705

Psalter Reading (Responsive) Psalm 15 UMH 747

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (please stand) Nicene Creed UMH 880

GLORIA PATRI (We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible) UMH 70

SCRIPTURE James 1:17-27 Gospel Reading Mark 7:1-8 14-15 21-23

SERMON Trust your Faith - Penna Smith Certified Lay Speaker

\*Sending Song Oh Beautiful for Spacious Skies UMH 696

SENDING FORTH Friends, our worship continues even as we leave this moment. Friends, we have gathered in joy to sing and pray and hear God's word. We have come as friends, called friends by the Christ we follow. And now we are sent out into the world, to make friends. Let us be about the business we have been given. Let us go with God. Amen

MUSICAL POSTLUDE "Rejoice The Lord Is King." Pianist Mavis Baldwin

The Lectionary Readers for this week Sally Kwak and James Medbury

**Prayer List:** The Holly Family in the death of Ron's Aunt Shirley, Edna Bennett, Logan Rose, Anne Veeder, Family of Linda Holland, Donna Goodell, Jean Hart, Carol Johnson, Steve Miles, Kevin Quaresino, Dave Winnie, Family of Art Schrum, Portia Robles, Alison Clun, Family of Andrea Russell, Prayers for her daughter Zoey and Matt Brezovsky, Ivy Patterson, Linda Sammons, Calae Bonfey

Our Terri Lynn Nuts and Candy Fundraiser Website is open.  
<https://www.northmainstUMC.terrilynn.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 518-921-9902\*\*\*

# Welcome to Worship

North Main Street United Methodist Church

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We Gather to Worship

We Scatter to Serve

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Every good and perfect gift  
is from above, coming down from  
the Father of the heavenly lights,  
who does not change  
like shifting shadows.

James 1:17