

September 17, 2023 Sixteenth 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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Today is also Grandparents Day. Today we are talking about how we need to remember that "Bad News is not always Bad News."

Announcements - Free Lunch September 18, 2021, 11:30-12:30 PM

Food Pantry September 18, 2023 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM-

NEU @ McNab School 3:30 - 6:00 PM

The flowers are in given by Werner Paul in Memory of his Father Armin Paul

MUSICAL PRELUDE: "Faith Unlocks the Door" Pianist Mavis Baldwin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

Feel the comforting power of God's love and mercy in your lives. Receive the healing love of Jesus. Know that God's healing love is with you and never cease. No matter what befalls us, the Lord walks with us on the path, bringing us courage and hope. Give your lives to his service by serving and caring for others. God is with us through all our experiences. Though we try we cannot stray from God's love. This is the good news for all of us from Jesus Christ.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: When turbulence within and without seem to threaten us, we cry out.

People: Lord, come to us and lead us to paths of safety!

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 each new day.

People: Lord, we come, seeking your wisdom and your guidance. We come seeking the security that only you can give us.

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 we are called to be.

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

GATHERING SONG

"Help us Accept Each Other"

UMH 560

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

Lord, we have come this day to hear your words of healing love and hope. Enter our hearts and our spirits. Your blessings abound in each of us as you lift us up and reside in our hearts today. 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:

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 Jesus, Name above All Names

TFWS 2071

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "God So Loved the World"

Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Loving God, Jesus taught us "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." We offer our gifts to you knowing they are part of our treasure, and we do so with the hope that our hearts, our actions, and the words of our tongues

will likewise follow. We acknowledge that the words we speak with our tongues should always be words of praise for You. Accept these gifts, and cause them to work for you in this world which you have loaned to us. Guide our hearts, minds, and tongues to the words that bring you joy. In Christ's name, Amen.

SONG OF COMMITMENT "Make Me a Channel of your Peace" TFWS 2171

Psalter Reading: (Responsive) Psalm 19 UMH 750-751

Affirmation of Faith: (Please Stand) Statement of Faith UCC UMH 883

GLORIA PATRI (*We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible*)
UMH 70 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

SCRIPTURE Romans 14:1-12 & Gospel Matthew 16: 21-28 and 17:22-23

SHARING THE STORY"When the Bad News becomes the Good News" Pastor

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: Any Additional Announcements

SENDING SONG "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH 557

SENDING FORTH

Go in peace into God's world to serve and help others. Go in confidence of God's presence with you. Go into this world with messages of hope and reconciliation. Go forth into God's world as God's own children. Bring the good news of Christ's healing love to all whom you meet. Let the love of Christ be reflected in your life and your deeds. Go with joy to serve the Lord. Amen

MUSICAL POSTLUDE "Go Forth for God" Pianist Mavis Baldwin
The Lectionary Reader for this week is Ron Holly

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 **Family of Sara Butler**, Linda Sammons, Linda Howland, Penna's family, Kevin Quaresino, Portia Robles, Family of Rev Bill Rowe and Sabrina Dahoha's family

*** 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

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GRANDPARENTS
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with LOVE