First United Presbyterian Church

September 29, 2024

**GATHERING**

**CHIMES** Set your heart for worship, if you must whisper, let it be in prayer.

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING WORDS**

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And, also with you!**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations.

**All: God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.**

One: We struggle and worry.

**All: God’s loving presence sustains and strengthens us.**

One: Listen for God’s call to you.

**All: Lord, we are listening and seeking your guidance. AMEN**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN** #421 The Church of Christ in Every Age

The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led,  
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

We have no mission but to serve, in full obedience to our Lord.

To care for all, without reserve and spread Christ’s liberating word.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Patient Lord, we know that you call us to service, but we often feel inadequate. We love to make excuses for not doing something or for doing something only half-heartedly. Remind us again of your loving and guiding presence. Forgive us when we stumble and falter. Turn us again to you, serving joyfully and confidently. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE TO PARDON** #570 Gloria Patri

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**All: And, also with you!**

One: Please pass the peace to those around you.

**\*GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE** “Open Our Eyes”

Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.

To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.

Open our ears and help us to listen.

Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Open our hearts Lord, that we might receive you.

Open our Spirits, and teach us to worship.

Open our lips Lord, and teach us to praise you,

Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.

**PROCLAMATION**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**EPISTLE READING** Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 10:17-27

**SERMON**  “Favor”Rev. Greg Menssen

**RESPONDING**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** #333 Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORDS PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY** #592

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #539 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Savior, again to thy dear name we raise

with one accord our parting hymn of praise.  
Once more we bless thee ere our worship cease,

then, lowly bending, wait thy word of peace.

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;

with thee began, with thee shall end the day.  
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
that in this house have called upon thy name.

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

(Please remain standing or seated until the Postlude is completed.)

**POSTLUDE**

\*Denotes to please stand.

**SERVING IN CHURCH TODAY**

Worship Leader: Beth Powers Organist: Tom Boone

Nursery: Brenda Jenkins Acolytes:

Welcome Team: Mac Smith, Mike Brady, Julie & Andy Pulfer

Deacons On-Call: September - Ben Stahler, Judy Wical

October – Nancy Farrington, Phyllis Lyons

**CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY**

September 30: Jesse Jervis October 3: Todd Heydinger

October 1: Lois Ashworth October 5: Lisa Kennedy

**WITH US IN SPIRIT, BUT UNABLE TO JOIN US**

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**THOSE IN NEED OF OUR CONTINUED PRAYERS**

Eleanor Brewer Mark Amidon Chris Suman Bud Jackson

Sherri Ullom Vicki Shafer Carl Wunderle Ciara Ericksen

Roxanne Fisher The Amidons Karen Primavera Deardurff Family

Mary Jane Baker Anne Heinlen Vera Miller David Ritter

**AS YOU GO ABOUT YOUR WEEK. . .**

**Sunday September 29**

Pray for Troy Presbyterian Church

9:30am Sunday School

10:45am Worship

**Monday September 30**

Pray for Julie Stephens

**Tuesday October 1**

Pray for Nancy Stokes

Book Study 11:00am

Noodling 5:00pm

**Wednesday October 2**

Pray for the Michelle and Chris Suman family

Property 1:30pm

Bells 6:30pm

**Thursday October 3**

Pray for Twila Tapp

**Friday October 4**

Pray for Celynn and Warren Taylor

**Saturday October 5**

Pray for the staff of the Miami Valley Presbytery

**Sunday October 6**

**WORLD COMMUNION DAY**

9:30am Sunday School

10:45am Worship