

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Indicates, please stand if able.

22nd Sunday after Pentecost November 6, 2022. 9 am.
Liturgist: Tom Epps

WELCOME, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome this day to a celebration of hope and abundance.
P: We have come from a busy week in which we have been pulled this way and that, with demands on our lives, our time, our energy.
L: Come and rest in the Lord who heals and restores you.
P: We need this restoration in all of our lives.
L: Pour out your needs to the Lord who will always hear and respond.
P: Lord, we praise you and seek your calming spirit in our lives. AMEN.

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, move us to live every day as if it were to be our last, for we do not know if it might be. Cause us to live as if we know it is our last hour. O grant that we may not die with any guilt on our consciences or any known unrepented sin, but that we may be found in Christ, who is our only Savior and Redeemer. Amen. - Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471)

*OPENING HYMN *In Unity We Lift Our Song* #2221

CHILDREN'S TIME Tom Epps

FAMILY BLESSING The Gomer Family

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, we come before you with many issues on our hearts. We get frustrated and angry at the way things are going in the world. We want your immediate intervention; and when we don't see things happening the way we think they should be, we are quick to dismiss you and any thought of your presence. Help us stop our selfishness and our quick anger. Remind us that you will work with us and through us for peace and hope. Release us from the traps of quick tests of your faithfulness and help us see the "big picture" of your awesome love that spans all of time. Forgive us for our pettiness and our stubbornness. Bring us back to you, O Lord. Help us shout your praises and live lives of joyful service. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even though we get frustrated and angry, God still loves us and seeks to heal us. Open your hearts to receive God's blessings and to feel God's healing power in your lives. AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Shon

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

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.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

Our lives have been blessed by flowing waters and harvests of fruits. Let us share our harvests with you and your world.

FINANCE TESTIMONY Tom Epps

SPECIAL MUSIC *Home* by Ruth Schram and Aren Williams Choir

*DOXOLOGY *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* #95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Pastor

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS;
Renea Stoker William Salsbery Donna Overlien Vivian Simons

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 11:32-12:2

HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above* #709

MESSAGE **Because of Their Faith** Rev. Shon

HOLY COMMUNION #13-15

CLOSING HYMN *For All the Saints* #2283

*BENEDICTION Rev. Shon

Verse of the Week: Hebrews 12:1-2
"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 11:32-12:2 (NIV)

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. 12 ¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRAYER FAMILIES: Pray for all those who need healing, or have health issues. Specifically, pray for Karen Dolsey, Madyson Schultz. Also continue to pray for those in Ukraine and other areas of the world where people are suffering.

FRESH EXPRESSIONS: Today at 10:30am, at the Van Etta Library. All are welcome.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS 201: Nov. 10, 17, at 5:00pm – 6:30pm. Dinner will be served.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTIONS: Mission Outreach Comm. serves meals.

COVENANT SUNDAY: Next Sunday is Covenant Sunday, please plan to attend.

SCRIP CARDS: When you are thinking of ideas for gift giving or personal use, consider Scrip cards. Stop at the gathering area on Sundays or call Marcia at 715-284-3346

THANKSGIVING EVE JOINT SERVICE: November 23, 6:00pm.

CHARGE CONFERENCE: December 4th, 4:00pm.

USHERS/GREETERS: Doug & Vangie Stender

THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH:

Sunday:	Fresh Expressions	10:30am		
Monday:	United Women in Faith	5:30pm		
Tuesday:	Finance Committee	5:30pm	Board of Trustees	6:00pm
	Administrative Council	6:30pm		
Wednesday:	Prayer Group	10:00am	Children’s Class	6-7pm
	Mission Outreach	3:00pm	Wednesday Connections	4:45-6pm
	Pre-Confirmation	5-6pm	Youth	6-7pm
	Confirmation Class	7-8pm	Choir	6:15pm
	Bell Choir	7:15pm		
Thursday:	Discipleship Class 201	5-6:30pm		

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United Methodist Church



Mission statement:

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and by exemplifying Jesus' command to love God and neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world."

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