September 18, 2022

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude		Carol Stewart
	"How Excellent is Thy Name"	arr. by Bruce Greer
Greeting/Lif	fe of the Church	Pastor Andy Wagner
Introit		Chancel Choir
	"Canticle of Praise"	Anna Laura Page

**Call to Worship

- L: Gaze into heaven and see the glory of God. Lift up your eyes to behold the risen Christ.
- P: God is our rock of refuge, a strong fortress. Christ leads us and guides us every day.
- L: Indeed, you have tasted the goodness of God. You have known the presence of Christ, God's chosen one.
- P: Every day we long for pure spiritual milk. Each day, we are inspired by the living Christ.
- L: Then let us lay our troubles at Christ's feet. Let us enter the sanctuary God prepares for us.
- A: We have come to find the way, the truth, and the life. We are here to ask and to receive and to serve.

**Opening Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH#117

Opening Prayer (unison)

Creator, Parent of all humankind, whose love for all of us was revealed in Jesus Christ, draw us into a relationship of trust in you that will help us day by day to discern more clearly the way, the truth, and the life you intend for us. Help us, in all humility, to follow Jesus, to do the works of Christ without calling attention to ourselves. We long to become that spiritual household of mutually caring people that Jesus sought to model among us. Amen.

Children's Moments

50 Year Recognition

Prayer Hymn "There's Something About That Name" UMH#171

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings	Carol Stewart
Offertory	John W. Peterson
"Jesus Christ is the Way; There's a	New Song in My Heart; New Life"
**Doxology	UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

We commit ourselves to you, gracious God, as we dedicate material gifts that represent our labor. When we ponder the amazing wonder of life, we are filled with awe. When we remember Jesus as the cornerstone of the spiritual house you are seeking to build in our midst, we are eager to help. Let your face shine on us and on this offering that your mighty acts may be proclaimed to all the world. Amen.

**Gospel Lesson

John 14: 1-11

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music "For the Beau	ity of the Earth"	Conrad Koc	Chancel Choir her/Kevin McChesney
Sermon	"I Am: Way, Truth,	Life"	Pastor Andy Wagner
**Closing Hymn	"Ye Servants	of God"	UMH #181
**Sending Forth			
**Choral Benedict	ion "Go Now	ı in Peace"	Jay Althouse
Postlude	"Victory in	Jesus"	Carol Stewart Eugene M. Bartlett



Altar Flowers are given by Scott and Carla Skaggs in honor of their children.

Scripture Lesson – John 14: 1-11

I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life

14 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

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Ushers	Mike Tittle, Don Wolf, Butch Smith, Gary Allen
Greeters	Dick Montgomery, Sandy Pramer
Acolyte	Morgan Fleming
Liturgist	Vic Toney
Organist	Carol Stewart
Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Bells Director	Jim McPeek

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.



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