

November 13, 2022

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude Pam Colbrunn

Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

**Call to Worship

L: Bless the Lord at all times.

P: May God's praise be continually in my mouth.

L: Magnify the Lord with me.

P: Let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

L: Seek the Lord and be filled.

P: For those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

L: Happy are those who take refuge in God.

A: Taste and see that the Lord is good!

**Opening Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH#139

Opening Prayer (unison)

God, we praise you! We gather together to worship you, to remember the goodness and unfailing love you have shown toward us, your people. Time after time, you have come to our rescue. Your love has sustained us through good times and bad. No matter what we faced — whether accident, illness, disappointment or death — you were there, encouraging, strengthening, and blessing. Even when we turned our back on you, you didn't abandon us, but waited patiently for us to return, ready to welcome us with open arms. Because we have known your love in the past, we look to the days ahead without fear. No matter how uncertain the future may seem, we will continue to trust in your unfailing love, confident that you will guide us in the days ahead as you have guided us in the past. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Trust and Obey" UMH#467

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 Pam Colbrunn

Offertory

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Lord Jesus, you gave your life that we might know the fullness of God's love for us. In your spirit of compassion and humility, we make this offering. In your example of love and mercy, let us serve those in need in your name. Receive and bless our giving, we pray. Amen.

**Gospel Lesson Luke 7: 18-28

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music "Take My Life and Let It Be"
Stephanie Leupp, vocal solo; Pam Colbrunn, piano

Sermon Pastor Andy Wagner
"What Did You Expect and What Have You Seen?"

**Closing Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" UMH #156

**Sending Forth

Postlude Pam Colbrunn



A special thank you to Ann Ledbetter for donating the decorations and to Alice Osman and Jackie Foster for putting together the beautiful Thanksgiving Altar arrangement.

Gospel Lesson – Luke 7: 18-28

Messengers from John the Baptist

¹⁸ The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹ calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ²⁰ And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" ²¹ In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²² And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." ²⁴ When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. ²⁶ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷ This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'" ²⁸ I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

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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Worship Team

Ushers	Doug Wickline, Paul Pinkerton, Brant Wickline, Bill Turner
Greeters	Bob Whipp, Pam Whipp
Acolytes	Luke Mossing, Logan Fleming
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Guest Organist	Pam Colbrunn
Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Bells Director	Jim McPeek



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"A Demonstration of Thanks"
Gospel Lesson

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Luke 7: 36-50

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BLOOD DRIVE: We will have a blood drive in the Community Center on **Monday, November 21, 2:00pm to 6:00pm**. You can make a reservation for your preferred appointment time to donate by going to www.donortime.com or (937) 461-3220. Remember that your donation can save as many as THREE lives!

ATTENTION ALL MEN: The Men of Faith will meet **Monday, November 21 6:00pm** in Room 16A&B (Community Center). All men are invited to join us. Each person will bring their own meal and beverage. We will have a social time during the meal. A short business meeting will follow at 6:30PM followed by a presentation by Victor Hess. We hope to see you on the 21st!

Blue Christmas: A Service of Healing and Hope: Christmas comes every December, whether we are ready or not. Memories of past experiences and the pain of present circumstances can become overwhelming. Once again there will be a Blue Christmas service sponsored by Stephen Ministry on **Sunday, December 4, 2:30pm** in the sanctuary. Child care will be provided. This will be a time of quiet music, reflection, and prayer. During this service, there will be an acknowledgement that this is not a season of joy for everyone. We invite reflection on the pain, the loneliness, the sadness we may be feeling. Our hope is that you will find healing and comfort in knowing that you are not alone. Consider coming and even inviting someone you know who is struggling to continue on despite having feelings that don't match the outward festivity of the season.

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WE'RE STILL COLLECTING: The Lion's Club is now also collecting hearing aids in addition to the eye glasses and cellphones. You can place them in the bins by the education wing. If you have any questions please call Roger Sanders (937) 862-9157.

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