

# September 10, 2023

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude "Praise to the Lord" Handbell Choir  
arr. by Anna Laura Page

\*\*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Come out of the darkness of despair into the brightness of God's transforming love.

**People: We praise God for God's presence with us!**

Liturgist: Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive God's mercy and healing.

**People: We thank God for God's mercy toward us.**

Liturgist: Come, let us praise and worship God.

**People: Thanks be to God who is always with us. AMEN.**

\*\*Opening Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH #384

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Gracious God, we come this day seeking courage and hope for the future. Help us to be those who bring peace in our families and communities. Banish the darkness of doubt and fear; anoint us with your light and love that we may spread the good news of your mercy to everyone. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "The Gift of Love" UMH #408

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.**

Offering/Offertory "Love Lifted Me" Carol Stewart  
Howard E. Smith

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Receive these gifts as offerings of love, O God. Bless them with your grace, that those who receive them may find compassion and hope. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Romans 13:8-14

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

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Ministry of Music "The Tallis Canon" Handbell Choir  
Douglas E. Wagner

Sermon "Love Expectantly" Pastor Jeff Bandy

\*\*Closing Hymn "Where Charity and Love Prevail" (v. 1,3,4,5) UMH #549

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude "Love Medley" Carol Stewart  
arr. by Lyndell Leatherman

## Scripture Reading – Romans 13: 8-14 (CEB)

<sup>8</sup> Don't be in debt to anyone, except for the obligation to love each other. Whoever loves another person has fulfilled the Law.

<sup>9</sup> The commandments, *Don't commit adultery, don't murder, don't steal, don't desire what others have*, and any other commandments, are all summed up in one word: *You must love your neighbor as yourself.* <sup>10</sup> Love doesn't do anything wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is what fulfills the Law.

### The day is near

<sup>11</sup> As you do all this, you know what time it is. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. Now our salvation is nearer than when we first had faith. <sup>12</sup> The night is almost over, and the day is near. So let's get rid of the actions that belong to the darkness and put on the weapons of light.

<sup>13</sup> Let's behave appropriately as people who live in the day, not in partying and getting drunk, not in sleeping around and obscene behavior, not in fighting and obsession. <sup>14</sup> Instead, dress yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ, and don't plan to indulge your selfish desires.

#### 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.

## Love Expectantly



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## September 10, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Mike Tittle, Don Wolf, Butch Smith, Gary Allen
Greeters	Bruce Spittler, Debbie Spittler
Liturgist	Mike Engle
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bells Director	Jim McPeck



Monday 11	Cub Scouts Boy Scouts	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	FH 15 A-B FH 15 C
Tuesday 12	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
Wednesday 13	Handbell Practice Choir Practice	6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Music Room Sanctuary
Thursday 14	Prayer Shawl Membership Care Grief Support	11:00 am 12:30 pm 2:00 pm	Parlor Parlor Parlor
Friday 15			
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Scripture Lesson

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Romans 14: 1-12

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**MEN OF FAITH:** The Men of Faith will meet **on Monday, Sep. 18 at 6:00pm** in Room 16A –B (Community Center). All men are invited to join us. A meal will be prepared by Rhonda Cook. We are continuing our study, *Rooted: Grow Deep. Live Strong*, followed by a meeting discussing the garden and garage sale projects, and other activities. All men are urged to attend. You can find more information in our Men of Faith pamphlet in the Narthex.

**WOMEN'S GROUPS:** DORCAS CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, Sep. 19 at 1:00pm** in FH 15A. WOMEN UNITED CIRCLE will meet on **Monday, Sep. 18 at 1:30pm** in the Parlor. All women are welcome to attend either group.

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