

October 1, 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
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Gene Foiles

**Call to Worship

Liturgist: Let's be of one mind,

People: the mind of Christ.

Liturgist: Let's be of one Spirit,

People: the Spirit of God's love.

Liturgist: Let's be of one purpose as beloved people of God,

People: the purpose of walking with Christ in his mission.

**Opening Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (v.1,2,4,5) UMH #154

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of wondrous love and glorious deeds, shower us with your love and quench our thirst for grace. Strengthen us with your Spirit of power and embolden us to live our faith. Humble us with the example of Christ and remind us to regard one another as beloved children of God. 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.

Offering/Offertory
"Fantasy on Hyfrydol" Gene Foiles
John Innes

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Beloved and loving God, bless these gifts, that they may bring unity to a world in strife. Bless our lives, that we may bring love to everyone we meet. Bless our church, that our fellowship may be a place of unity and inclusion for all. Amen.

Scripture Reading Exodus 17: 1-7

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music
"Come to the Banquet" Chancel Choir
Joseph M. Martin

Sermon
"Striking Out" Pastor Jeff Bandy

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: This is the table of unity and love.

People: This is the table of mercy and grace.

Pastor: All are welcome; be of one mind and one heart.

People: We come with joy, with the mind of love.

Pastor: Come, all things are ready.

People: We all are welcome here.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH #15-16

**Closing Hymn
"One Bread, One Body" UMH #620

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction
"Go Now and Pass It On" Chancel Choir
Besig Price

Postlude
"Postlude" Gene Foiles
Gordon Young



*The Altar Flowers are given by Harry & Alice Osman
in memory of their son, Kevin.*

Scripture Reading – Exodus 17 1-7 (NIV)

Water From the Rock

17 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?" ³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" ⁴ Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

⁵ The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink."

So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

October 1, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Rhonda Cook, Karen Mossing Molly Mossing, Julie Wickline
Greeters	Butch Smith, Bev Smith
Liturgist	Suzanne Bandy
Guest Organist	Gene Foiles
Bells Director	Jim McPeck
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



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	SPRC	6:30 pm	Library
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15 C
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	Woman's Club of Xenia	1:30 pm	Parlor
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