

# October 29, 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 "The Gift of Love" Carol Stewart  
arr. by Marilyn Ham

\*\*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Great is the Lord!

**People:** He is Holy and Just!

Liturgist: Worthy is the Lord!

**People:** He is worthy of Praise!

Liturgist: God is Faithful!

**People:** His love endures forever!

\*\*Opening Hymn

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (v. 1-4) UMH #64

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Mighty God, we come into your powerful presence with hope in our hearts. May we pray with the same focus and strength with which you receive our prayers. Flow through our prayers and our worship this day, that we may rediscover childlike trust, even as we mature in faith. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "More Love to Thee, O Christ" (v. 1,2,4) UMH #453

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 "What the World Needs Now Is Love" Carol Stewart  
Burt Bacharach

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**We bring these offerings to you, O Lord, not because you need them, but because you are holy. Through these resources, may your holy purposes be fulfilled. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Leviticus 19:1-2 & 15-18

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

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

Ministry of Music "On Eagle's Wings" Chancel Choir  
arr. by Edwin Earle Ferguson

Sermon "Neighborly Love" Pastor Jeff Bandy

\*\*Closing Hymn "Jesu, Jesu" (v.1-3) UMH #672

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction "Go Now and Pass it On" Don Besig

Postlude "What a Wonderful World" George Weiss and Bob Thiele/Carol Tornquist  
Carol Stewart



*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
for all the blessings he generously bestows upon us.*

## Scripture Reading Leviticus 19:1-2 & 15-18 (NIV)

### Various Laws

**19** The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> "Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.

**15** "Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.

**16** "Do not go about spreading slander among your people. "Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor's life. I am the LORD.

**17** "Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt.

**18** "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

### 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.



"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."  
-Leviticus 19:18



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## October 29, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Rhonda Cook, Molly Mossing Joyce Osburn, Sally Wallace
Greeters	Harry Osman, Alice Osman
Liturgist	Mike Engle
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bells Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



Monday 30	Cub Scouts Boy Scouts	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	FH 15 A-B FH 15 C
Tuesday 31 	<b>Happy Halloween</b>		
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Saturday 4			
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Gospel Lesson

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**MARY & MARTHA GATHERING:** We have yet to meet a woman, of any age, who doesn't crave just one night away from home ... a night filled with FRIENDS in FAITH, FUN and yummy FOOD! And so, we are excited to announce the start of the "Mary & Martha" gathering, the second Monday of EVERY month, here at Faith Community in the Community Center, from 6-8 pm. YOU deserve it! Our first gathering will be **Monday, Nov. 13, 2023**; \*open to all \*childcare provided \*potluck meals to share \*anonymous prayer concerns AND \*women encouraging/supporting women. Join us at our soon to be Facebook Page. Reach out to Laurie Krakowiak at (937) 694-8114 or Barbara Mills at (937) 414-4108.

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