

# September 1, 2024

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

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

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart  
"How Great Thou Art" Stuart K. Hine/Marilynn Ham

\*\*Call to Worship

Creator, you bless us with the heavenly lights.

**With the moon that waxes and wanes, the planets that whirl around the sun, and the galaxies that wink from afar.**

In the darkness you call out, "Let there be light."

**And the universe is filled with heavenly light.**

You are our creator, too, the One who formed us and who forms us still.

**May your word of truth ring out today with your call to new life!**

\*\*Opening Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus" UMH #189

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Creating God, you are the source of nature's splendor—the beauty and fragrance of delicate flowers, and sweet sound of birdsong. We come to you this morning with delight and gladness, grateful for all your wonders. As the fields produce their harvest, may your love grow within us, that we too may produce a harvest of love, hope, and joy. 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 Carol Stewart  
"O Jesus, I Have Promised" Arthur H. Mann/Albin C. Whitworth

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of every good gift, bless the gifts of our resources, our prayers, and our lives. Bless these gifts for the good of others and to the honor of your name. Amen.**

Ministry of Music Carol Stewart  
"As the Deer" Martin Nystrom/Marilynn Hamm

Scripture Reading James 1: 17-27

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

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

Sermon "Learn and Live" Pastor Jeff Bandy

Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*\*Closing Hymn "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" (v. 1-4) UMH #717

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude Carol Stewart  
"I Would Be True" Joseph Peek/Marty Baxter



*The Altar Flowers are given by Rick and Joyce Smith  
in honor of Rob Smith's birthday  
and in memory of Robert Whittington.*

## Scripture Reading – James 1: 17-27 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

### Listening and Doing

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

<sup>26</sup> Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

#### 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.



### Rev. Jeff Bandy

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## September 1, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Mike Tittle, Don Wolf, Butch Smith, Gary Allen
Greeters	Kirk Henning, Jane Henning
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeek



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Tuesday 3	Tuesday Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	FH15A,B,C CC16A
	Trustees	6:30 pm	Parlor
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	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday 5	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
	Woman's Club of Xenia	1:30 pm	Parlor
	Finance Committee	7:00 pm	Library
Friday 6	UMM Garage Sale	6:00 pm	FCC
Saturday 7	UMM Garage Sale	9:00 am	FCC
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Scripture Lesson

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**FEES COVERED:** If you are interested in participating in the Shawnee School Mentor Program and have not filled out a Mentorship form they are on the table in the narthex. Please note, when you go to the School District Central Office to obtain your background check, there will be no charge to you.



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