

# September 22, 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  
"Shine, Jesus, Shine" Graham Kendrick/Jerry Ray

Introit Chancel Choir  
"Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" Gordon Young

\*\*Call to Worship

The heavens burst forth in praise to God.

**We too celebrate God's abundant and powerful love.**

Day by day, and night by night God watches over us, loving and healing us.

**We come, celebrating with joy the love of God.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "Jesu, Jesu" (v. 1-4) UMH #432

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" (v. 1,3,4) UMH #430

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  
"Make Me a Servant" Kelly Willard

\*\*Doxology

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Beloved One, with the work of our hands, we create pathways of care. With open hearts, we welcome your abundant wisdom which invites us to share. May our gifts be a source of transformation for our communities. Amen.**

Ministry of Music

"People Need the Lord" Chancel Choir  
arr. by Mary McDonald

Scripture Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

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

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

Sermon "The Test of Wisdom" Pastor Jeff Bandy

\*\*Closing Hymn "The Servant Song" TFWS#2222

\*\*Sending Forth

Choral Benediction "Go Now in Peace" Chancel Choir

Postlude Carol Stewart

"The Longer I Serve Him" William J. Gaither

## The Servant Song 2222



1., 6. Broth-er, sis-ter, let me serve you, let me be as  
2. We are pil-grims on a jour-ney; we're to- geth-er  
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time  
4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll  
5. When we sing to God in heav-en, we shall find such



Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to  
on this road. We are here to help each oth-er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor-row  
har-mo-ny, born of all we've known to- geth-er



let you be my ser-vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour-ney through.  
of Christ's love and ag-o-ny.

WORDS: Richard Gillard (Matt. 20:26)  
MUSIC: Richard Gillard

THE SERVANT SONG  
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*The Altar Flowers are given by Janet Schellin  
in loving memory of her parents, Herbert & Helen Now  
and sisters, Betty Gephart, Mary Croy, & Susan Nesler.*

## Scripture Reading – James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (CEB)

### Wisdom from above

<sup>13</sup> Are any of you wise and understanding? Show that your actions are good with a humble lifestyle that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup> However, if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, then stop bragging and living in ways that deny the truth. <sup>15</sup> This is not the wisdom that comes down from above. Instead, it is from the earth, natural and demonic. <sup>16</sup> Wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and everything that is evil. <sup>17</sup> What of the wisdom from above? First, it is pure, and then peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good actions, fair, and genuine. <sup>18</sup> Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts.

### Conflict with people and God

**4** What is the source of conflict among you? What is the source of your disputes? Don't they come from your cravings that are at war in your own lives? <sup>2</sup> You long for something you don't have, so you commit murder. You are jealous for something you can't get, so you struggle and fight. You don't have because you don't ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and don't have because you ask with evil intentions, to waste it on your own cravings.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will run away from you. <sup>8</sup> Come near to God, and he will come near to you.

#### 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.

## The Test of Wisdom



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### September 22, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Mike Tittle, Don Wolf, Butch Smith, Gary Allen
Greeters	Bob Whipp, Pam Whipp
Liturgist	Elaine Hughes
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



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