

October 13, 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 "Pizzicato Bells" Handbell Choir
Sallie Lloyd

**Call to Worship

The kingdom of God is at hand.

We want to enter this kingdom.

The mercy of God is made known.

We want to receive this mercy.

The grace of God is abundant for all.

We praise you, O God, for your compassion and your love.

Accept our grateful praise as we come to worship you today.

**Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH #400

Opening Prayer (unison)

Lord, you have called us here this day for healing, hope, and transformation. As we listen to the Scripture, pray our prayers, sing our hymns, and hear the words of wisdom, open our hearts to hear your claim on our lives; that we may fully and joyfully serve you. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (v. 1,2) UMH #452

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

"Precious Jewels"

Carol Stewart
W.O. Cushing

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

May the gifts we bring before you this day be signs of our gratitude for your gifts. Bless this offering, that our gifts may be vessels of your overflowing grace. Through these gifts, may others come to know the joy of your salvation, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Gospel Reading

Mark 10: 17-31

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

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

Ministry of Music

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Handbell Choir
Arnold Sherman

Sermon

"Life's Treasures"

Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory" (v. 1,3,4) UMH #577

**Sending Forth

Postlude

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Carol Stewart
Matthew Bridges



The Altar Flowers are given by Harry & Alice Osman with thanks to Tammy & Dr. Byers for their love and support through the years.

Gospel Reading – Mark 10: 17-31 (NRSVUE)

The Rich Man

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’ ”

²⁰ He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.”

²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

October 13, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Kylie Fleming, Sandy Pramer, Beverly Smith, Joyce Osburn
Greeters	Laura Roby, Becky Cultice
Liturgist	Suzanne Bandy
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeek



	COLUMBUS	DAY	
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