

Laity Sunday, October 20, 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
"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" George C. Stebbins

Introit "Fairest Lord Jesus" Chancel Choir

**Call to Worship

We come before God as equal in God's sight.

God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

None of us is perfect and without blemish.

Yet God has called us God's children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.

We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours abundant love on us.

**Opening Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" (v. 1-4) UMH #92

Opening Prayer (unison)

Though you are God, with all the influence and status that the name implies, you refused to pull rank, and parade your power among us. Instead, you chose to step down into our experience, living among us, as one of us, with all the struggle and suffering that goes with being human. You adopted the role of servant, washing feet, serving people of no reputation or social standing, and giving of yourself completely. You are the God who serves, and we can respond in no other way than to give ourselves to you in praise. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "This Is My Father's World" UMH #144

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
"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" C.H.A. Malan

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, you teach us humility and service. We bring our offerings today with grateful hearts. Bless these gifts and use them to advance your kingdom. Remind us that true greatness always comes through serving. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Gospel Reading Mark 10: 35-45

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

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

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
"You Raise Me Up with Be Still My Soul" arr. by Tom Fettke

Sermon "For Goodness Sake" Guest Speaker, Suzanne Bandy

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

**Sending Forth

Choral Benediction Chancel Choir
"Christ, We Do All Adore Thee" Du Bois

Postlude Carol Stewart
"Are Ye Able, ' Said the Master" Harry S. Mason



The Altar Flowers are given with gratitude and thanks to Joyce & Jim Osburn for faithfully preparing our communion elements each month.

Scripture Reading – Mark 10:35-45 (NIV)

The Request of James and John

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

³⁷ They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

³⁸ "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

³⁹ "We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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.

For Goodness Sake



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

October 20, 2024 - Worship Team

Guest Speaker	Suzanne Bandy
Ushers	Karen Mossing, Kylie Fleming, Sandy Pramer, Sally Wallace
Greeters	Scott Jenkins, Carol Jenkins
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



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	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday 24	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
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Friday 25			
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"Believe to See"
Gospel Lesson

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Mark 10: 46-52 (NIV)

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HARVEST HAYRIDE AND COOKOUT: Come enjoy some fall fun with your friends **TODAY, 4:00-6:00pm** at the home of Carla Skaggs, 3942 Cortsville Rd. Cedarville, (937) 766-2462. Bring a dish to share after the hayride. Hotdogs and buns and water provided by the church. Halloween costumes are optional.

WOMEN'S GROUPS: WOMEN UNITED CIRCLE will meet **Monday, Oct. 21 at 1:00pm in the Parlor.**

MEN OF FAITH: All men are invited to join us on **Monday, Oct. 21 at 6:00pm in CC 16A-B.** We will grill burgers and hot dogs (weather permitting). We will have social time during the meal followed by a devotional from "God Calls You to More." We will then discuss our annual garden and garage sale projects as well as review the multiple charities we support financially. You can find more information in our Men of Faith pamphlet in the Narthex.

FCUM MISSIONS COMMITTEE PRESENTS: A Meal 4 Missions **on Saturday, Nov. 2, 4:30-6:30pm in the FCC.** The menu will feature a complete Ham Loaf Dinner with homemade desserts. Donations will benefit the Greene County FISH Food Pantry. Please call Betsy Murray with any questions (937) 768-1143.

HOW TO DONATE & ASSIST HURRICANE VICTIMS: Things you can do to support those affected by the hurricanes: **PRAY & GIVE.** Please **PRAY** for those affected by the recent hurricane and the first responders providing care, safety, and immediate needs. You may **GIVE** to UMCOR - United Methodist Committee On Relief. To donate online go to <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670/> or write a check to the church and note "UMCOR" in the memo line.

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