

# October 27, 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  
"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Helen Howarth Lemmel

Introit "Fairest Lord Jesus" Chancel Choir

\*\*Call to Worship

Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

**From the storms and struggles of life we come.**

Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

**From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.**

Come, open your hearts to the Lord and you will be given blessing.

**Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "Wonderful Words of Life" UMH #600

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Source of healing and mercy, heed us when we cry out in our need. Give us the wisdom and the courage to accept the limits of our understanding. Give us the confidence to sing your praises, even when fear and doubt darken our thoughts. Grant us your healing inside and out, O God, that we may be made well and follow you all the days of our lives. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH #454

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  
"The Light of the World Is Jesus" P.P. Bliss

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Merciful God, you open our eyes to your truth, and we bring our gifts to you with gratitude. Use these gifts to spread your love and light, helping others to see your grace and mercy. Bless our giving and open our hearts to see the needs around us so that we may serve with compassion and humility. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*\*Gospel Reading Mark 10: 46-52

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

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

Ministry of Music "Be Not Afraid" Chancel Choir

Sermon "Believe to See" Pastor Jeff Bandy

\*\*Closing Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (v. 1-3) UMH #110

\*\*Sending Forth

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

Postlude Carol Stewart  
"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord" Paul Baloche



*The Altar Flowers are given in gratefulness for all our countless blessings we receive from our Lord.*

## Scripture Reading – Mark 10:46-52 (NIV)

### Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight

<sup>46</sup> Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

<sup>48</sup> Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

<sup>49</sup> Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” <sup>50</sup> Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

<sup>51</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

<sup>52</sup> “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

#### 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.



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**We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation**

### October 27, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Karen Mossing, Catherine Mossing, Lucy Parsons, Joyce Osburn
Greeters	Laura Roby, Nancy May
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



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Monday 28	SPRC Boy Scouts Cub Scouts	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Library FH 15C FH 15A-B
Tuesday 29	Tuesday Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
Wednesday 30	Handbell Practice Choir Practice	6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Music Room Sanctuary
Thursday 31	<b>Happy Halloween</b> Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
Friday 1			
Saturday 2	Missions Ham Loaf Dinner	4:30 pm	FCC, Kitchen
Sunday 3	Sunday School Hospitality Time Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Rm 8,11,CC16A, Parlor Narthex Sanctuary

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