

August 31, 2025

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

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude "If I Can Help Somebody" Carol Stewart
A. Bazel Androzzo

**Call to Worship

As we gather for worship, remember God is here.

God is among us, surrounding us with love.

Let's choose to cooperate with God's love today and every day.

We choose to allow God to form us to live in love everywhere we go.

**Opening Hymn "When Morning Gilds the Sky" UMH #185

Opening Prayer (unison)

O God, as we face all the realities of our days, inspire, empower, and encourage us to heal each other, grow strong together, to speak your truth, and to live in community as we move toward the common dream of a new heaven and a new earth. Together we pray in the power of the love of God our Creator, in the company of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and the leading of the Holy Spirit our Sustainer. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Jesu, Jesu" (v.1,3,4,5) UMH #432

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

"In the Service of the King" Carol Stewart
Bentley D. Atley

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

You free us, O God, from self-interest and folly and bless us with many gifts. As we return a portion of these gifts to you, may we extend the blessings of your love to all we meet. May our offering bring healing and light to a world in need of hope. Amen.

Ministry of Music

"The Day of Miracles" A.J. Trent, vocal solo
Mosie Lister

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Sermon

"Acts of Faith" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn "Christ for the World We Sing" UMH #568

**Sending Forth

Postlude

"Make Me a Blessing" Carol Stewart
George S. Schuler



*The Altar flowers are given by Doug & Julie Wickline
in honor of Jim & Helen Wickline's 61st Wedding Anniversary.*

Scripture Reading - Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (CEB)

Our acts of service and sacrifice

13 Keep loving each other like family. **2** Don't neglect to open up your homes to guests, because by doing this some have been hosts to angels without knowing it. **3** Remember prisoners as if you were in prison with them, and people who are mistreated as if you were in their place. **4** Marriage must be honored in every respect, with no cheating on the relationship, because God will judge the sexually immoral person and the person who commits adultery. **5** Your way of life should be free from the love of money, and you should be content with what you have. After all, he has said, *I will never leave you or abandon you.* **6** This is why we can confidently say,

*The Lord is my helper,
and I won't be afraid.*

What can people do to me?

7 Remember your leaders who spoke God's word to you. Imitate their faith as you consider the way their lives turned out. **8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

15 So let's continually offer up a sacrifice of praise through him, which is the fruit from our lips that confess his name. **16** Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices.

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

Sunday, August 31, 2025 Worship Team

Ushers	Chad Mossing, Will Mossing Rick Smith, Gerald Mahan
Greeters	John Grayson, Elaine Grayson
Liturgist	Joyce Smith
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeek



Monday 1 # Happy # LABOR DAY				
	LABOR DAY	OFFICE	CLOSED	
Tuesday 2	Tuesday Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor	
	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	FH 15A,B,C, CC 16A	
	Trustees	6:30 pm	Parlor	
Wednesday 3	Worship Design Team	5:00 pm	Pastor's Office	
	Handbell Choir Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room	
	Chancel Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Chapel /Sanctuary	
Thursday 4	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor	
	Woman's Club of Xenia	1:30 pm	Parlor	
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Saturday 6	UMM Garage Sale	9:00 am	FCC	
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	Hospitality Time	10:00 am	Narthex	
	Worship Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary	

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