

# ~ Welcome ~

June 25, 2023

10:30am

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

*Arr. By: Cindy Berry*

Welcome & Announcements

\*Greeting

\*Opening Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

UMH No. 384

\*Call to Worship

*Leader: Love never gives up.*

**People: Love cares more for others than for self.**

*Leader: Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.*

**People: Love doesn't strut,**

*Leader: doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others,*

**People: love is never “me first,”**

*Leader: puts up with anything, trusts God always,*

**People: love always looks for the best,**

*Leader: never looks back, but keeps going to the end.*

**People: Love never dies.**

*Leader: We are waiting to unite fully with the one great love. Until then, we have faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love.*

**All: Pursue Love!**

\*Morning Prayer

**God, we thank you for your presence in our lives. It is because of you that we are here. Thank you for gathering us here this morning for this service. We ask that your Holy Spirit be in our midst and that your peace and love descend on us so that we may be able to truly listen to you. We pray this in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Song of Praise

“Because of Love”

Solo by: Millie Frambaugh

Children's Time

“Making Excuses”

Pastor Jane

*At the conclusion of Children's Time all children age 4 through 5th grades are invited to go with the teachers for Sunday School.*

Prayers of the People

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

\*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning; is now and ever shall be: World without end! Amen, Amen!*

Prayer for Illumination

**All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-32

p. 1081

Luke 9:57-62

p. 957

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

p. 1092

Sue Kelly

Message

“Faith, Hope, Love”

Nancy Vogel, Lay Leader

The 2023 East Ohio Annual Conference Report to the Congregation

Moment of Reflection

Offering

“In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)”

*By: Carol Tornquist*

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all Creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

UMH No. 95

Offertory Prayer

\*Closing Hymn

“Love Lifted Me”

FHOP No. 221

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”

*By: Martin Smith*

\*Indicates congregation to stand

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Pastor Jane Piehl  
Millie Frambaugh

Pastor  
Music Director

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**Upcoming Events**

7/23            10:30a        Christmas in July Service & New Undie Sunday  
8/4-8/6                            Combined VBS at Granger UMC  
8/6            10a        Combined Church Service at Granger UMC with Lunch and  
Blessing of the Pets

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-July 23 will be our annual Christmas in July Service and New Undie Sunday! Collect new in package undergarments for our local charities. And dress festive for the service that day. We'll sing Christmas carols!

-Save the Date! Aug. 4-6 will be Vacation Bible School with "Pet's Unleashed."  
Date: Fri. Aug. 4, from 6p to 8:30p, Sat. Aug. 5, from 9:30a to Noon  
Sun. Aug. 6, Sunday Celebration, Cookout & Blessing of the Pets at 10AM (Outdoor)  
Location: Granger UMC, 1235 Granger Road, Medina  
Register by: Aug. 1 by going to [www.sharoncenterumc.org](http://www.sharoncenterumc.org) and clicking on the VBS info on the main page

-Aug. 20 is Blessing of the Backpack Sunday. Bring your Backpack to church for the start of the next school year.

-Sept. 17 is Back to Church Sunday! Bring a Friend!

**Welcome to Sharon Center United Methodist Church!**

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are glad you are here! We welcome all to our Worship Service and our Communion Table is open to everyone. Please join us in our activities and gatherings and if you have a question, just ask, and come back again soon! At Sharon Center UMC we are committed to building relationships with Jesus Christ. For families of all ages, this is a great community to join as you grow in your relationship with God and with others.

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**SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Worship Service: 10:30am

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