

# ~ Welcome ~

August 20, 2023

10:30am

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

Prelude

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

*By: Ray Palmer and Lowell Mason*

Welcome & Announcements

\*Greeting

\*Opening Hymn

“Bind Us Together”

TFWS No. 2226

\*Call to Worship

*Leader: Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.*

**People: Let us worship together, the young and the old.**

*Leader: The good news is proclaimed in God’s words, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.*

**People: Let us worship together, every generation.**

*Leader: We come together with different abilities and disabilities, learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.*

**People: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.**

*Leader: All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, “Let the children come!”*

**People: Let us worship together, United in our eternal hope.**

\*Morning Prayer

**God our teacher, who helps us to understand the world around us, we thank you for the privilege of education. We celebrate the beginning of this school year and ask for your blessings upon the children, the educators, and the families who support them all. We come to worship together, to lift up our young people and all those who care for them and teach them. Open our hearts to what you are saying to us today. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

“Standing on the Promises”

UMH No. 374

Blessing of the Backpacks

Children’s Time

“What’s In Your Back Pack?”

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

Genesis 45:1-15

p. 46

Psalms 133

p. 574

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

p. 1046-47

Matthew 15:10-20

p. 904

Sue Kelly

Message

“Kindness 101”

Pastor Jane Piehl

Moment of Reflection

Offering

“People Need the Lord”

*By: Greg Nelson and Phil McHugh*

\*Doxology

UMH No. 95

*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.*

Offertory Prayer

\*Closing Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH No. 140

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

“Spread a Little Sunshine”

Postlude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

By: Oliver Holden

\*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl  
Millie Frambaugh

Pastor  
Music Director

**Upcoming Events**

9/14	7p	Choir Practice
9/16	6p	Movie Night
9/17		Back to Church Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Sunday
9/19	7p	<i>The Way of the Chosen</i> Study begins

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-Sprinkle a Little Kindness this week! Join us for donuts and coffee before the service next week!

-Our Daily Breads are available for pick up at the back of the Sanctuary

-Choir is Back! Practice will be Sept. 14 with singing on Sept. 17. Let Millie know if you would like to join choir!

-Sept. 16 there will be a Movie Night and Weiner Roast! Time: 6p-9p. Location: 5949 Beach Rd. Wadsworth, OH. Bring a side dish to share, beverage, lawn chair. Hot dogs and condiments will be provided. Movie is: *Heaven is For Real*©

-Sept. 17 is Back to Church Sunday! Bring a Friend! We will also have 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Sunday. If you are entering 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Grade let the office or Pastor Jane know.

-Sept. 19 *The Way of the Chosen* Study begins Sept. 19 and continues through Nov. 14. It will be at 7pm in the Conference Room.

**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**

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