



Cicero
United Methodist Church
May 15, 2022



Giving Time

Offertory

*Doxology

*Dedication

Call to Prayer *“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”*

TFWS #2200

Prayers of the People

Let us call upon the Presence of God with confidence as we pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Precious Lord, God of the clean and the unclean, we too easily think we can see from your point of view.

We exclude, hold grudges and nurse contempt, all the while hiding ourselves for fear we too would be found wanting.

We think we are justified because we are made holy by your love, and we assume holiness means more like us.

We forget, or never really knew,
that all you touch is holy, and that you created all that is.

So when we exclude, we exclude you. When we hold grudges, we hate you. When we show contempt, we are contemptuous of those you love.

May we be made holy in truth,
loving as you love, clean and unclean alike.

Hear our weak cries and lead us in your ways. Strengthen our hearts as we feed upon the word that comes from the one Good Shepherd. Keep our eyes so firmly fixed upon Jesus that earthly treasures, no matter how enticing, cannot divert our vision from your tending hand. Train our ears to distinguish your voice, concise and clear, amid the din of conflicting desires and mounting urges that compete for our attention. In a culture which enshrines "self" as the one and only leader, we submit ourselves to your shepherding love and mercy

Holy God, send some companions
who can look in a pained face and not turn away, who can look at bruises
and scars and not pull back,
who can hear anger and rage and not run away, who can touch a fragile
body with tenderness and not pity, who can stay through the dark nights
and shadowed days.

Holy God, touch us and use us to be the neighbor, the friend to those in
need. Amen.

Hear us
So be it
Amen.

Our Petitions and Celebrations

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father who are in heaven...Amen. On this day
we especially pray for.....

***Music to welcome scripture** *"Into My Heart"* TFWS # 2160

***Scripture** **Acts 11:1-18**

Response to the reading: These are God's inspired words for us,
the beloved people of God.
Thanks be to God. AMEN

Message

Rev. Susan Ranous

Prayer of Grace and Assurance

Call To Reconciliation

*When we think Easter is one Sunday only, and believe that once the stone is rolled away and we've finished singing the Alleluliahs, that Easter is over,
Please join me as we pray, saying*

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not always hear your voice. Forgive us when we ignore your wishes. Open our ears and our hearts to you, O God. Open our ears and hearts to the Risen Christ. Open our ears and hearts to the Holy Spirit. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray.
Amen.

Silence is kept

Words of Assurance

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. Amen.

- Written by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, and posted on her Rev-o-lution blog. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

Sharing of Christ's peace

The Peace of the Risen Christ,
IS with you all and always.
And also with you.

***Closing Music**

"Amazing Grace"

UMH #497

***Blessing**

***Sending Music**

"Shout to the Lord"

****A donation of \$100 is being made today in Honor of my Mother Cornelia D.E. Hoffman as well as for my 83rd Birthday "Dorothea H. Rushworth"***

Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Diane's office hours are Wednesdays 10:30-1:00.

Appointments are appreciated but not necessary. Cell: 315-532-3354

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ANNOUNCING OUR MISSION FIELD OPPORTUNITIES

Medical Equipment: If you need a wheelchair or other medical equipment, please give Norm Barkley a call at (315) 699-4155. Norm will be happy to meet you at the church storage area off the parking lot to see what medical equipment is available for loan.

Outreach Information: Please remember to pick up a jar of peanut butter, box of macaroni and cheese, canned pasta, or any nonperishable food for our hungry brothers and sisters. These items can be put in the grocery cart in the Narthex

which will go to Brown Memorial or Mission Central's blessing box. Many blessings and thank you!

Confirmation Class: Young persons in 6th grade and above are invited to participate in our formal and informal Confirmation Program leading to church membership. Confirmands are matched with adult mentors for group learning sessions, community activities and one-to-one experiences. Contact Sue Bonspille through the church office for more information.

Red Bird Mission Trip Youth and Adult Trip Planned for August 6 - 13

Youth and adults are invited to join the seven folks already signed up for a trip to the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky this summer! Red Bird Mission offers a chance to learn new skills, make new friends and stretch our faith in taking on repair projects for nearby residents and at the Mission itself. The busy week will include the actual repair work selected for our group plus evening programs, worship, music, Biblical messages, and daily devotions. We leave on Saturday the 6th, overnight along the way and begin our work on Sunday through Friday. We get back on Saturday the 13th. Planning meetings and fundraisers will be held throughout the period leading up to the trip. The registration is \$425 although fundraising is planned to lower that amount. Contact Sue Bonspille or Mike Irwin through the church office for more information on this remarkable, life-changing opportunity!

Refugee Resettlement Ministry – sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center.

Youth Sunday June 12th – Children will be conducting the Service. Followed by a Cookie and Punch reception

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Teen CanTeen – See Diane Ilaqua for how you can help

UMCOR for Ukraine - By check made out to Global Ministries/**UMCOR** with “Advance #982450-**Ukraine**” written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/**UMCOR**, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or

through any United Methodist church; One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

Church Fundraisers:

Book sale and Luncheon is now scheduled for Friday May 20th and Saturday May 21st

Book sale 9:30am-2:00pm,

Lunch served 11:30am-1:00pm.

YOUR Help is much needed and will be greatly appreciated.

We are NOW accepting donations of books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles. Please bring donations to church and leave in room 7 in the Sunday school wing.

Jan Cerimeli or Nancy Congdon for more information

OUR WORSHIP MINISTRY PARTNERS

Worship is prepared and staffed by:

Music Ministry Team: Nancy Congdon, Ben Shearer, Praise Singers

Camera Operator: Joe Finch

Sound Technician: Tim Gauthier; Rick Rudmann

Tech consultant: Rob Smith

Worship Team: Deb Irwin, Nancy Congdon, April Smith, Jan Cerimeli, Jeanette Elwood,
Cindy Brink, Sue Werner

Administrative Assistant: Mary Slack-Nolan

Sunday School is staffed by:

Sue Bonspille, *director*; Vicky Moore, Linda Bouwens, Christine Burton, Rachel Panek, Sarah Jones, Alyssa Dunsmoor, Stephanie Lotts, Larry Bonspille, Emily Bush, Susan Coulter, *teachers*.

The Nursery is staffed by:

Jennifer George & Jennifer Meyer

Interim Co-pastors

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We are handicap accessible with ample parking near each entrance.

Our greeters will gladly provide directions.

