



*Cicero*  
*United Methodist Church*  
May 8, 2022



*\* Please stand as you are able*

**\*Welcoming music** “*My Life Is In You Lord*”

TFWS #2032

**Greeting**

**Young Christians Time**

**Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

**By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God’s love might be made plain among us.**

Therefore, beloved, let us know love in word or in speech and also in deed and in truth.

**Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life. This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.**

- *Ruth Duck, **Bread for the Journey**, Ruth Duck, ed., (Pilgrim Press, 1981), 44*

**Special Music** “*Just a Closer Walk*” *Performed by the Chancel Choir , Led by Nancy Congdon*

**Giving Time**

Offertory

**\*Doxology**

**\*Dedication**

**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.

Hear our prayer O God as we hear your call. If only the world heard your voice as clearly as Paul and recognized its truth as sharply. But as we do, and they have not, grant us the strength to be your voice in this world.

So we pray for this world. So much violence and no solution; so much that has been done rightly or wrongly; and a fear and panic that no solution can be found.

So for those who find prejudice a way of life we pray; for those who are trapped and caught up we pray; for those who have been displaced we pray, and for those living with and making decisions we pray.

Hear us: For all forms of prejudice; for folks who physically or emotionally build walls, we pray for those who live with an extreme view of religion, for those who are self-interested we pray, and for those who live a life beyond what is dehumanizing we pray

Hear us: For the women in our lives, those we've known and those who have led us to where we are this day, for those who have been mothers or like mothers, for those who have been mothers physically or emotionally or spiritually, and those that have not, we thank you lord.

For ourselves, for those who are our family and friends, we pray. Those we know who are ill and those recovering; those who are lonely, anxious, confused, stressed we pray; and for those who bring color back to life we pray

Hear us. So be it. Amen.

- *Partially written by Rev. Roddy Hamilton, Minister of New Kilpatrick Church. Posted on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website, <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship>*

### **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** *"Precious Lord Take My Hand"* UMH #474

**\*Scripture** **Acts 9:36-43**

**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***

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when

we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your Ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. 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**

*"Send me Lord"*

*UMH #497*

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sending Music**

*"Let is Rise"*

***\*A donation of \$100 is being made today in Honor of my Mother Cornelia D.E. Hoffman as well as for my 83<sup>rd</sup> 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



**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>, overnight along the way and begin our

work on Sunday through Friday. We get back on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 12<sup>th</sup> – 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 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>

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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Our greeters will gladly provide directions.

