

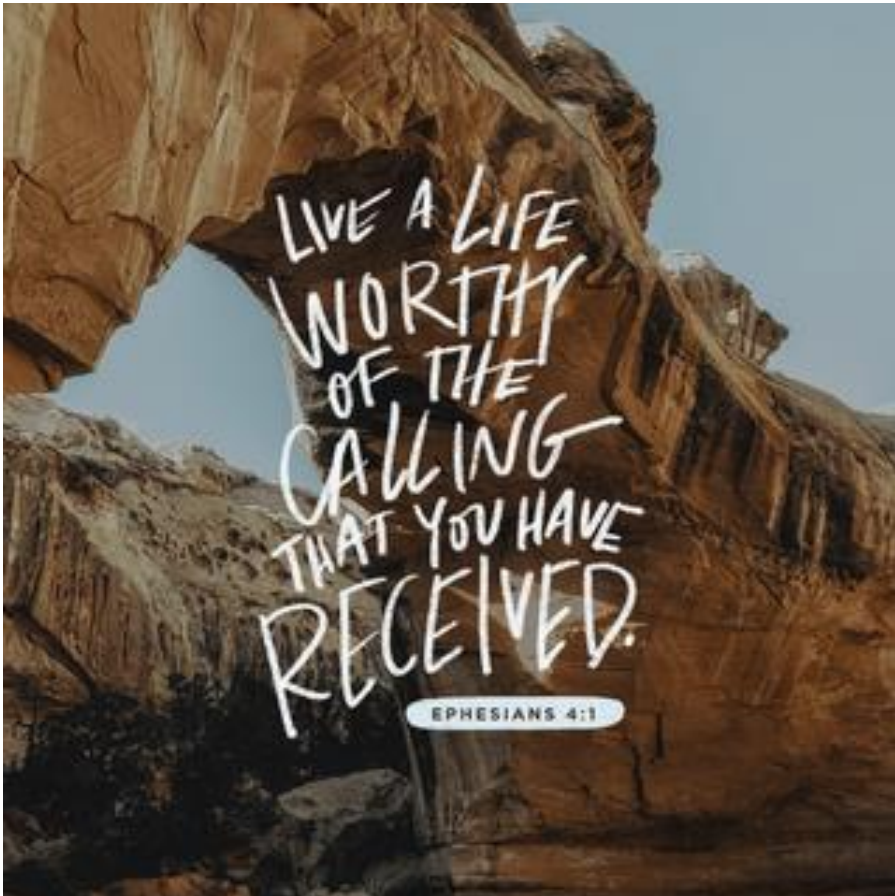


*Cicero*

*United Methodist Church*

*June 26, 2022*

*Interim Pastors' Farewell*



*\* Please stand as you are able*

**\*WELCOMING MUSIC**

**GREETING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us enter the land that God has prepared for us,

**God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.**

Our days of wandering in the barren desert are at an end.

**God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.**

Hungry and thirsty, we cry out in deep despair.

**God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.**

As in the waters of our baptism, we cross over the Jordan.

**God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.**

The land is fertile and rich, with good rain in season.

**God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.**

The harvest is bountiful.

**We dwell in the land God has prepared for us.**

**\*CENTERING PRAYER**

Ever-calling God, we give thanks  
that you have gathered us into your church  
and graced us with your faithful presence.

We ponder our history,  
ancient and still developing,  
and marvel at the many expressions

of your church.  
Grant us the vision  
to be a part of  
a new reformation  
for the Church  
that will bring ever more joy  
and justice to the world.  
Continue to gather us,  
    the diverse lot of us,  
into Jesus' vision and dream  
that your faithful people  
may be one in you. Amen

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

### **GIVING TIME**

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Dedication

### **CALL TO PRAYER**

*Trust and Obey*

*UMH 467*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Loving God,

You are our Creator and Sustainer.

When You open Your hand,

You satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.

And so, we look to You whenever we are in need,  
trusting in Your love and Your abundant goodness.

As You once fed the hungry crowds with five loaves and two small fish,  
we ask that You would again fill those who are empty this day.

**Pour out Your Spirit on all who hunger and thirst.**

We pray for those who are physically hungry—whose stomachs are empty.  
We think especially of the people in Somalia and Eastern Africa  
who are facing critical food shortages;

    who are suffering the effects of malnutrition and starvation;  
    and watching helplessly as loved ones die.

**Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand. Pour out Your Spirit, so that they  
may be filled.**

We pray for those who are empty emotionally—  
who are lonely and long for companionship and love,

    who are caught in the grip of depression, or overwhelmed with grief.

**Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand. Pour out Your Spirit, so that they  
may be filled.**

We pray for those who are spiritually empty—  
who are troubled, but don't know where to turn;

    who long for purpose and meaning, but don't know where to look;  
    who need You, but do not yet know You.

**Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand. Pour out Your Spirit, so that they  
may be filled.**

God, we praise You for Your abundant gifts in our lives.

Pour out Your Spirit on us as well.

Fill us with Your compassion and love,

so that we would willingly share some of our abundance  
with those who have need.

**Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.  
Pour out Your Spirit, so that we may be filled.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who came so that all of humanity might come to know  
the abundant life that comes from You. Amen.**

**~ Prayer concerns and God sightings ~**

**We pray all of this in Jesus' name, who taught us to say:  
*Our Father, who art in heaven..... Amen***

## **YOUNG CHRISTIANS' TIME**

**\*MUSIC TO WELCOME SCRIPTURE**      *You are My All in All*

**\*SCRIPTURE**                      **Ephesians 4:1-13**

**Reader: Leah Robinson**

**MESSAGE**                      *Oh, the Places You'll Go! Part 2*

**Rev. Susan Ranous              Rev. Diane E. DiLuzio**

## **PRAYERS FOR GRACE AND ASSURANCE**

*Let us pray together:*

**We have read that through Jesus Christ  
we are destined for adoption as Your children, O God;**

**Such a privilege... such a responsibility....**

**Our identity as members of Your family**

**should be apparent to others...**

**That means being recognizable as Christians  
through our words and deeds.**

**Forgive us Lord, when we fail**

We also read that we were marked  
with the seal of the Holy Spirit  
which is the guarantee of our inheritance  
as God's own people...

**Such a privilege...**

Such a wonderful privilege,  
knowing that the burden  
of living up to such an inheritance  
has been taken off our shoulders  
because of the grace  
which has been lavished upon us.  
For God also promised that in Jesus  
we have been forgiven  
according to the riches of his grace.

**May we always be aware  
of the tremendous privilege  
which has been bestowed upon us  
by God and may our response to such blessings  
be to live as grace-filled and joy-filled followers of Jesus,  
our Lord and our Savior. Amen**

*Silence is kept*

**Assurance of Forgiveness (together)**

Hear again the good news:  
In Jesus we have redemption.  
Because of the riches of God's grace  
our trespasses are forgiven,  
and now all gifts  
of God's generous and amazing grace  
are ours.

**Thanks be to God!**

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

## **PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TRANSITION**

**\*CLOSING SONG**      *Walking in the Light of God*

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING MUSIC**      *God be With You til We Meet Again*

## **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.

## **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

IT director: 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, Danni Gauthier, *teachers*.



**The Nursery is staffed by:**

Jennifer George & Jennifer Meyer

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