

Cicero United Methodist Church
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 31, 2022, 10:00 am



Prelude

Lighting the Altar Candles

Praise Song "Come Just as You Are" (Sabolick)

Call to Worship

Leader: Can it be possible that we spend more time choosing what clothes to wear than choosing what we wear on the inside?

Men: I confess I am quick to criticize instead of looking with compassion on one who is trying to do their best.

Women: I admit I pass on gossip instead of seeking the truth.

Youth: I realize I spend too much money on a name brand so I can be like the most popular kids instead of being satisfied with the person who is in those clothes.

Men: I admit I need to work on getting rid of those swear words.

Women: I need to be satisfied with what I have.

Youth: I need to worship God instead of the summer sun.

Men: I need to think good thoughts about other people.

Women: I sometimes tell a lie instead of being honest.

Youth: I need to listen to those who have experienced things I have not.

All: As we enter into this time of worship, let us focus on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth. In that spirit, let us lift our voices in thanksgiving and praise.

Hymn *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"* TFWS #2129

Invocation (*Pastor*)

Lord's Prayer (*spoken by all*)

Welcome/ Acknowledgements/ Announcements

Blessing for Red Bird Mission Team_(Mike Irwin, Sue Bonspille, Diane Travers, Jaila Killingbeck, Julie and Cole Graham, and Noah Henderson)

Congregational Response: We send you with our prayers and blessings as you get ready to depart. We will keep each of you in our prayers throughout your trip until you return to us!

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Time with Young Children and Youth

Scripture Reading Colossians 3:1-11 (MSG)

So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, *act* like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from *his* perspective.

Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your *real* life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. *He* is your life. When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up, too—the real you, the glorious you. Meanwhile, be content with obscurity, like Christ.

And that means killing off everything connected with that way of death: sexual promiscuity, impurity, lust, doing whatever you feel like whenever you feel like it, and grabbing whatever attracts your fancy. That's a life shaped by things and feelings instead of by God. It's because of this kind of thing that God is about to explode in anger. It wasn't long ago that you were doing all that stuff and not knowing any better. But you know better now, so make sure it's all gone for good: bad temper, irritability, meanness, profanity, dirty talk.

Don't lie to one another. You're done with that old life. It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire. Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete. Words like Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and irreligious, insider and outsider, uncivilized and uncouth, slave and free, mean nothing. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ.

Message Emojis and Avatars of Spirit

Special Music *"Peace Be Still" Performed By April Smith*

Prayers of Intercession

Song /Hymn *"Open Our Eyes" TFWS#2086*

Benediction (Pastor)

Postlude *"Many Gifts One Spirit" #114*

Altar Flowers: Happy Birthday Rog! Given with love from Bobbi.

ANNOUNCING OUR MISSION FIELD OPPORTUNITIES

Outreach Committee

- Outreach is looking for the following items to support our neighbors who need a hand up.
- Blessing Box @ Mission Central needs non-perishable food items.
- School supplies--1and 3 subject notebooks; loose leaf paper; 2-pocket folders; 24-pack of crayons; #2 pencils; blue and/or black pens
- Place all items in the school bus outside the office.
- Christmas card kits for Meals on Wheels may be picked up and dropped off in the Welcome Center. Please return all kits by July 31st.
- Watch for the return of Love's Laundry coming soon.

The people of the community and Outreach thank you.

The **Canteen Program** is collecting for the summer day trip program Juice boxes, cookies and trail mix. If you want to help with donating these items, please bring them to the church office M-F 8:30 to 2pm and give them to Mary. Thank you.

Cookies for Sunday

Anyone wishing to donate cookies for Sunday Morning coffee can leave them in the Welcome Center Kitchen or See Roberta (Bobbi or Carolyn)

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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, Danni Gauthier. 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



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