

*Welcome to
Otterbein United Methodist Church*

October 22, 2023

10:30 am

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost / Children's Sabbath

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

We Gather to Worship the Lord

Welcome Judy Monger

Prelude *Meditation on "Healer of Our Every Ill"* Bankson

*Greeting (*Children's Sabbath Liturgy*) Bev Earman

L: We have gathered in this space.

P: Welcomed like a prodigal child back into our warm, safe home.

L: We have gathered in this space.

P: Embraced like children greeted by Jesus when others turned us away.

L: We have gathered in this space.

P: Let us worship God as beloved children, heirs to God's beloved kin-dom of peace.

*Opening Prayer Bev Earman

*Opening Hymn *The God of Abraham Praise* No. 116, UMH

Children's Time in Worship Christy Blagg

We Proclaim the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination Christy Blagg

Anthem *A Joyful Call to Praise* Larson

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 33:12-23 (OT, page 80)

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:15-22 (NT, page 24)

Sermon Rev. Jennifer Davis Sensenig
“TENTS AND TAXES”

Announcements

Special Mission Recognition

We Give Our Thanks

Prayer of Confession Judy Richardson

*Hymn No. 2177, TFWS
Wounded World that Cries for Healing

*Doxology No. 95, UMH

Duet *Shalom (Peace I Leave With You)* Forrest
Christina Santiago & Michael Bromley

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion No. 13, UMH

Pastoral Prayer

We Go Forth Renewed

*Closing Hymn No. 427, UMH
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
(stanzas 1, 3 - 6)

*Benediction

*Postlude *Bourée and Finale* Handel

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, October 22

Children's Sabbath

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Monday, October 23

4:30 pm Soup Kitchen
5:00 pm Clothes Closet

Tuesday, October 24

1:00 pm Tidings Crew—Rm. 204
6:00 pm Bible Study—Rm. 204
7:00 pm Admin. Council—
Rm. 204

Wednesday, October 25

10:00 am Bible Study—Rm. 204
6:00 pm Chancel Ringers
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 26

3:45 pm New Horizons Band
Rehearsal—MH
6:30 pm VIA Candidate
Assembly—
Bridgewater COB

Friday, October 27

Saturday, October 28

7:30 am UMM Meeting—
Thomas House

Sunday, October 29

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Otterbein in Prayer

Phyllis Albrite
Susie Ayala
David Angier
Wanda Baker
Gary Billingsley
Millie Bruce
Rev. Louis Carson
Fern Cline
Linda Conrad
Cliff & Jean Davis
Ann Dellinger
Jo Ellen Dickenson
Jeanne Ely
Mike Earman
Judi Espinoza
Dennis Gaines
Ray & Audrey Griffith
Doris Hanger
Norma Heath
Ruth Jordan
Jo Ann Liskey
John Liskey
Allene McCoy
Mary Jo Mitchell
Wilma Mitchell
Philip Moyers
George & Betty Painter
BJ Payne
Judy Pruett
Linda Ridder
Mary Ellen Rohrbaugh
Maggie Sparks
Dot Swartz
Juanita Taylor
Daisy VanPelt
Family of Bryan
Family of Lyndon Scott
Ambler

Attendance Last Sunday:

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Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:

Zanda Griffith & Sue Wenger

Announcements

- **Lunch at Francesco's**—We will meet for lunch at **Francesco's** in Bridgewater (101 N. Main Street) on **Wednesday, November 1** at **11:30 am**. We will **carpool from Otterbein at 11:15 am** or you may meet us at the restaurant. We will be ordering off the menu. It's an Italian restaurant, but they have American items as well. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Education Hallway.
- **Autumn Nature Walk: God's Trail of Trees**—Join the Creation Care Taskforce **Saturday, November 4th from 10:00 -11:30 am** for our annual autumn walk at the **JMU Arboretum**. The walk will include a closer look at trees and what scripture tell us about God's gift of trees throughout the Bible. There will also be an area for non-walkers to sit and enjoy nature, so everyone is welcome, including children. See the bulletin board in the Education Hallway for more details and to sign up.
- **Clothes Closet** is in need of **men's winter clothing, women's socks, and shoes for all ages**. Thanks!
- **Assisted Listening Devices** and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.

Prayer of Confession (during communion)

L: God, you created a world of plenty,

P: Yet there are children starving for food, thirsting for clean water.

L: You created a world of peace,

P: Yet there are children in the path of war, innocent lives lost to the violence of weapons and hatred.

L: You created a world with time for rest,

P: Yet there are children in homes and communities so wrought with uncertainty and fear that no rest comes and sleep carries with it memories of fear.

L: You created a world touched by your compassionate hand,

P: Yet there are children who never hear kindness and never experience unconditional love in ways they can understand. It is our sin, through what we have done and what we have left undone, what we have said and what we have kept silent, that has caused your world to feel less compassionate, less restful, less peaceful and less bountiful. Forgive us. Place us back into the work of reconciling ourselves to our neighbors and this world so that we may again return to your loving creation. Amen.

**TLC Person
of the Week:**

Jo Ellen Dickenson
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*Remember Jo Ellen this
week with a note or a card.
Let's show her Otterbein's
"tender, loving care"!*

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Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 3 pm
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