

*Welcome to  
Otterbein United Methodist Church*

October 29, 2023

10:30 am

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost / Reformation Sunday

*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

Prelude

*Hymn to Joy*  
Otterbein Chancel Ringers

arr. Johnston

\*Greeting

L: May those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

**P: Yea, our heart is glad in God, because we trust in God's holy name.**

L: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

**P: We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

No. 89, UMH

Children's Time in Worship

Jim Clough

**We Proclaim the Word of God**

Handbells

*Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*  
Otterbein Chancel Ringers

arr. Arnold

## Prayer of Illumination

Anthem                    *Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*                    arr. Johnson  
College Chorale, Georgia Orfanides & DeJuan Woods, soloists

\*Gospel Lesson                    Matthew 22:34-46                    (NT, page 25)

Sermon    “LOVE”    Rev. Adam Blagg

## Announcements

### **We Give Our Thanks**

Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace    No. 12, UMH

\*Hymn    *More Love to Thee, O Christ*    No. 453, UMH  
(stanzas 1-2)

\*Doxology    No. 95, UMH

## Prayer of Dedication

Anthem    *Come to the Table*    Pote

Celebration of Holy Communion    No. 13, UMH

## Pastoral Prayer

### **We Go Forth Renewed**

\*Closing Hymn    *Let Us Be Bread*    No. 2260, TFWS  
(sung twice)

\*Benediction

\*Postlude    *Musique Royale*    Delalande

## **This Week's Opportunities**

### **Sunday, October 29**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

### **Monday, October 30**

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

### **Tuesday, October 31**

6:00 pm Bible Study—Rm. 204

### **Wednesday, November 1**

10:00 am Bible Study—Rm. 204  
11:30 am Lunch at Francesco's  
6:00 pm Chancel Ringers  
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

### **Thursday, November 2**

3:45 pm New Horizons Band  
Rehearsal—MH

### **Friday, November 3**

### **Saturday, November 4**

10:00 am Nature Walk at JMU  
Arboretum

### **Sunday, November 5**

#### **All Saints Sunday**

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  
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 Ruth Jordan

### **Lay Reader:**

Deb Brown

### **Attendance Last Sunday:**

103

### **Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:**

Janet Gloeckner & Betty Redmond

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Apple Tree Project**—The Apple Tree project collects Christmas gifts for children of families affected by the incarceration of a parent or step-parent. Choose one or more of the envelopes, which provides the first name, age, and requested gift(s) from the Apple Tree in the north entrance to the sanctuary. Record your choice(s) on the sign-up sheet. Please bring **unwrapped** gifts with the envelope attached to the church by **Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**. Enclose \$3.00 for shipping in the envelope. For more information, contact Bev Earman, 443-994-0841.
- **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.

**TLC Person  
of the Week:**

Ann Dellinger  
1225 Reservoir Street  
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

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

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 3 pm  
Friday: Closed