

# *Welcome to Otterbein United Methodist Church*

August 3, 2025

10:30 am

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

*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

Pethel

*Prelude on “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

Steve Young, organist

**\*Greeting**

L: Gathered in from many lands,

**P: we come from east and west, from north and south.**

L: Some of us have wandered through deserts.

**P: Some of us are hungry and thirsty.**

L: But the Holy One heard our pleas

**P: and has delivered us from our distress.**

L: So we come with prayers of thanksgiving,

**P: for God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

No. 140, UMH

Children’s Time in Worship

Kira Blagg

## **We Proclaim the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

Epistle Lesson	Colossians 3:1-11	(NT, pg. 201)
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Anthem	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	arr. Hildebrand
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*Gospel Lesson	Luke 12:13-21	(NT, pg. 74)
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Sermon	“TAKE CARE”	Rev. Adam Blagg
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Announcements

## **We Give Our Thanks**

Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace	No. 12, UMH
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*Hymn	<i>Come to the Table</i> (sung twice)	No. 2264, TFWS
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*Doxology	No. 95, UMH
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Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion	No. 13, UMH
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Pastoral Prayer

## **We Go Forth Renewed**

*Closing Hymn	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>	No. 2129, TFWS
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\*Benediction

*Postlude	<i>Psalm 19</i> Steve Young, organist	Marcello
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## **This Week's Opportunities**

### **Sunday, August 3**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

### **Monday, August 4**

4:30 pm Soup Kitchen

5:00 pm Clothes Closet

### **Tuesday, August 5**

11:00 am Book Study—*Gilead*  
Rm. 204

### **Wednesday, August 6**

7:15 pm Choir

### **Thursday, August 7**

9:00 am Book Study—*Keeping  
Creation*—Hillandale  
Park Shelter #10 **Note  
day & time change!**

11:00 am Book Study—*Living  
Resistance*—Rm. 204

2:00 pm Community Conn.  
Team—Rm. 204

### **Friday, August 8**

### **Saturday, August 9**

### **Sunday, August 10**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

## **Otterbein in Prayer**

David Angier

Katherine Arthur

Rosalie Bailey

Carole Barber

Gary Billingsley

Whitney Bradley

Millie Bruce

Rev. Louis Carson

Nissa D'Andrea

Cliff Davis

Ann Dellinger

Jo Ellen Dickenson

Elva Downs

Mike Earman

Judi Espinoza

Charles Glassick

Ray Griffith

Art Hanger

Fred Hopkins

Tina Jolly

Steve Lily

Chuck Macklin

Penny Markowitz

Art & Mary Jo Mitchell

BJ Payne

Maxine Perry

Judy Pruett

Rich Ripley

Dot Swartz

Carolyn Stroop

Juanita Taylor

Daisy VanPelt

Michelle VanPelt

Hazel Willi

Gina Wyse

Family of BJ Robertson

### **Lay Reader:**

Kevin Andrade

### **Attendance Last Sunday:**

101

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

Loretta Crider & Erin Wenger



*The flowers on the  
altar today are given by  
Gary & Carolyn Edlind to  
the glory of God and for  
the families of those  
killed in the New York  
City shooting.*

## Announcements

- **Macedonia Mission Trip Presentation & Potluck Luncheon—**  
**Sunday, August 17, following worship.** The North Macedonia Mission Team will be sharing about their recent trip. Bring your favorite dish (or two) to share!
- **Summer Book Studies**—This summer Otterbein is offering you the opportunity to read a book with us. You will find below a wide variety of selections; pick one or more and start reading! Hopefully, you will find something of interest to read this summer from our list. Enjoy! *The discussion date/time for each study is listed in parenthesis. All are meeting at Otterbein in Room 204 unless otherwise noted.*
  - ***Gilead*** by Marilynne Robinson (Christy Blagg; 8/5, 11 am)
  - ***Keeping Creation*** by Caleb Cray Haynes (Betty Redmond; 8/7, 9 am, Hillandale Park Shelter #10) **Note day & time change!**
  - ***Living Resistance: An Indigenous Vision for Seeking Wholeness Every Day*** by Kaitlin B. Curtice (Jim Wingert; 8/7, 11 am)
  - ***The Tears of Things*** by Richard Rohr (Dan Brown; 8/12, 10 am)
  - ***Political Tribes*** by Amy Chau (Adam Blagg; 8/13, 11 am)
  - ***The Undertaking*** by Thomas Lynch (Adam Blagg; 8/19, 11 am)
  - ***Forgiveness in the First Degree*** by Hammer & Robinson (Kathy Billhimer; TBA)
- **Assisted Listening Devices and large print bulletins and hymnals are available.** Please see an usher for assistance.

**TLC Person  
of the Week:**

Maxine Perry  
1105 Misty Court  
Rockingham, VA 22801

*Remember Maxine 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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