

Sunday Worship

October 1, 2023

11:00 am

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**11:00 am**  
**Traditional Service**



**We are called to worship, make disciples, and serve.**

October 1, 2023

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Rev. Carol L. Pazdersky

Centering our Hearts on God

*Loving God, I come to worship with so many things on my heart and mind.  
I am drawn away by problems and cares. Heal my spirit and open my heart.  
Help me to be your disciple. Amen.*

Prelude

"Increase Our Faith"  
*Gary Lushbaugh – Music Director*

Joe Martin

Call to Worship

Sue Ellen Hickman (8:30), Angela Gaskin (11:00)

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

**Complete our joys as we praise you today.**

Make us know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.

**Complete our joy as we encourage one another in our journey with you.**

Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.

**Complete our joy as we gather together in worship and taste and see your salvation.**

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine.

#### Prayer of Honesty and Hope

O Lord, how quick we are to say, “Yes!” to you. **Then we turn around and forget our bold words of commitment. We want to serve but are so easily distracted by other commitments and worries.** (*Contemplate in silence.*) **Forgive us, Lord. Heal our spirits. Give us the courage to truly be your disciples. Amen.**

As far as the east is from the west, so far has the Lord removed our transgressions from us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

#### Preparing for the Word

God of dreams and vision, open to us your Word today.  
**Give us an open heart and open mind that we may be transformed by your Word.**

#### \*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do

these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So, they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

## Message

Hymn

"His Name Is Wonderful"

UMH 174

His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful,  
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.  
He is the mighty King, Master of everything.  
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.  
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,  
Almighty God is he; bow down before him,  
Love and adore him, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

## Offering our Best to God

Offertory

"Increase Our Faith"  
Chancel Choir

H. David

\*Doxology

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (v. 6)

UMH 92

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,  
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.  
Christ, our Lord, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

\*Prayer of Dedication

Let us pray: **Holy God, you complete our joy when we share your love through our tithes and gifts. Bless the offering of our wisdom, wealth, and work that they may bless others around the world. Thank you for all good gifts – especially our Lord and Savior Jesus. In his name. we pray. Amen.**

Sharing our Lives

Anthem

“The Wonder of Grace”

J. Martin

*Chancel Choir*

Communion

\*Hymn of Commitment

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

TFWS 2241

The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus’ name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God’s favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.  
God’s Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus’ name.

\*Blessing

Postlude

***Also serving the community in worship:***

Greeters – Joyce Kraft (8:30), Andy Brawn & Ali Rezai (11:00)

Ushers – Joyce Kraft (8:30), Ed & Gail Mathus (11:00)

Acolytes – Maya Gaskin & Ethan Morrow (11:00)

Tech Support – Jacob Smith (XP), Winston Bain (11:00), Cheryl Kempler (ZOOM)

Counting Team – Cheryl Kempler, Joyce Kraft, Anita Obinger

Sunday School Superintendents – Cheryl Welsh & Michele Taylor

Adult Studies Facilitator – Sue Garrison

**WELCOME TO CAMP CHAPEL!** We trust that your worship time will bless you. If you are visiting with us today and received a Welcome Packet, please fill in the visitor card and drop it in the offering plate this morning. If you have not yet received a Welcome Packet, please request one as you leave today.

KNOWN PRAYER CONCERNS WITHIN THE CONGREGATION

<u>Insiders</u>	<u>Hospitalized</u>	<u>Recovering</u>	<u>Special Concerns</u>	<u>Recently Bereaved</u>
Dottie DeCarlo Helen Fringo Bob Knight Florence Littleton James Morris	Shirley Curtain Debbie Porter	Dave Kalendek George Krause Jackie Potter Cheryl Stephens	Larry Daubert Ruth Diggs Marvin Gyr Nancy Stark	Margaret Baker sister of Betty Day  The Crawford Family

Upcoming Events

**Blessing of the Animals - TODAY**

Sunday, October 1, 4:00 pm on the back parking lot

**J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth)**

Wednesday, October 4, 12:00 pm

**Ladies Fall Tea**

Saturday, October 7, 2:00–4:00 pm

**Film Seminar *Here Today***

Saturday, October 14, 6:00-9:00 pm

**Shredding Fundraiser**

Saturday, October 21, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

**Crochet Ministry**

Wednesday, October 21, 16, 1:00–3:00 pm

**Pumpkin Painting**

Sunday, October 22, 2:00-4:00 pm



**CROP Walk: Perry Hall Cares**  
**ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME**  
**CROP HUNGER WALK**

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/perryhallmd>

CROP Walk supports the mission of Church World Services: a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. We raise money to fight hunger in our community and around the world. Of the funds we raise, 25% will go to our local food pantry. Our walk starts at 2:30 at Camp Chapel UM Church. We will walk about 2 miles to Perry Hall UM Church and back to our start. Perry Hall UM Church is the site of the food pantry that we support locally. There we will have restrooms and snacks and water.