



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

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PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care	South Hallway	9:30 a.m.

**CHURCH STAFF**

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**Church Office Hours**


Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Closed  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Thursday Closed  
Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.



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October 16, 2022  
10:00 a.m.  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Thoughts of Preparation**

Prayer is not primarily saying words or thinking thoughts. It is, rather, a stance. It's a way of living in the Presence, living in awareness of the Presence, and even of enjoying the Presence.  
— Richard Rohr

Prayer is not primarily something we are doing to God, something we are giving to God but what God is doing for us. And what God is doing for us is giving the divine Self in love.  
— Ruth Burrows

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** *"I Will Lift Up My Eyes"* (Alexander Schreiner)

**Tower Bell**

**Introit** Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can feel the brush of angel wings, I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

**\*Responsive Call to Worship**

We have gathered in God's holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

**This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.**

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

**This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.**

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

**This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.**

**\*Hymn #2** *"O Worship the King"* (Lyons)

**\*Call to Reconciliation**

Seeking to follow Jesus, we often wander down the wrong roads. Impatient with God's schedule, we rush off to do things our way. Let us confess our foolishness, that we might receive God's hope for our lives. We pray together:

**\*Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**

**Your words are given to us, Author of Life, so we might be reformed, but we are intent on changing others. Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed, but we are focused on conforming to our culture. Your words are spoken to lead us into new life, but we hold our old ways tight to our chests.**

**Forgive us, God of Wonder. Do not remember our sins, but continue to touch us with Your steadfast mercy. Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith, even as You were so tenacious in offering us Your grace and life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*(Silence is kept)*

**\*Words of Assurance**

Jesus reminds us that we are to be resolute in our lives of faithfulness and service. The good news is that God is steadfast in filling us with love and grace.

**We are forgiven people. May we live as sisters and brothers in Christ, God's children in word and deed, in hope and joy. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

*(Creatorex)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**Children's Chat**

**Scripture Lesson – Jeremiah 31:27-34 [Good News Translation]**

“I, the Lord, say that the time is coming when I will fill the land of Israel and Judah with people and animals. And just as I took care to uproot, to pull down, to overthrow, to destroy, and to demolish them, so I will take care to plant them and to build them up. When that time comes, people will no longer say,

‘The parents ate the sour grapes, but the children got the sour taste.’ Instead, those who eat sour grapes will have their own teeth set on edge; and everyone will die because of their own sin.”

The Lord says, “The time is coming when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the old covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and led them out of Egypt. Although I was like a husband to them, they did not keep that covenant. The new covenant that I will make with the people of Israel will be this: I will put my law within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people. None of them will have to teach a neighbor to know the Lord, because all

**Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning**

Preaching Today: Barry Bordenkircher

Liturgist: Kyle Taylor

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield & Bertie Jo Tuerpe

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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**This Week**

- Sunday, October 16:** 10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting
- Monday, October 17:** 7:00 p.m. AA & AI-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, October 18:** 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting  
7:00 p.m. East Row Garden Club Meeting
- Thursday, October 20:** 9:00 a.m. Food Pantry  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, October 22:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
- Sunday, October 23:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

### Hearing Assistance

We have wireless receivers for the hearing impaired which you may obtain from an usher.

### Pastoral Care Notice

If a pastoral care need arises, please contact the church office at (859) 431-1818 and we will get a message to Pastor Barry or John Robson to contact you. You can also call, text or email Barry at:  
Revbarryb@stjohnsuccnewport.org  
Cell Phone: (513) 317-8146

### In Our Prayers

Joan Berkemeyer, Cheryl & Barry Bordenkircher, Family of Margaret Deaton, Judy Eads, Carolyn Garriott, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Robert Hasse, Mark Hater, Chuck Hawkins, Vickie Kennedy, Carol & Henry Marksberry, Barbara Runge, Bill Seibert, Bruce Shay, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter, John & Peggy Westlund

### Continued Prayerful Support

Homebound members.  
Those in assisted living and nursing homes.  
Rev. Barry Bordenkircher  
Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.

### Homebound Member of the Week

Our homebound member of the week is Bette Kendrick. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Bette as our member of the week!

Her address is:  
Bette Kendrick  
Sunrise of Dublin  
4175 Stone Ridge Lane Apt. 205  
Dublin, OH 43017

### Infant, Toddler, Preschool and School Age Child Care is Available on Sunday Mornings

We have childcare workers available for our infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school age children. Children can be dropped off starting at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the Youth Room. You can ask any usher for assistance or information about this program.

### Audio Recordings of Our Sunday Services

Did you miss a Sunday service or would like to hear one over again? You can get a CD audio recording of any service each week down on the table located at the North Lobby entrance. The recordings are separated by date so just look for the service you want to hear and take it home.

### COVID Update

Just a reminder that if you become infected with the COVID virus, please let the church office know so that we can notify anyone that you may have been in contact with at that time. Thank you and everyone please stay safe.

will know Me, from the least to the greatest. I will forgive their sins and I will no longer remember their wrongs. I, the Lord, have spoken.”

### **Anthem**

*“God and God Alone”*

*(McHugh/McDonald)*

God and God alone created all these things we call our own,  
From the mighty to the small, the Glory in them all is God's and God's alone

God and God alone reveals the truth of all we call unknown.  
And all the best and worst of man won't change the Master's plan. It's God's and God's alone

God and God alone is fit to take the universe's throne  
Let everything that lives reserve it's truest praise for God and God alone

God and God alone will be the joy of our eternal home  
He will be our one desire, Our hearts will never tire of God and God alone  
God and God alone is fit to take the universe's throne  
Let everything that lives reserve it's truest praise for God and God alone

### **Gathering Together in Prayer**

#### **Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **Response**

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

#### **Offertory Invitation**

We are living, breathing messages of God's love for the world. This is our work of faith and our labor of love and our steadfastness of hope in Jesus Christ. Like the earliest Christians, we are here in this place because of the commitment and faith and generosity of others who shared the good news of the gospel in their time. So we turn now, in our time, and share our faith and our commitment through generous giving to support the ministry of this church in Christ's name. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

## Offertory

*“He Loved Me”*

*(Tom Fettke)*

He chose me before the world was known.  
He chose me to be His very own.  
He made me then let me choose my way.  
I chose to move away.  
He loved me when hope had taken wing.  
He love me, when I lost everything.  
He bought me, redemption's work was done  
through Jesus Christ His Son.

Who shall separate me from the love of God?  
Shall dreams of tomorrow, pain, or sorrow.  
Can the need of food or costly possessions,  
the threat of war or man's oppression?  
In all these things, victory is our reward, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Of this I am sure, that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present,  
nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any creature  
shall separate us from the love of God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord!

## \*Doxology

*(Old 100th)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## \*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Holy God, as we offer our gifts to You this day, we pray that, in our giving, we may be reconnected to the reason why we follow and the reason why we give. You called us to be disciples who make disciples. All-in-knowing who we are, who You are. And why we are following. Help us avoid that which distracts, the desire to hear the things that please us and make the road easier, but that will not bring us to the kingdom of justice, mercy, and compassion You desire for us. In Christ, we pray, our guiding light. Amen. (2 Timothy 3:14-4:5)**

## Scripture Lesson - Luke 18:1-8 [Common English Bible]

Jesus was telling them a parable about their need to pray continuously and not to be discouraged. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him, asking, ‘Give me justice in this case against my adversary.’ For a while he refused but finally said to himself, I don’t fear God or respect people, but I will give this widow justice because she keeps bothering me. Otherwise, there will be no end to her coming here and embarrassing me.” The Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says.

Won’t God provide justice to His chosen people who cry out to Him day and night? Will He be slow to help them? I tell you, He will give them justice quickly. But when the Human One comes, will He find faithfulness on earth?”

**Today’s Message** “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our \_\_\_\_\_”  
Pastor Barry Bordenkircher

**\*Hymn #461** “*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*” *(Trentham)*

## \*Responsive Benediction

May the living word of the Lord dwell with you.

**May it live through us!**

May it fill your thoughts and deeds.

**May it fill our mouths with God’s message of love.**

May it sustain you in good times and bad.

**May it equip us for a ministry of peace and hope!**

Amen, and Amen!

**Postlude** “*Come Thou Almighty King*” *(Albin Whitworth)*

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## WORSHIP NOTES

The CALL TO WORSHIP, the CALL to Confession, the UNISON CONFESSION, and the ASSURANCE are from Lectionary Liturgies, by Rev. Thom Shuman (lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2019/10/liturgy-with-communion-for-october-20.html). The Offertory INVITATION and DEDICATION, and the BENEDICTION are from the UMC's Discipleship Ministries site for Oct. 16 (umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/not-ashamed/nineteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/nineteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-offertory-prayer).

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## Sympathy and Prayers

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the Family of Margie Schaufuss. Margie passed away on Monday, September 26, 2022. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

