



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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November 13, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



Thoughts of Preparation

Evil and strife are at work in the world, and people who live according to God's alternative values are misunderstood and persecuted, but God's reign continues to work, and to transform the world and its people into loving, peaceful and just men and women. This is not so much a war between good and evil as it is the evolution of the world from chaos and immaturity into beauty, creativity and maturity in God's gracious, compassionate purposes. – *John van de Laar*

We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love. - *Mother Teresa*

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“Be Thou My Vision”* (Hal Hopson)

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 may not be able to confront queens, or challenge presidents. We may not have the capacity to divert resources, or uplift communities. We may not have the voice to silence the noise of war, or the words to negotiate peace between armies;

But, as we follow you, O Christ, we are all able to do something.

And so, we pray that You would inspire us to commit to and act on the small difference we can make:

May we bring peace through small acts of gentleness and reconciliation;

May we bring wealth through small contributions and collaborations;

May we bring safety through small acts of consideration and acceptance;

May we bring wholeness through small acts of care and service.

And in the small ways, O God, may our small difference make a big contribution to Your saving work in our world. Amen.

*Hymn #59

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

(Hymn to Joy)

*Unison Prayer of Confession (inspired by Isaiah 65:17-25)

O God, still creating, we hear Your promises of a new day of joy and peace, and we are skeptical. We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse. The past will keep us guilty, the future will make us afraid, and the present will burden us with too little time and too much to do.

Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that You do not hear us, and our pessimism about tomorrow. Do a new thing in our hearts, and let us be glad and rejoice in Your abundant care; through Christ we pray. Amen.

[Silence is kept]

*Words of Assurance (Isaiah 12:1-2)

Then you will say on that day, “I will give thanks to You, Lord; for although You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me.

Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid;

For the Lord God is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation.”

*Gloria Patri

(Gloria)

**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 – Isaiah 65:17-25 [The Message]

“Pay close attention now:

I’m creating new heavens and a new earth. All the earlier troubles, chaos, and pain are things of the past, to be forgotten. Look ahead with joy.

Anticipate what I’m creating: I’ll create Jerusalem as sheer joy, create my people as pure delight. I’ll take joy in Jerusalem, take delight in my people: No more sounds of weeping in the city, no cries of anguish; no more babies dying in the cradle, or old people who don’t enjoy a full lifetime; One-hundredth birthdays will be considered normal— anything less will seem like a cheat. They’ll build houses and move in. They’ll plant fields and eat what they grow. No more building a house that some outsider takes over, no more planting fields that some enemy confiscates, for my people will be as long-lived as trees, my chosen ones will have satisfaction in their work. They won’t work

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Barry Bordenkircher

Liturgist: John Robson

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Flo Grey & Tom Williams

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, November 13: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Recognition of our Veterans

Monday, November 14: 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, November 15: 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
7:00 p.m. East Row Garden Club

Thursday, November 17: 9:00 a.m. Food Pantry
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 19: 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, November 20: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Consecration Sunday

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
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In Our Prayers

Joan Berkemeyer, Cheryl & Barry Bordenkircher, Judy Eads, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Robert Hasse, Mark Hater, Chuck Hawkins, Vickie Kennedy, Carol & Henry Marksberry, 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 Marjorie Fuldner. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Marjorie as our member of the week!

Her address is:
Marjorie Fuldner
100 Carmel Manor Road
Room #1115
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

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.

and have nothing come of it, they won't have children snatched out from under them. For they themselves are plantings blessed by God, with their children and grandchildren likewise God-blessed

Before they call out, I'll answer. Before they've finished speaking, I'll have heard. Wolf and lamb will graze the same meadow, lion and ox eat straw from the same trough, but snakes—they'll get a diet of dirt! Neither animal nor human will hurt or kill anywhere on my Holy Mountain," says God.

Anthem

"The Majesty And Glory Of Your Name" (Tom Fettke)

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of him?

O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly,
And so would we, and so would we.

Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name.
Alleluia!

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

Sing Twice

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, Al - le - lu - ia!

Stewardship Moment

Laura Haas

Offertory Invitation

Siblings in Christ, 'Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.' (Psalm 50:14).

Offertory

"How Beautiful" (Twila Paris)
(Jean Nutgrass - soloist)

How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread and the children of earth
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful
Is the body of Christ

How beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin and bore it instead
How beautiful the tender eyes
That choose to forgive and never despise
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful
Is the body of Christ

And as he lay down his life
We offer this sacrifice
That we will live just as he died
Willing to pay the price
Willing to pay the price

How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the children of Earth
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful
Is the body of Christ

*Doxology

(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Let no illusions of scarcity
Tempt me to smallness of vision
Narrowness of thinking
Shrinking of spirit
Coldness of heart
Or paralysis of action

Yes, Love,
Let this Holy motion of You
Made known in Jesus Christ
Be formed in me,
And let it be
More than enough

Instead help me trust
Your power to multiply
My best gift for Your vision
Of a beloved community
Well-fed and flourishing
Rising up in resurrections
Forming a frequent dance
Of delight at Your amazing
Way of renewing the world.



CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE AS A PERCENT OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME.

Annual Income	Monthly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
20,000	1,667	33	50	67	83	167
25,000	2,083	42	63	83	104	208
30,000	2,500	50	75	100	125	250
35,000	2,917	58	88	117	146	292
40,000	3,333	67	100	133	167	333
45,000	3,750	75	113	150	188	375
50,000	4,167	83	125	167	208	417
60,000	5,000	100	150	200	250	500
75,000	6,250	125	188	250	313	625
100,000	8,333	167	250	333	417	833
125,000	10,417	208	313	417	521	1042
150,000	12,500	250	375	500	625	1250
200,000	16,667	333	500	667	833	1667

On average, Americans give 2% of their income to charity. Giving even 1% more of annual income to charity would be transformative for our congregation and other organizations doing good in our community.





The Sacrament of Giving - A Prayer

Rev. Dave Long-Higgins
Conference Minister
Heartland Conference, UCC

Generous God,
Form in me a feasting Spirit,
Broadening every daily table
Fashioning a holy communion
With You and the world
Radiating gracious generosity
Replacing every breakdown
With a breaking open
To Your deep abundance.

Yes, Love,
Multiply your gift in me
For sharing with others
That the delight and joy
You yearn for everyone
May rise into fullness.

Let every morsel and drop
Awaken in me a prayer
Grounding and consecrating
A sacrament of self-giving
Forming my life as a sign
Made real in simple acts
Strengthening the world
Of others unknown to me
But made close by You
Who joins everyone
And everything in eternal
Mysteries often hidden
Except as bread shared
Makes us visibly one.

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Holy God who calls us to the journey: it is so easy for us to become distracted so that we wander off the path You have put before us. The chaos of the world around us catches our attention, and we neglect the inner journey that keeps us closer to You. As we set aside this time to bring our gifts to You, may You draw our attention back to the wisdom and guidance that You put before us, and may it lead us to endurance that will carry us to kingdom presence! In Christ, we pray. Amen. (Luke 21:5-19)

Scripture Lesson – Luke 21:5-19 [Common English Bible]

Some people were talking about the temple, how it was decorated with beautiful stones and ornaments dedicated to God. Jesus said, “As for the things you are admiring, the time is coming when not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished.”

They asked Him, “Teacher, when will these things happen? What sign will show that these things are about to happen?”

Jesus said, “Watch out that you aren’t deceived. Many will come in My name, saying, ‘I’m the one!’ and ‘It’s time!’ Don’t follow them. When you hear of wars and rebellions, don’t be alarmed. These things must happen first, but the end won’t happen immediately.”

Then Jesus said to them, “Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other. There will be great earthquakes and wide-scale food shortages and epidemics. There will also be terrifying sights and great signs in the sky. But before all this occurs, they will take you into custody and harass you because of your faith. They will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of My name. This will provide you with an opportunity to testify. Make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance. I’ll give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to counter or contradict. You will be betrayed by your parents, brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends. They will execute some of you. Everyone will hate you because of My name. Still, not a hair on your heads will be lost. By holding fast, you will gain your lives.

Sermon

“When the End is Not the End”

Barry Bordenkircher

*Hymn #502

“Be Thou My Vision”

(Slane)

*Benediction

Go forth into a world that needs new visions. Bring the message of hope and love, of justice and peace, to all you meet. Live the dream. Make it reality. Celebrate endings and new beginnings, challenges and promises. Live the new creation. Amen.

*Choral Response

Postlude

“Carillon”

(Gordon Young)

Consecration Sunday

On Sunday, November 20, 2022 we will celebrate Consecration Sunday by bringing forth our pledge cards and placing them in the offering plate. Please plan to join us for this special service.

Welcome!

Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!

We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God's Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ. May you know His grace and peace today!

Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



Flowers in church today are provided by the Sanctuary Flower Fund. If you or anyone you know would benefit from the beauty and joy of the arrangement, please feel free to take them.

Open flower dates are November 20th & 27th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Worship Notes

The **Unison Confession** was written by Dr. Tom Cheatham (Presbyterian Church USA), from his blog at The Connection (/theconnection08.wordpress.com/). The **Offertory Dedication** is from the UMC Discipleship Ministries worship site (www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/face-to-face-with-jesus/twenty-third-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/twenty-third-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-offertory-prayer). The **Benediction** is from Joanne Carlson Brown, Ministry Matters (www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4387/worship-elements-November-17-2019).

Gifts to the Manger Community Christmas Ministry **Washington United Church of Christ—Your Help Is Needed**

Sunday, December 11, Washington UCC will provide up to 100 families with gift items and basic necessities. We hope to give about 350 children an outfit, socks, underwear, gloves, hat and a few toys. Each family will receive a box of food.

The Christ Child was born in poverty and given gifts by the magi. What better way to celebrate His birth than to do the same for these children of God! **This is where we need your help!**

Special Request: We request no violent games or toys. Do not wrap the gifts (but DO include wrapping paper, etc.). We will do all of the wrapping.

Monetary Donations are needed and appreciated: We will do the shopping! Please send donations to: Christmas Ministry, Washington UCC, 2950 Sidney Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45225

Toys: Needed are gifts for all ages-especially for teens (toiletries, jewelry, art/craft/jewelry making kits) (handheld video games, CD players, anything electronic is very popular). We need basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, Legos, Hot Wheels, Play Doh, games like Connect -4, action figures, cars and trucks. As well as baby toys, ethnic baby dolls, Barbie dolls and Barbie clothes. For teens: Bath & Body Works, Xbox/PlayStation Network gift cards are good ideas.

Underwear: Girl's sizes 7 to large, women's sizes 14 to XL, toddlers, boy's sizes 6-9, and men's large.

Socks: Girl's ankle socks sizes 4-10 (colors) and 9-11 (white and colors), toddlers, boy's sizes 6-9, and men's large.

Clothing: Girls: Girl's sizes 5, 6, 10, 12, 14, 16; Junior's 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13; and women's small, medium and large. Sweatpants and tops are preferred.

Clothing: Boys: Boy's outfits in sizes 5-6, 12-14, 14-16, medium, large; men's sweatpants and shirts in sizes S, M, L, XL

Gloves, Mittens and Hats: All sizes (please no stretch gloves)

Last day to bring gifts to church is
Sunday, December 4, 2022

