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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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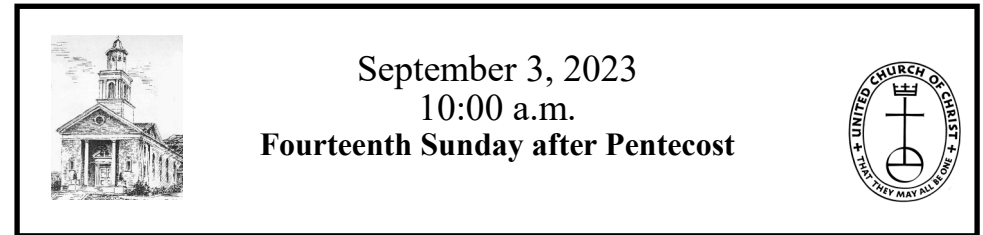
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Church Office Hours

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.



*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Laudate Dominum”
(Kendra Franke-Flute)

(W.A. Mozart)

Tower Bell

***Responsive Call to Worship from Psalm 26**

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O LORD,

singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.

***Hymn #112**

“You Servants of God”

(Hanover)

***Call to Confession**

God wants us to be ourselves. But every time we hurt one another, or ourselves, we get further and further away from who we are. It is in our confession, in admitting the truth of our lives, that we can be our genuine selves again. Let us join in our prayer of confession together.

***Prayer of Confession (unison)**

God of love, you ask us to love one another from the center of who we are, you tell us to bless one another, you encourage us to do good. But we have not listened to your words, instead of loving we have practiced hatred, instead of blessing, we have perfected cursing, instead of doing good, we have sought to get even. Forgive us for giving up. Give us grace to try again, and encouragement to make your ways, our ways. We pray, we wait, and we hope.

***Words of Assurance (Responsive)**

Gathered as God's people, we hear the good news: God has forgiven us, God has made us whole, God sends us to serve.

We will not wear jealousy or resentment but put on the garments of peace and hope. We are forgiven by our God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

(Greatest)

**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.**

Epistle Lesson - Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Solo

*"Lamb of God"
(Jisoo Bae ~ Soloist)*

(Twila Paris)

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious Blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as he died
The Humble King they named a fraud
And Sacrificed the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be call a lamb of God

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Pastor John Robson

Liturgist: Vickie Grey Kennedy

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: David Stamm & Bertie Jo Tuerpe

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, September 3:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion Sunday
- Monday, September 4:** Labor Day-Church Office Closed
7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, September 5:** 6:30 p.m. East Row Historic Foundation Meeting
7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- Thursday, September 7:** 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, September 9:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
- Sunday, September 10:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

***Benediction (responsive)**

Go now to the people who are overwhelmed by despair.

We will take the hope which has been given to us and share it with all.

Go now to those who are at odds with neighbors.

We will offer the peace and reconciliation which God has poured into our lives.

Go now to those who are the most vulnerable in our world.

We will bring the healing, the grace, the love of our God.

Postlude *“Finale from Fireworks Music”* (G. F. Handel)

We thank Kendra Franke and Jisoo Bae for providing beautiful music for our worship service this morning.

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 September 17th & 24th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.



GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Trash cans are located at each exit for disposal of communion cups.



**Gathering Together in Prayer
Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer**

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

You are the first, the last, the everything in between, we lift our praise and our prayers up to you, because we know that you have been listening since the first voice in the garden, and we trust that you listen still.

hallowed be thy name,

Yours is the name that is above every name, yours is the name spoken in all languages, yours is the name that echoes across all time and space.

thy kingdom come,

May all creation look more and more like your heavenly kingdom, a place of peace, a place of love, a place everyone feels at home.

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Here in this place may love be genuine, may hospitality be given to strangers, may we overcome evil with good, and may we live peaceably with each other.

Give us this day our daily bread

Allow us to taste and see, drink and remember, the goodness you have given us. Allow us to trust rather than hoard so that no one goes hungry, and no one thirsts.

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive our trespassers.

Give us as many chances as it takes to get it right, and may we give others just as many chances as you have given us.

And lead us not into temptation,

Guide us to stay on your good path, even when it seems easier to curse than to bless, more satisfying to seek vengeance than to build peace.

but deliver us from evil.

Because we know evil has many forms. It shows up in test results as cancer; it startles us in harsh words and policies; it arrives at our door as violence; and it bubbles up inside us as self-destruction. However and whenever evil shows up, rescue us from it time and time again,

For thine is the kingdom,

Where we hope to live with you,

and the power,

That you showed us by taking on weakness,

and the glory,

That we hope to reflect with our lives out into the world,

forever.

and ever.

Amen.

Response

**The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.**

(Amazing Grace)

Gospel Lesson - Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Today's Message

"The Job Description of the Disciple"

John Robson

Offertory Invitation

Who has given a gift to God to receive a gift in return? Who has complained when the faithful fare no better than others? Have we forgotten that the riches of God are far deeper than surface appearances? Have we lost the joy of giving for the sheer exhilaration of celebrating the wonders of life?

Offertory

"Sinfonia from Contata 156"
(Kendra Franke -Flute)

(J.S. Bach)

***Doxology**

**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**

(Old 100th)

***Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

Gift-giving God, we bring you what we can offer, our time, our talents, our finances, our very selves, in the hope that what we bring, you might magnify, and multiply, for the work of your love in the world. Amen.

***Hymn #695**

"As We Gather at Your Table"
(vs. 1 & 3)

(Beach Spring)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Call to Communion**

The God of crossings and healings be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift your hearts to the One who travels every journey with you.

We lift them to the God who gives us rest when we are weary.

People of God, offer your praise and thanks to the God who feeds the hungry.

It is our greatest joy to sing to the One who fills our emptiness with grace and joy.

***Communion Collect (unison)**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Amen.

Please be seated.

Reaching into your imagination...

Sharing the Bread and Cup

***UCC Creed (1968 rev.)**

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

***Hymn #393**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

(Dennis)