

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Prelude - Prelude on "Amazing Grace" - Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

Come and worship the Most High, our shelter from the storm.

We will trust our God!

God delivers us from temptations and troubles.

We will trust our God!

God heals us when disease and disaster strike.

We will trust our God!

God protects those who call out for help.

We will trust our God!

God offers us eternal life and shows us our salvation.

We will trust our God!

Opening Hymn No. 140 - Great is Our Faithfulness**

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain:

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

Refrain

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

Refrain

Invocation

Lord, we call to you, our refuge - provide your safe space. We call to you, our fortress - provide your strength. We call to you, our trust - provide your vision. We call to you, our deliverer - provide your promise. We call to you, our cover - provide your gentleness. We call to you, our faithful - provide your presence. We call to you, our shield - provide your defense. We call to you, our bunker - provide your confidence. We call to you, our protector - provide your future. We call to you, our rescuer - provide your breath. We call to you, our satisfaction - provide your peace. We call to you, our savior - provide your grace. Amen.

Scripture Reading - Psalm 91 (NIV)

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.^[a]
I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."
Surely he will save you
from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.
He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.
A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.
If you say, "The LORD is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
"Because he^[b] loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation."

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem - *Whate'er my God Ordains is Right* - Dan Forrest

Sermon - *God's Promise of Protection*

Pastor Mike Ward

Hymn of Response No. 2196 (FWS)** - *We Walk by Faith*

*We walk by faith, an not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.*

*We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
yet in his promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound;
to call on you when you are near.
and seek where you are found:*

*That when our life of faith is done
in realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
in full and endless sight.*

*We walk by faith, an not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.*

Discipleship Moment

Offertory - *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* - Don Hustad

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.

Prayers of the People and 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. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn No.142** - If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

*If thou but suffer God to guide thee,
and hope in God through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on the rock that naught can move.*

*Only be still, and wait God's leisure
in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whate'er thy Maker's pleasure
and all-discerning love hath sent;
we know our inmost wants are known,
for we are called to be God's own.*

*Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving;
so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust God's word; though undeserving,
thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook at need
the soul that trusted God indeed.*

Benediction and Choral Response** - (Hymn No. 666)

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude - If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee - J. S. Bach



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and are given

in loving memory their children, Keith, Robert, and Terilyn, and their brothers, Morgan and Bob, by Glenn and Mary Ellen Atwood.

Liturgist: Kim Yoak

Service Music: Summer Choir

Music: One License A-731491

****Please rise as you are able. Please silence all cell phones and other electronic equipment. Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the narthex.**

CHURCH NOTES

Presence Cards: Please remember to fill out the presence card found in the pews. You may place it in the offering plates in the narthex or bring it to the front during the offertory. Prayer requests may also be written at the bottom of the card.

Summer Offering: The enclosed envelope is for our special summer offering. Summertime provides opportunity for us to do something extra like take a trip, visit out of state relatives, see a baseball game. The Church is no different. We have several "extra" ministries going on during the summer like: Vacation Bible School, Work/Mission Trip, Chess Camp, Epworth Camp, and Wesley Camp. As people give extra time for these ministries, your extra financial gift makes the summer ministries possible.

Classes Being Offered: Registration is open for the following classes in the fall:

Disciple Like Jesus Sundays from 9:30 to 10:45 am

Ministry By Strengths Sundays from 5:45 to 7 pm

Financial Peace Sundays from 4 to 6 pm

Financial Peace and Ministry by Strengths begin on Sunday, September 11. Disciple Like Jesus begins on Sunday, October 2. Childcare is available upon request at sign up for the evening classes.

Youth Activities Tonight! Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to participate in our youth group and Epworth Choir. The fun begins this evening with choir rehearsal and a family meeting at 4 pm followed by a snack supper and "messy games." There will be a meeting for Confirmation students and their families on Sunday, September 11, at 9:45. Please contact Jen McKenna at epworthyouth2@gmail.com for more information.

Family Promise: Glendora House Food Bank needs our help each and every month. We are committed to send peanut butter, jelly of all flavors, ramen noodles (not in cups) and Velveeta Shells and Cheese (not in cups) and our cupboards are getting bare. If you are able to help, please put your donations in the Family Promise bin by the church library. Glendora House holds up to 46 people max (10 families) so the need is great.

Habitat for Humanity: First Church will again participate in building a home with Habitat for Humanity of Summit County. The home will be built in Cuyahoga Falls on Germaine St. We are able to have 7 volunteers on each of our volunteer dates which are: September 7, October 8, November 5, and December 17. Habitat requires that all volunteers be 18 to be at a job site. If you are interested in participating in this mission, please contact Kim Kerr at 330-606-7736 or email her at kdk3rr@gmail.com with your name, phone number, email address and t-shirt size.

Women's Bible Study: We're back! All the ladies of the church and the community are invited to join us for a six week Bible Study beginning the first week of October. There are two opportunities for the same study: Tuesdays from 7 - 9 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - noon. This session will be "The Christ-Centered Woman - Finding Balance in a World of Extremes", which is based on Ephesians 3. The cost of the book is \$18. Please call Kathy Kuzas at Ext. 212 to register. The deadline is Monday, September 13.

Men's Time Out: All the men of the church and the community are invited to attend Men's Time Out on Saturday, September 3, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in Asbury Hall. It's a time of fellowship, discussion, breakfast and is a wonderful way to connect with other men of the church.

Volunteers Needed: As we plan for Rally Day on September 11, we are compiling our list of helpers and find we still need some in every program. Several of our teachers need helpers; as does our Preschool and Kindergarten group. We are looking for leaders for the Wesley Youth Group, the Wesley outings and a couple of the ROCK activities. If you can give an hour or two once or twice a month, we have a place where you can use your talents to help our children. Contact Donna Curfman at dcurfmanfallsumc@gmail.com if you are willing to help.

Heart4theCity: Can you help our United Methodist local mission church again? You have been very generous in the past and we thank you for all your donations for Heart4theCity. This drive is to bring in new, packaged under garments for children thru adults. We will keep this collection going thru August. The collection bin is located near the church office, next to the library. Drop off anytime. Thanks!

Bible Sunday, September 11: We will be celebrating a milestone for our second grade disciples as they receive Bibles at the 11 am service on September 11. If your child would like to receive a Bible, please contact the church no later than August 30.

Financial Report:

| | July | Year to date |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | <u>Income</u> | <u>Income</u> |
| Actual | \$65,760 | \$480,614 |
| Budget | \$49,310 | \$482,208 |
| Over/(Under) | \$16,450 | (\$1,594) |

NEXT STEPS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

WHAT IS A REFUGE, WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO ME?

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE MAKE THE LORD OUR REFUGE?

WHY WILL THE LORD RESCUE US?

WHAT DOES GOD PROMISE WHEN WE "CALL" ON HIM?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

WHAT DOES "YOU WILL TREAD ON THE LION AND THE COBRA" MEAN TO YOU?

IF I DO THE WRONG THINGS I AM PUNISHED, IF I DO THE RIGHT THINGS, I AM REWARDED, ARE THERE LIMITS TO

THIS CONCEPT IN MY OWN LIFE?

THIS PSALM GUARANTEES THAT WE WILL BE SAVED, BUT IT DOES NOT MENTION WHILE WE LIVE ON EARTH.

ARE THERE THINGS I SHOULD BE DOING TO SOLIDIFY MY SALVATION THAT I AM NOT CURRENTLY DOING?

MEMORY VERSE:

PSALM 91:4 (NIV)

HE WILL COVER YOU WITH HIS FEATHERS, AND UNDER HIS WINGS YOU WILL FIND REFUGE; HIS FAITHFULNESS WILL

BE YOUR SHIELD AND RAMPART.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

PSALM 139: 1-6, 13-18 JEREMIAH 18: 1-11 PHILEMON 1: 1-21

LUKE 14: 25-33

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MINISTERS & STAFF:

FORREST WALLER

HOSPITALIZED:

MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

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| SCOTT ADIE | DON CORBETT | MARCIA LIIKALA |
| BOB AHONEN | TOM CULLY | JEANETTE MURRAY |
| DEBBIE AMUNDSEN | JEAN FINNEGAN | PAT PARK |
| SHIRLEY ASHER | DAVE GOHR | DAVID POTTER |
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| JIM BAILEY | JOHN GULLION | MARY & KEN TUNSTALL |
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| BEHRMAN FAMILY | JIM HENES | PEG YEAGER |
| LARRY BRIMLOW | DORIS KUZAS | |

DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

Jim & Elizabeth Bailey on the death of his daughter and her sister, member Christine Shambaugh on 8/22.

Robbie Robinson & family on the death of his wife, member Lou on 8/18.