

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 2, 2022

8:30 a.m.

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and everywhere that we can be,
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Doxology**

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Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Communion – (Hymnal page 17; Musical setting A)

... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.

Amen.

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*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
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*And thus with joy we meet our Lord;
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I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

God's Word for Young Disciples

(Those in grades K-4 may be excused for Children's worship during the 11:00 service. They may be picked up in Asbury Hall.)

Anthem

8:30 - *Gentle Voice* - Lee Dengler

Far above the noise of life, There's a voice that is gently calling.

"Leave behind your cares and strife.

Come to me, I will give you rest.

Bring your fear, and bring your pain.

Bring your anger, and bring your worry."

Do you hear the voice of Jesus

gently calling, "Come unto me."

Gentle voice, so meek and mild,

Gentle words of understanding.

"You are my beloved child.

Come to me, I will give you rest.

Bring your grief, and bring your cares.

Bring you heartaches, and bring your sorrow."

Do you hear the voice of Jesus

Gently calling, "Come unto me"?

Gentle voice so full of love,

Gentle words so rich in mercy.

"You are my beloved child.

Come to me. I will give you rest."

11:00 - *The Upper Room* - Don Besig

There in a quiet upper room they gathered once again. The Master stood among the twelve, he called his closest friends. "Soon I must leave you," said the Lord. "My Father will call me from this place. Although you may not understand, my life is in his hands, I must obey." They sat in the silence, tears in their eyes. He spoke once again to ease their minds: "Be not afraid. Do not despair. When you need me I will always be there." "Come sit beside me," said the Lord.

"For here at this table we are one. Come share this simple meal with me, and show that you believe I am God's Son. This bread is my body broken for you. This cup is my blood which is shed for you. Take, now and eat, take, now and drink. Do this always in remembrance of me."

"Walk in my footsteps said the Lord. Be steadfast in everything you do, and keep me always in your heart, thought we maybe apart, I am with you."

Scripture Reading

Luke 17:5-10 (New Testament page 80/75)

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" '

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Joy Fenton-Jones

RESPONSE

The people of God respond to the Word

Discipleship Moment

Offertory - *Match on the Old Hundredth Psalm Tune* -Brenda Portman

Please fill out the presence card found in the pews and place it in the offering plates in the narthex or bring it to the front during the offertory.

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/The Lord's Prayer

Father Brian Bechtel

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.

Communion – (Hymnal page 17; Musical setting A)

... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.

Amen.

SENDING FORTH

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

Closing Hymn No. 617 - I Come with Joy**

*I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free;
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends;
the love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.*

*And thus with joy we meet our Lord;
his presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see and praise him here.*

*Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways;
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.*

Benediction and Choral Response - (Hymn No. 668)

Let us now depart in thy peace blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee.

Postlude -*And Again I Say, Rejoice* - Brenda Portman



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

in memory of her father Paul B. Margolf by Sue & Gary Poling

Music: 8:30 Epworth Choir; Marian Goss, violin; 11:00 Combined Choirs

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

Today the congregations of First United Methodist, First Christian, St. John's Episcopal, and True Worship Nepali Churches join together to celebrate World Communion Sunday.

Fall Hiking Spree: This week's hike will be at Firestone Park on the Redwing Trail (1.1 miles.) We will meet at 2:00 pm for a quick devotion. In case of bad weather, hikers can complete that hike on their own. Please visit the Summit County Metroparks website to download this year's form and the list of park addresses.

It's S'October! The Acts of Grace Circle is collecting socks during the month of October for the men and women at Haven of Rest/Harvest Home. Please bring in new socks and place them in the basket located outside the church library. Thank you!

Shirt Sale is to Benefit Missions: Here's a fun way to help the Mission Committee give more to our local missions. We are selling shirts with our church name and logo. You order and pay through Bonfire. They will send you the shirt(s). We have two links with the Bonfire Company:

1. A simple design with church name only on the front of whatever type shirt you'd like - we even have a hoodie. Shirt with front only (smaller font): <https://www.bonfire.com/fumcs-mission-committee-fundraiser/>
2. Shirt with church name front and back: "I go to a great church" on back also available in different colors and styles. Shirt with front and back (larger font): <https://www.bonfire.com/fumcs-mission-committee-fundraiser-1-1/>

VIM Speaker: Do you know about the Volunteer in Mission program? You can take a mission trip in the US or around the world. On Wednesday, October 12, at 10:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall, Elizabeth Feldman, Dean of Mission U for UWF/UMW and past District President, will speak about VIM. She's been to Africa 3 times and several places in the US as a volunteer. All are welcome to attend. Questions? Call Sue Boltz 330-928-8635.

Blessing Box: Our blessing box has been blessing many people as of late, and our inventory of items on hand is dwindling quickly. If you are able, please consider donating the following items: ramen noodles, flavored rice/noodle packets, granola bars, canned soup/vegetables/fruit, spaghetti o's/ravioli, canned tuna/meats, individual oatmeal packets, individual serving cereals, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, shampoo. Donations may be left on the table outside the church library, or you may be the hands of Jesus by placing the items directly in the blessing box. Thank you!

UMW/UWF Book Sale Returns! Mark your calendars for the Fall used Book Sale on November 4 & 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. "Fire Sale" will be on November 6. your donations of used books October 31 thru November 3. return to buy some on Friday and Saturday. will appreciate adult and children's books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, and games. No magazines, text books, or encyclopedias.

Holy Land Trip January 30-February 7, 2023: Come with us to the Holy Land early next year as we walk where Jesus walked. The trip is focused on Jesus' pathway as we visit many sites that are significant to his ministry. We are needing to finalize our group by the end of October. The price was locked in early this year, before prices began to rise to rapidly so if you have always dreamed of following Jesus' footsteps, this may be just the trip for you. Please call Pastor Karol if you would like to join us for this trip which will impact your faith for the rest of your life.

We are still in need of help with the Sunday morning Crib Room and Preschool classes. Anyone who can give an hour a month would be greatly appreciated! Contact Donna Curfman.

Next Steps

Questions for Reflection

What are some small seeds of hope in your life? In your community?
What are you doing to nurture those seeds?
Is there a place God might be calling you to step up or step out in hope?

Questions for Discussion

What forces around us distract us or disrupt our sense of hope?
Where have you found hope in community that you might not experience on your own?

Memory Verse

Luke 17:6b – If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea,” and it would obey you.

Readings for the Week

Lamentations 1:1-6

Psalm 37:1-9

This passage from Lamentations captures a moment in the life of the Israelites when hope seemed lost. Take some time to meditate on this passage and consider circumstances in the present day that feel impossible or hopeless. Now read Psalm 37. What encouragements does it offer for difficult circumstances? Where do you see glimmers of God’s hope in those very circumstances you identified as impossible or hopeless?

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