

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Prelude - Chorale-Prelude on the tune St. Peter - Harold Darke
(How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds)

Call to Worship

The Lord has chosen what feast is acceptable

to loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry

Your light shall break forth like the dawn

and your healing shall spring up quickly

Opening Hymn No. 559 - Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

*Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today!
With thy faithful loving-kindness
hear thy people as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.*

*Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.*

*Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.*

Invocation

O holy and merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves the yoke of obedience, nor been willing to seek and to do your perfect will. We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, neither have we loved our

neighbors as ourselves. You have called us in the need of our sisters and brothers, and we have passed unheeding on our way. In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ, and have grieved your Holy Spirit.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31 (New Testament page 79/75)

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 - *Cantar* - Jay Althouse

11:00 - *Lord, Listen to your Children Praying* - Ken Medema

Sermon - *Lazarus and the Compassionate Dogs*

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The people of God respond to the Word

Hymn No. 561** - *Jesus, United by Thy Grace*

*Jesus, united by thy grace
and each to each endeared,
with confidence we seek thy face
and know our prayer is heard.*

*Help us to help each other, Lord,
each other's cross to bear;
let all their friendly aid afford,
and feel each other's care.*

*Up unto thee, our living Head,
let us in all things grow;
till thou hast made us free indeed
and spotless here below.*

*Touched by the lodestone of thy love,
let all our hearts agree,
and ever toward each other move,
and ever move toward thee.*

*To thee, inseparably joined,
let all our spirits cleave;
O may we all the loving mind*

that was in thee receive.

*This is the bond of perfectness,
thy spotless charity;
O let us, still we pray, possess
the mind that was in thee.*

Discipleship Moment

Offertory - *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* - James Pethel

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

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. 568 - Christ for the World We Sing**

*Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sinsick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.*

*Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost,
from dark despair.*

*Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,*

*with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.*

*Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with joyful song;
the newborn souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.*

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 -Prelude in D minor - Bach



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

in memory of son, Matthew Kerr by Wade and Kim Kerr;

in memory of grandson, Matthew Kerr by Fred and Janet Dodson.

Liturgists: 8:30 Kennedie Ward; 11:00 Meghan Koch

Music: 8:30 Epworth Choir; 11:00 Chancel Choir; Kim Yoak. soloist

Music: One License A-731491

****Please rise as you are able.**

Church Poll: Over the next two weeks, we are asking as many folks as possible to participate in a one question poll about the future of the United Methodist Church and marriage and inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons. As a large congregation, we have many differing perspectives on these matters. The poll is intended to help clarify how each of us handles being a part of a church when we disagree. I think one of the great strengths of our congregation is that we recognize that the mission of Jesus transcends some of our disagreements. However, I might be wrong and want to make sure where you all stand. After worship today and next week (in-person) we will show a brief video explanation of the poll, then conduct the one question poll. It should take you about 15 minutes or less.

Disciple Like Jesus Class: Our next 6 week Disciple Like Jesus class will start on Sunday, October 2 at 9:30 am. Many in our church have already participated in the study and have really enjoyed the practical implications and help for growing as disciples. Please contact the church office or Pastor Karol to sign up, so we can send you the pdf of the book and other materials you will need for the class. You may also sign up at the Welcome Center. The book can be purchased for \$20. Let us know if you want a hard copy of the book by Sunday, September 24. If you have thought or are thinking about joining our church at some time, this is a great place to start as this is one of the two classes on our membership pathway. Questions? Contact Karol at fallsfirstkarol@gmail.com.

UWF/UMW: 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, @ 10:30am 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!

Acme Receipts: It's time to start saving your Acme receipts again for their Community Cash Back program. Buy store brands and save the receipts dated August 4 through December 24. The church receives 5% on qualifying products. The money is used to fund the projects done at Work Camp. Receipts may be turned in to the Spiritual Formation office.

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. The sale will take place in Wesley Hall.

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). Click the blue links for details.

We have two links with the Bonfire Company:

One is for 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): [FUMC's Mission Committee Fundraiser | Bonfire](#)

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): [FUMC's Mission Committee Fundraiser | Bonfire](#)

Fall Hiking Spree: It is time for some fellowship, fitness, and faith, so be sure to add these dates to your calendars. Pastor Mike will be participating in the Summit County Metroparks Fall Hiking Spree again this year. 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. The order of hikes and the dates will be:

DATE	TRAIL	PARK	MILES
9/25	Overlook Trail	Cascade Valley	0.5
10/2	Redwing Trail	Firestone Park	1.1
10/9	Pheasant Run Trail	Silver Creek Park	1.2
10/16	Coyote Run Trail	Liberty Park	1.2
10/23	Rock Creek Trail	Furnace Run Park	1.3
10/30	Prairie Trail	Springfield Bog Park	1.6
11/6	Celebration Trail	Cascade Valley	1.6
11/13	Glens Trail	Gorge Metro Park	1.8

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

FATAL ERRORS

WAS THE RICH MAN'S MISTAKE ISN'T BEING TOO RICH?

VS. 24 – DOES THE RICH MAN THINK LAZARUS IS HIS SERVANT?

LUKE 16:9 – HAS HE USED ANY OF HIS WEALTH TO MAKE FRIENDS?

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

VSS. 19-20 – RICH MAN WEARS LINENS, LAZARUS IS COVERED IN SORES

VS. 20 – LAZARUS IS THE ONLY NAMED PERSON IN THE PARABLES

VS. 21 – JESUS CONTRASTS THE RICH MAN NOT WITH LAZARUS BUT THE DOGS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION: IN DEUTERONOMY 24:19, GOD'S PEOPLE WERE INSTRUCTED TO LEAVE SOME OF THEIR HARVESTS IN THE FIELD FOR WIDOWS, ORPHANS, AND IMMIGRANTS IN THEIR LAND. THIS ALLOWED THOSE WHO WENT WITHOUT FOOD TO GLEAN FROM THE FIELDS, AS RUTH DOES FROM BOAZ'S FIELDS IN THE BOOK OF RUTH.

THIS PRACTICE IS OFTEN CITED AS AN INSTRUCTION AGAINST GLUTTONY – THE SIN OF CONSUMING MORE THAN WE NEED. IF THEY HAD EATEN ALL OF WHAT GREW IN THEIR FIELDS, THE WIDOWS AND OTHERS WOULD HAVE GONE WITHOUT. WHAT IF YOU BOUGHT A LITTLE EXTRA FOOD EACH WEEK TO DONATE TO THE LOCAL FOOD BANK? WHAT OTHER WAYS COULD YOU PRACTICE THIS ACT OF COMPASSION TO COMBAT GLUTTONY TODAY?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION: OF ALL THE CHARACTERS IN JESUS'S PARABLES, THE ONLY ONE TO WHOM JESUS GIVES A NAME IS LAZARUS. THIS NAME IS THE GREEK FORM OF THE HEBREW NAME, ELEAZAR, WHICH MEANS, "GOD HAS HELPED." (JESUS LATER RAISES HIS FRIEND, LAZARUS, FROM THE DEAD. SAME NAME, DIFFERENT PERSON.)

THE SOWER, THE RICH MAN, THE WOMAN WHO LOST A COIN, EVEN THE FATHER AND PRODIGAL SON ARE ALL UNNAMED IN JESUS'S PARABLES. WHAT DO YOU THINK JESUS WAS TRYING TO TELL US BY GIVING ONLY THIS POOR, SICK MAN WHO WAS "CAST OFF" AT THE RICH MAN'S GATES A NAME TO BE REMEMBERED?

MEMORY VERSE: LUKE 16:9A – "AND I TELL YOU, MAKE FRIENDS FOR YOURSELVES BY MEANS OF DISHONEST WEALTH."

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK: LUKE 17:5-10, HABAKKUK 2:1-4, DEUTERONOMY 24:17-21

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SEPTEMBER 25, 2022**



MINISTERS & STAFF:

FORREST WALLER

HOSPITALIZED:

LARRY BEHRMAN – AKRON GENERAL

MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

SCOTT ADIE	SALLY BROWN	JIM HENES
DEBBIE AMUNDSEN	DON CORBETT	MARCIA LIKALA
SHIRLEY ASHER	TOM CULLY	BONNIE & JERRY NINE
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ALICE BECHER	ROSE GREGORY	KATHI SAWYER
BEHRMAN FAMILY	MARY GRIEST	MARY & KEN TUNSTALL
LARRY BRIMLOW	JOHN GULLION	MARILYN WALLER
	JOYCE HABERKOST	PEG YEAGER

DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

Dave and Rosealie Goshen on the death of their son, member Nick Goshen on 9/6.

Patsy Purdon and family on death of her son, member Jim Purdon Jr. on 8/27.