

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022

9:30 a.m.

*Prelude* - Fanfare on "Azmon" - Alec Wyton

### ***Call to Worship***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### ***Invocation***

**It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.**

**And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### ***Opening Hymn No. 57\*\* - O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your savior come,  
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know,  
shall feel your sins forgiven;  
anticipate your heaven below,  
and own that love is heaven.

**Scripture Reading** -Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.  
O LORD, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.  
My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.  
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.

## **PROCLAMATION**

*The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages*

### ***God's Word for Young Disciples***

***Anthem*** - *One Bread, One Body* - Jack Schrader

### ***Apostles' Creed\*\****

**We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### ***Gloria Patri (Hymnal No. 70)***

***Sermon*** - *Knowing God*

Pastor Mike Ward

### ***Discipleship Moment***

***Offertory*** - *Search Me, O God* - 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.**

### ***Communion***

### **Invitation**

... 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, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING FORTH**

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

### **Closing Hymn No. 714\*\* - I Know Whom I Have Believed**

*I know not why God's wondrous grace  
to me he hath made known,  
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love  
redeemed me for his own.*

*Refrain:*

*But I know whom I have believed,  
and am persuaded that he is able  
to keep that which I've committed  
unto him against that day.*

*I know not how this saving faith  
to me he did impart,  
nor how believing in his word  
wrought peace within my heart.  
(Refrain)*

*I know not how the Spirit moves,  
convincing us of sin,  
revealing Jesus through the word,  
creating faith in him.  
(Refrain)*

*I know not when my Lord may come,  
at night or noontide fair,  
nor if I walk the vale with him,  
or meet him in the air.  
(Refrain)*

### **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 - Fugue in E Major - J.S. Bach*



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

In honor of Fred and Janet Dodson on their 65th anniversary by their children;  
In memory of wife Bette and daughter Donna McPherson, by Jack Goudie.

**Liturgist:** Keith Walker

**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.

**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.

**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: 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](mailto: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.

**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 11:00 a.m. service on September 11. If your child would like to receive a Bible, please contact the church no later than August 30.

**Rally Day Children’s Schedule:** On Sunday, September 11, we will start the regular activities for the year. The schedule for children that day is:

Worship	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 to 10:45 a.m. (Children in K-6 will meet in Asbury Hall for a special kick-off. Parents will meet briefly at 10:00.)
Children’s Worship	During 11:00 a.m. worship. Grades K-4 will leave following “God’s Word for Young Disciples.)
Children’s Choirs/Bells	4:00 to 5:00 p.m. (Parent meeting at 4:00 in the chapel.)
ROCK	5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Preschool through 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
Wesley Youth Group	5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Grades 4, 5 and 6.

**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:

HOW POWERFUL AND KNOWING IS GOD, WE PALE IN COMPARISON, IS THERE ANYTHING OTHER THAN OUR THANKS THAT WE CAN OFFER HIM?

DO WE ONLY PRAISE GOD WHEN WE GET WHAT WE WANT, OR DO WE PRAISE HIM IN BAD TIMES AS WELL AS GOOD TIMES?

WE TEND TO THINK A LOT OF OURSELVES. THINK ABOUT HOW SMALL WE ARE IN RELATION TO THE VASTNESS OF GOD'S CREATION IN TOTAL.

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

HOW CAN GOD HEAR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS FROM SO MANY PEOPLE ALL AT ONCE?

IF ALL OF OUR DAYS ARE ORDAINED, WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE TO YOU? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO YOU?

HOW DOES FREE WILL FIT INTO OUR DAYS BEING ORDAINED?

IF EVERYTHING GOD TOUCHES IS WONDROUSLY MADE, AND IS AN INTRICATE PART OF HIS CREATION, WHY IS IT THAT WE ARE STILL DISCOVERING NEW PARTS OF HIS CREATION EVEN TODAY? WHY WOULD HE LEAVE THINGS HIDDEN FROM OUR EYES INSTEAD OF ALLOWING US TO ENJOY THOSE THINGS?

### MEMORY VERSE:

139:14 I PRAISE YOU, FOR I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE. WONDERFUL ARE YOUR WORKS; THAT I KNOW VERY WELL.

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

LUKE 15: 1-10 JEREMIAH 18: 1-11 PHILEMON 1: 1-15 LUKE 14: 25-33

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH –  
PRAYER BULLETIN  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022**



**MINISTERS & STAFF:**

FORREST WALLER

**HOSPITALIZED:**

LARRY BEHRMAN – AKRON GENERAL

**MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:**

SCOTT ADIE BOB AHONEN DEBBIE AMUNDSEN SHIRLEY ASHER MARY ELLEN ATWOOD JIM BAILEY ALICE BECHER BEHRMAN FAMILY LARRY BRIMLOW	DON CORBETT TOM CULLY JEAN FINNEGAN DAVE GOHR ROSE GREGORY JOHN GULLION JOYCE HABERKOST JIM HENES DORIS KUZAS	MARCIA LIKALA JEANETTE MURRAY PAT PARK DAVID POTTER KATHI SAWYER MARY & KEN TUNSTALL MARILYN WALLER PEG YEAGER
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**DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:**

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

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.



