

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

in memory of DeWitt Asher by Shirley Asher.

Service Music—Summer Choir

Anthem Lyrics—*Grace Alone* —Tom Fettke

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,

Every difference we can make is only by His grace.

Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,

Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

CHORUS:

Grace alone, which God supplies;

Strength unknown He will provide;

Christ in us, our cornerstone –

We will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,

Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.

Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,

Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.

Clergy & Staff

Jon Priebe, Lead Minister

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Sunday Worship Service and Live-streaming at 9:30 am.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

August 18, 2024

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude —Meditation on "Jesus" —H. Dean Wagner

Call to Worship

Come, give thanks to the Lord with all your heart and soul!

We come, rejoicing over God's many blessings poured out on us!

God's works are great!

With gratefulness, we shall praise and honor God all our lives. AMEN.

Opening Hymn 189** —*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Invocation

Lord of life and hope, we gather this day seeking nourishment for our souls and healing for our spirits. Give to us your living bread, that having been nourished in soul and spirit, we may be witnesses to your transforming love. Through the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

PROCLAMATION

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

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem —*Grace Alone*—Tom Fettke

Scripture Reading — 2 Samuel 11:6-17

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

Sermon — "Uriah the Hittite"

Pastor Howard Pippin

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 175** —*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

Offertory—*I Need Thee Every Hour* – Jason Payne

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.

Prayer 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 other and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn 172** —*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Benediction and Choral Response — (Hymn 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 —*Postlude on "Coronation"*—Jason D. Payne

**please stand as you are able

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 189, Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.
4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 175, Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

1. Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.
2. O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!
3. But what to those who find? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is,
none but his loved ones know.
4. Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now,
and through eternity.

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn 172, My Jesus, I Love Thee

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
3. In mansions of glory and endless delight;
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

CHURCH NOTES

Help Needed for Fall: Can you help with infants-age 3? We need volunteers for childcare during the Sunday School hour beginning in September. Contact Donna Curfman for more information! Sue Boltz is looking for a team teacher for the High School/Post class this fall. Contact Sue 330-928-8635 if you can help.

“Daughters In Christ” Tea: Our own Betsy Booth will share the story, *Who Sang the First Song?* at the “Daughters In Christ” Tea, **Saturday, September 14, from 2-4pm, here at First UMC.** We will share in fellowship, activities for ages 4 and up, tea and goodies. Feel free to invite others. Wear tea party attire if you wish! A love offering will be taken to cover expenses, but you need to register by filling out the online form or contacting Valerie Riedthaler 330-620-9132 or Sue Boltz 330-928-8635. **The deadline to register is August 31.**



Rally Sunday is September 8! Can you believe it's *Rally Day* in two weeks?! This will mark our return to regular worship hours at 8:30am and 10:45am with Sunday School in-between. We'll bless backpacks and present bibles at the 10:45am worship service (if you have a 2nd grade+ student who hasn't received a bible yet please contact Donna Curfman). There will be a celebration potluck at noon. Please bring a dish to share.

HELP Fund & First Church Feeds: With food prices on the rise we have seen an increase in requests for food cards and groceries. If you're able to help with monetary donations, please mark your check or envelope so it goes to the correct account. Thank you for your consideration.

Make Room for More Blessings! Summer Offering: Don't forget to invest in your church this summer! We want to make sure we're prepared to begin our fall programming. Thank you always for your faithful giving.

R.O.C.K. Begins September 11!

Bells rehearsal will start at 4:30 p.m.

Bethlehem and Wesley Choir rehearsals will start at 5:00 p.m.

ROCK activities will run from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

(Note: Children will be served a small snack, but there will be no dinner served.)

Activities will include a Bible Story and activities, Crafts, Missions, Knitting, Science and more, TBA. These will vary each week. The complete schedule and special events will be available at the *Parent Meeting* on the first night – September 11 @6:00 p.m.

Church Square Picnic: On Sunday, Sept. 15, please join our friends on the Church Square for a picnic at noon in our adjoining lawns behind the churches! Food arrangements of behalf of UMC have already been made; just bring yourself, your family and friends. Donations will be accepted for Christmas décor for the Church Square.

Women's Bible Study: This fall, the women's Bible study will begin "All Things New," by Kelly Minter. In this eight week study, we will explore 2nd Corinthians. There are two options – Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm and Wednesday mornings at 10am. Classes will begin on October 1 and 2 and the cost of the book will be \$20. Please register by calling the church office at 330-923-5241 or email Kathy Kuzas at kuzmom@att.net.

UWIF Book Sale for Missions: Please start gathering, sorting, and saving your book donations for the sale in October. More info forthcoming.

PRAYER REQUESTS

HOSPITALIZED:

Kelly Toppin – Akron General

Cathy Poremba—Hillcrest

MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Scott Adie	Bob Ahonen
JoAnn Ames	Debbie Amundsen
Mary Ellen Atwood	Dorothy Bates
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Jim Evans
Mary Griest	Jim Henes
Dwight Konic	Kristopher Lewis
Delphia Lowe	Lee Minier
Becky Petty	Sandi Robinson
Kathi Sawyer	Griffin Tausch
Karen & Michael Taucher	
Ken Tunstall	Rose Ann Youngkin

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

Family (Lee & Mayson Bibler) of member Shirley Asher on her death on 8/14.

Dudley (Lori) Turner on the death of his mother, member Donna Turner on 8/15.