

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

Service Music—Chancel Choir

Anthem Lyrics—*Fairest Lord Jesus*—Derek Hakes

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.
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.
Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels heav'n can boast.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine. Amen.

Music: One License A-731491

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Sunday Worship Service and Live-streaming at 10:45 am.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:45 am

September 8, 2024

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude—*Variations on Beach Spring*—Alfred Fedak

Introit—*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*—Ralph Vaughan Williams

Call to Worship

Sing praises to God, O you saints!

We exalt you, O God!

Give thanks to God's holy name!

For you have restored us to life!

Opening Hymn 126** —*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Invocation

O God, our Guide and Guardian, you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house. Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth, to the comfort of our souls and the building up of every good purpose and holy desire. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, that we may not fear the coming of night, when we shall resign into your hands the tasks which you have committed to us. So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading—Psalm 23

Gloria Patri—*Glory Be to the Father* (Hymnal p. 70)

God's Word for Young Disciples—Blessing of the Backpacks (see insert)

Anthem—*Fairest Lord Jesus*—Derek Hakes

Scripture Reading—Mark 6:30-34

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

Sermon—“*Thrive: Slowing Down in a Hurry-Up World*”

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 472** —*Near to the Heart of God*

Offertory—*Rock of Ages*—Diane Bish

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 others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn 2128 FWS** —*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

Benediction—*Let Us Share God's Love*—Stan Pethel

Postlude —*Voluntary in C* —Henry Purcell

**Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 126, Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.
2. The Lord is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.
3. Thus all my toilsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.
4. Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 472, Near to the Heart of God

1. There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God;
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee
near to the heart of God.

2. There is a place of comfort sweet,
near to the heart of God;
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God.

(Refrain)

3. There is place a place of full release,
near to the heart of God;
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God.

(Refrain)

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

FWS 2128, Come and Find the Quiet Center

Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

BENEDICTION & RESPONSE

Let Us Share God's Love - Stan Pethel



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Students, teachers, school administrators, janitors, cafeteria workers, maintenance workers, and coaches, we know that during this school year you will have highs and lows, victories and failures, joys and sorrows, and everything in between.

When you start each day...

Remember God's got you and you've got this.

When you face each challenging moment...

Remember God's got you and you've got this.

When you are rushing to complete an assignment...

Remember God's got you and you've got this.

When you are working hard on a test...

Remember God's got you and you've got this.

When you celebrate your accomplishments...

Remember God's got you and you've got this.

When you experience joy, peace, and hope...

Remember God's got you and you've got this.

When you learn something new, overcome an obstacle,

or get your personal best...

Remember God's got you and you've got this.

CHURCH NOTES

Join us for a potluck after the 10:45am service TODAY in Wesley Hall.

Epworth Youth: for youth in grades 7-12, will meet this evening @4:00pm.

Cruise-In Fundraiser for Church Square: Join our friends from the *Church Square* each Monday evening for a BBQ fundraiser at the *Cruise-In!* The *Cruise-In* is a weekly community car show with music, raffles, food, & fun! We are operating a concession booth offering burgers, hotdogs, and snacks to raise funds for the Christmas décor project for the *Church Square*. We are looking for volunteers for two shifts 2:30-4:30, 4:30-8:00pm. Please contact Donna Stockman at 330-836-8500 with questions. Use the QR code to sign up.



R.O.C.K. Begins September 11! (ages preschool-6th grade)

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

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

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

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: NEXT SUNDAY, September 15. Please join our friends in the *Church Square* green space for a picnic after worship. Food arrangements on behalf of UMC have already been made; just bring yourself, your family and friends. Donations will be accepted for the Christmas décor for the *Church Square*.

Addicted to Busy

vs. 30 - why didn't Jesus capitalize on their successes?

vs. 31 - they were so busy they were skipping meals

Casualties of Hurry (Dr. Kirk Byron Jones)

1. we no longer _____

2. we no longer _____

3. we no longer _____

4. we no longer _____ fully

Jeremiah 17:21 – for the sake of our _____, God _____ for us to _____

Questions for Reflection: Psalm 46:10 says, “Be still and know that I am God.” Review your 2024 personal or family calendar. How much time are you setting aside for stillness, rest, and renewal with God? How can you be more intentional about being still and focused on God?

Question for Discussion: What life-giving and renewing Spiritual practices do you use? Do you mix them up or stick to the same routines for rest and relaxation?

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 17:21 – “Thus says the Lord: For the sake of your lives, take care that you do not bear a burden on the sabbath day”

Readings for this Week: Exodus 20:1-11, Psalm 63, Luke 8:22-25

PRAYER REQUESTS

Scott Adie	Delphia Lowe
Bob Ahonen	Delores Marefka
Joanne Ames	Lee Minier
Debbie Amundsen	Becky Petty
Mary Ellen Atwood	Sandi Robinson
Dorothy Bates	Kathi Sawyer
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Kelly Toppin
Sally Brown	Ken Tunstall
Jim Evans	Rose Ann Youngkin
Mary Griest	
Jim Henes	
Jeff Iula	
Dwight Konic	
Kristopher Lewis	

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

The family of member, Cathy Poremba, who passed away on Sept. 3