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

in memory of her parents Charles and Juanita Peel by Donna Curfman in memory of loved ones by Nancy Green

Anthem Lyrics—I Go to the Rock –Mary McDonald

Given in loving memory of Mary and Kenny Tunstall

Where do I go, when there's no one else to turn to? Who do I talk to, when nobody wants to listen?

Who do I lean on, when there's no foundation stable? I go to the Rock, I know that's able,

I go to the Rock. I go to the Rock for my salvation, To the stone that the builders rejected, I run to
the Mountain and the Mountain stands by me; The earth all around me is sinking sand, On Christ,
the Solid Rock, I stand, When I need a shelter, when I need a friend, I go to the Rock.

Where do I hide, 'til the storms have all passed over? Where do I run when the winds of sorrow threaten? Is there a refuge, my Lord, in times of tribulation? When my soul needs consolation, I go to the Rock. On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand. The earth all around me is sinking sand, On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand, When I need a shelter, when I need a friend, I go to the Rock.

Offertory Lyrics—How Firm a Foundation (Hymnal p. 529)

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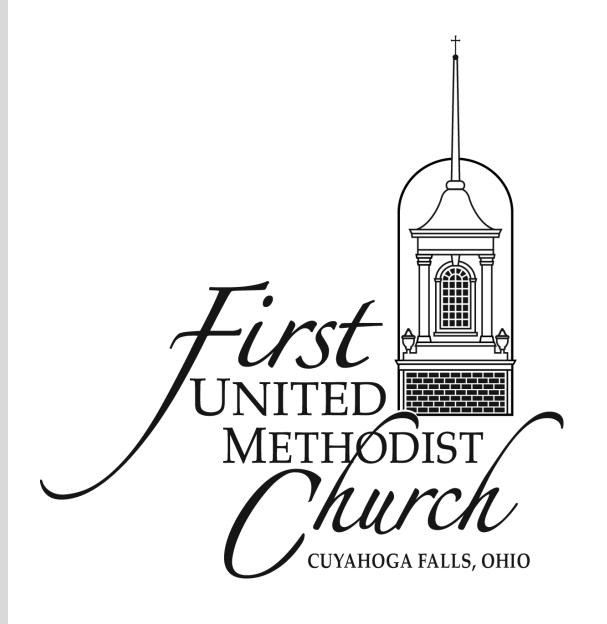
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Sunday Worship Service and Live-streaming at 10:45 am.

10:45 am

October 20, 2024

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude—Trumpet Tune in A Major—David N. Johnson

Introit—Hear the Glad Sound—Ruth Schram

Call to Worship

Fear the Lord and serve God with all faithfulness.

We will serve the Lord only.

Throw out those idols from the past that still seek to control you!

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

Opening Hymn 368** —My Hope Is Built

Invocation

God of grace and glory, we thank you that you do not judge us by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. As we gather to worship you today, enable us to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading—Psalm 85:8-13

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

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem—I Go to the Rock—Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading—Genesis 37:12-20

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

Sermon— "Thrive: Thriving in the Midst of Difficulty"

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 534** —Be Still by Soul

Discipleship Moment

Offertory—How Firm a Foundation—Paul Koch

Epworth Choir

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 337**—It Is well with My Soul

Benediction—Sevenfold Benediction—K. Lee Scott

Postlude — Litanies — Jehan Alain

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #368, My Hope Is Built

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

- When Darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)
- 3. His oath, his covenant, his blood supports me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)
- 4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! (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.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn #534, Be Still My Soul

- Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
 leave to your God to order and provide;
 in every change God faithful will remain.
 Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
 to guide the future, as in ages past.
 Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
 all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.
- 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #377, It Is Well with My Soul

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

- Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)
- 3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)
- 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

CHURCH NOTES 10-20-24

UWIF Book Sale for Missions: Book Sale donations will be accepted beginning October 21-24. The sale will run Friday and Saturday, October 25, 26, from 9am-3pm in Wesley Hall. Cash and checks will be accepted.

All Hallows Eve: Our annual children's All Hallows Eve Celebration will be Sunday, October 27, 5:30-7:00pm (through grade 6). Children are encouraged to wear a non-violent costumes. Please RSVP via the sign-ups in the Welcome Center or office.

Epworth Choir: is taking orders for their annual "holiday greens" sale to support their 2025 tour. See an Epworth Choir member to order. Delivery will be between December 2-3.

Panda Express Fundraiser: Missions is raising funds for the Henderson Settlement work trip this summer through a dine-to-donate event at Panda Express on Monday, November 4 from 10:00am-9:30pm. You can use code 381221 in the app, or there will be flyers at the Welcome Center and weekly email closer to the event. This event is dine-in or carry-out.

Poinsettia Orders: We are starting to take orders for Poinsettia's to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. This year the cost is \$10 per plant. Orders are due to the church office by November 11. A list of donors, and those honored or memorialized will be printed the bulletin on Christmas Eve. Please make checks out to First United Methodist Church with poinsettia in the memo.

Poinsettia Order Form 2024				
Orders are due by November 11, the cost is \$10 per plant				
Name:				
Phone: ()				
Please circle one:	In memory	In honor		

Family Resemblance

vs. 20 – Jacob's sons the family pattern of			
they've all followed patterns of and			
Gen. 41:16 – how has Joseph not at this point?			
Building Up our Hope Muscles			
Gen. 41:1 – patience; Joseph in prison for more years			
bear the and infirmities of others with,			
because you may have many that others have to endure -Thomas a'Kempis			
Romans 5:3-5 – hope can grow strong when we endure suffering well			
Questions for Reflection : What parts of my past still hinder my marriage, job, or other relationships today? Am I willing to allow Christ to uproot these "weeds" to make room for healthy growth of new life patterns, habits, and values?			
Question for Discussion : Name a few events or people who have impacted who you are today. How have these influenced (helped or hindered) your growth to maturity in Christ?			
Memory Verse : Genesis 50:20a – "Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good."			
Readings for this Week: Romans 5:1-5, Matthew 6:19-33			

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy & Scott Adie Bonnie Michaud

Bob Ahonen Delores Marefka

Debbie Amundsen Lee Miller

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Dorothy Bates Becky Petty

Mark & Cindy Blaser Sandi Robinson

Suzanne Callahan Kathi Sawyer

Jim Evans Karen Taucher

Mary Griest Kelly Toppin

Jim Henes Rose Ann Youngkin

Dwight Konic

Kristopher Lewis

<u>Deepest Sympathy & Prayers</u>: to Bonnie Nine and family upon the death of her husband, member Jerry Nine on 10/16.

<u>In our greater world:</u> We continue to lift up all victims of hurricane Helene and Milton. May they continue to receive the support they need to clean-up and rebuild their lives.