

First United Methodist Church Cuyahoga Falls



Welcome to Worship and Live Streaming @10:45am

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026, 10:45am

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude--Andantino on *Nearer, My God, to Thee*--Luigi Mengoni

Introit--*His Name is Wonderful*

Combined Choirs

Call to Worship--

The grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you

And also with you.

The Risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord.

Opening Hymn**159--*Lift High the Cross*

Invocation (please be seated)--

God of light, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading--Psalm 83:8-13

Gloria Patri (Hymn #70)--

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.

Anthem--*Holy and Mighty*--Pepper Choplin

Combined Choirs

God's Word for Young Disciples--(congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward)
Blessing of the Backpacks

Scripture Reading--Matthew 18:21-35

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

Sermon

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

RESPONSE

The People respond to the Word

Hymn of Response **561--Jesus, United By Thy Grace

Discipleship Moment--New Members

Steve Hilton, Will Fenton-Jones, Brandon Mackey, Valerie Phillips, Janet Riedthaler,
Matt Rice, Aaron Shepherd, Joseph Underwood

Offertory--Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel--arr. Roger Emerson

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.***

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 **121--There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

continued...

Benediction **666--Shalom to You

*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--Arise, O God, and Shine--Clay Christiansen

**The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given
in loving memory of Ruth Dick, by Lori Reinker and family**

Music--One License A-731491

****indicates please stand as you are able**

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Prayer Requests/Pastoral Care

The fastest way to contact us is to call the church office. After hours voicemails come through to the church staff.

HYMN LYRICS

OPENING HYMN

#159 Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross
the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name

1 Come Christians follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.

2 Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

3 O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#561 Jesus, United by Thy Grace

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

2. 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.

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

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

5. To thee, inseparably joined,
let all our spirits cleave;
O may we all the loving mind
that was in thee receive.

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

CLOSING HYMN

#121 There's a Wideness In God's Mercy

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty.

2 There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.

3 For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

4 If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

BENEDICTION

#666 Shalom to You

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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.

CHURCH NOTES 9-13-26

Welcome Bishop Hee-Soo Jung and Rev. Im-Hyon Jung!

Join us for the Church Square picnic in the outdoor greenspace @noon.

Children & Youth Activities: Our children's and youth choirs, and fellowship groups, resume this evening, beginning at 4:00pm. Parents, please come prepared with an updated medical, liability, photo release forms. They can be found at the Welcome Center or on our website.

4:00-4:30 Bethlehem Choir (Preschool-4th grade)
4:30-5:30 R.O.C.K. Activities (Preschool-4th grade)
4:00-5:15 Wesley Youth Choir & Bells (5th-8th grade)
4:00-5:15 Epworth Youth Fellowship (9th-12th grade)
5:15-5:45 Wesley/Epworth "Snack Supper" (5th-12th grade)
5:45-7:00 Wesley Youth Fellowship (5th-8th grade)
5:45-8:00 Epworth Choir & Bells (9th-12th grade)

Annual Bud Mills Memorial Golf Outing: Join us September 19 @ Fox Den Golf Course. We are still in need of sponsors. If you know of a business that might be interested, please reach out to Marie. You'll find registration brochures and sponsor letters at the Welcome Center. All proceeds from this event benefit Epworth Choir.

2nd Grade Bible Presentation: September 27 we'll present Bibles to our 2nd grade students at the 10:45am worship. If you would like to have a child receive a Bible and have not been notified, please contact Donna Curfman ASAP to add them to the list. dcurfmanfallsumc@gmail.com, 330-923-5241 x213

Acme Community Cash Back: Save those Acme receipts for Work Camp '27. Acme receipts that are dated August 1-February 15, 2027 AND have Community Cash Back printed at the bottom are eligible. Receipts need to remain intact for credit. You may drop them off at the Welcome Center or the church office. Thank you for supporting Work Camp.



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