

**Liturgist:** Samantha Howlett

**Suggested Readings for June 23, 2024**

1 Samuel 15: 1a, 4-11, 19-23; Job 38:1-11; Psalm 9:9-20;  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

- In-person Attendance Last Week: 62
- Sunday School Attendance Last Week: 26

*When we surrender our mistaken goal of self-perfection, the life of faith gradually becomes a joyful adventure again. And a funny thing happens: In forgiving ourselves for being imperfect, we find it easier to forgive others. Our relationships start to change. Our spouses, children, parents, friends, coworkers, and even enemies begin to feel the ripple effects of the mercy we've allowed to flood back into our lives. It's been said that perfectionists are people who take great pains and pass them on to others. When we kick the perfectionist habit, we stop passing on the pain and start passing on grace instead.*

***Colleen Carroll Cambell***

**Ministers: All professing members of Locust Grove GMC**  
**Pastor: Rev. Booker D. Brown, Jr.**



***Welcome Guest! We are happy you have chosen to worship with us. We pray that the Lord will touch your heart and fill you with the truths of God.***

**Locust Grove Global Methodist Church**

**Sunday School for all ages, 10:00 AM**

**Worship, 11:00 AM**

**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

**June 16, 2024**

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(\*Please Stand as You Are Able)

## **ENTERING INTO WORSHIP**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

\* PRAISE SONG

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: (*Responsive Reading*)

L: God of covenant love, we praise you for planting seeds of your love within our ancestors that it may be passed to us.

**P: God of incarnate love, we marvel at the magnificent family tree that your divine love has created among us.**

L: God of welcoming love, we thank you that you have made a home for us within the branches of your family tree.

**P: Forgive us Lord when we compete against our brothers and sisters for your love and attention.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

(*In Unison*)

**Holy God, we humble our hearts before you in thanksgiving and awe. For by your mercy, we find ourselves at home in the branches of your family tree. We discover ourselves to be a people with a love that never fails. We find ourselves within your grand love story for all time and all creation. Whom can we thank, but you, for such great mercy? Bring your kingdom into our midst as we worship you this day. Amen**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

#895, Hymnal

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

CHILDREN'S TIME

*Pastor Booker*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Pastor Booker*

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Pg. 401) 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

GOSPEL LESSON (Pg. 1528) Mark 4:26-34

SERMON

*"Waiting on the Seed"*

*Pastor Booker*

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version* #881, Hymnal

\* CLOSING HYMN *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

#474, Hymnal

## **GOING FORTH FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

\*CLOSING PRAYER

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE