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FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome Nancy Byrd, CLM

Kettering Christ UMC

August 16, 2026

11:00 A.M.

*Please rise as you are able or in your hearts.

**Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

Air on the G String

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When hatred and division separate us,

People: God's love binds us together.

Leader: When quarrels estrange us,

People: Christ's grace brings reconciliation.

Leader: When we feel excluded and left out,

People: The Spirit's peace eases our pain.

Leader: Come! Let us worship the God who makes us one.

All: Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

UMH # 383

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostle's Creed

UMH # 881

***GLORIA PATRI** Glory Be to the Father

UMH # 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Where Children Belong

TFWS # 2233

Ed Rapp

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER CHORUS

Great Is the Lord

TFWS # 2022

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Merciful God, free us from the desire for retribution towards those who have wronged us. And fill us mercy and compassion for

those who trigger deep-seated prejudices against those who offend us. Open our hearts, O God, to those who seem different and strange. For we long to know the joy of living in peace, and the hope of living in harmony, with those we would rather live without. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PETITION

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our Prayer.

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC The Lord is Lifted Up by Billy Crockett
Soloist Sherri Sutter
Accompanist Barbara Kaskinen

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 23

SERMON TITLE My Personal Guide Nancy Byrd, CLM

OFFERTORY El Shaddai (God Almighty) Michael Card

***DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH # 94

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***SENDING HYMN** Blest Be the Tie That Binds UMH # 557

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: The God of dreams has brought us together.

People: The God of dreams sends us forth as one.

Leader: The God of love has knit us together in unity.

People: The God of love heals our divisions.

Leader: The God of hope sends us forth together.

People: The God of peace brings peace to our world.

ALL: AMEN.

POSTUDE

Hornpipe from the Water Music Suite

George Frederick Handel

ACTIVITIES: AUG. 17 - AUG. 23

Monday, Aug. 17

Pantry 9 A.M.

Wednesday, Aug. 19

Food Truck Delivery 11 A.M.

Volunteers are needed to help unload.

Pantry 6 P.M.

Friday, Aug. 21

Pantry 9 A.M.

Sunday, Aug. 23

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11 A.M.

Kids' Bible Class 11 A.M.

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leader

Fred Poland

Guest Organist

Barbara Kaskinen

Greeter

Wayne Hounshell

Trustee

Fred Poland

Kids' Bible Class Teacher

Jan Mains

VAN DRIVER FOR AUG. 23

Van Request: Greg -- 937 - 620-1472

To ride the van, you must make your request the day before or you will not be picked up!

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

[Exodus 1:8-2:10](#), [Psalms 124](#), [Romans 12:1-8](#), [Matthew 16:13-20](#)

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer ministry after worship each Sunday. For those who have special prayer requests, please see someone from the Prayer Ministry in the Narthex.

PASTOR NEIL OUT OF OFFICE AUG. 12 - 17

Pastor Neil will be at the World Methodist Council gathering in El Salvador as a delegate for W. OH. Conference from Aug. 12 - 17. Pastor Nitos will provide emergency pastoral care while Pastor Neil is away. Please contact Carol in the church office for assistance in reaching Pastor Nitos.

Church Staff

Pastor Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL, **Administrative Assistant** Carol McDougale, **Director of Music** Michelle Forshaw, **Treasurer** Fred Poland, **Audio Visual Technician** Roger Christian, **Kids' Bible Class Attendant** Oscar Ndayisaba, **Church Custodian** Vance Garner