

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "The King of Love" arr. T. Dommer

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: With Wisdom, we rejoice, knowing the streets are full of God's glory!

Leader: The sky proclaims God's handiwork.

People: With Wisdom, we rejoice, worshiping in the sanctuary of creation!

Leader: The ways of the Holy One make wise the simple.

People: With Wisdom, we rejoice, sharing in the oneness of love.

All: Let's worship the Holy One in the streets, sanctuaries and squares!

***HYMN #664** "Morning Has Broken"

CALL TO CONFESSION Carl Zukas

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You call out to us, Holy God, from city streets, town squares and cattle gates, but we refuse to listen.

Preoccupied with our projections of you, we fail to see how these thoughts disrupt our communion with each other.

You offer an outstretched hand to join you in transforming

our lives, but we deny such a dance with Divinity is possible, choosing complacency to your counsel. Forgive us, Lord of Love, when we ignore your constant call to live in the way of love. By your mercy, may we heed your call to examine our foolishness so we may live as fools for Christ's sake. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPLE LESSON Mark 8:27-38 NT p. 43

EPISTLE LESSON James 3:1-12 NT p. 230

MINI HYMN SING – CONGREGATION CHOICE

We Respond to God's Word

***HYMN #722** "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the Confession of 1967)
God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful [people]. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Purer in Heart, O God" arr. T. Kirkland

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance

We Go Forth to Serve

*HYMN #697 "Take My Life" vs: 1, 2, 3, 5

*CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE "The Abundant Life" G. Parker

*Please stand in body or spirit

Wrapping our community in God's love, one person at a time.

We believe that we are all ministers supported by:

Rev. Niki Atkinson – Office Hours Wed. & Fri. 9:30-4:00

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Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

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CLEAN-UP BUCKETS filled by the month. **September's Items: 18 reusable, lightweight multipurpose dry cleaning towels.** (no terrycloth, microfiber or papertowels & remove from package) **20-28, 35-45 gallon heavy duty or contractor type trash bags on a roll.** (remove from pkg.) Just slip your donation in one of the white buckets in the vestibule. Questions?.... See Jerri Mollick. Thank you

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

September 15 ~ Derek Hilty & Laura Uncapher

September 22 ~ Bill Speer & Amy Shupe

September 29 ~ Amy Zukas & Bill Speer



**NO HUMAN BEING CAN TAME
THE TONGUE. IT IS A RESTLESS
EVIL, FULL OF DEADLY POISON.
- JAMES 3:8**

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Stanley and Shirley Sproull
Betty Stewart

Faith Friend: Shirley Mumaw

Our Church: Session

Church(s): Concord/Parker Church Pastor David Crapnell
Marion Center Church Rwanda Partner Musange
Moderator: Angel De La Cruz

Presbytery: Muskingum Valley (Synod of The Covenant)

Denomination: United Methodist Church

Nation: Pitcairn Islands - Adamstown

IMMEDIATE *Patty, Butch Schrecengost, Jess Carwile, Robert Altmire, Dave finished chemo!, Lynn Frain, Jim, Linda, Kate, Barb, Matt & Franklin safety during football season, Lisa Bittner knee replacement, **Caelin, Christine ☺, Will at Pitt ☺, Mary Ann, Noreen & Kelcey home fire, Ron & Candy 55th Anniversary ☺.***

CONTINUING *Laura, Nancy Campitella, Pastor Niki's Daves, Sierra Kane ☺, Aunt Jane, Grace Simpson family, Jim healing, Linda healing, 17 yr. old Josh, Cathy heart issues, **The Wayne Madison family (Kenny Shaeffer's uncle), Denny Travis, Uncapher wedding.***

ONGOING Bob Reed, Donnie Riggle, Gary Harkcom, Donna Fry, Bill & Linda Crabtree, Frank Kovak, Josh Hanus, Shannon Pruss, LaRue Mumaw, Chris Hilker, Carol Gallagher, Linda Gould, Snedecor family, Alan Shockey, Bonnie Machak, Lani Knox, Nick Arnoldy, Benjamin Mumaw, Sean George.

MINISTRY All those affected by the Coronavirus and those working in the health care field, first responders, research, and government. Food 4 Kids, AUPC Deacon's Emergency Fund, Support for our church, EPR Mugombwa; Victims of violence and natural disasters; President Joe Biden, our country, other world leaders, our church and its leaders, the war & military personnel, wounded military at home and in hospitals, terrorist victims, Kiskiminetas' Rwanda Partnership.



A gift has been received In Memory of Matt Summerhill from Michael and Sandra Summerhill.

September 15 2024 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship	11:00 AM
<u>TUESDAY</u>	Admin Team	6:00 PM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Crafters	9:00 AM
	Prayer Shawl Knitters	10:00 AM
	Bells	6:00 PM
	Session	7:00 PM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship	11:30 AM



Paint & Snack Party w/Friends -
Join us on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., for an evening of fun and fellowship as we paint together! Pre-sketched 16x20 canvas and all supplies included! All ages welcome! Light refreshments provided. \$35 pay upon arrival cash check credit. Register at emptynestartstudio.com



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