

**Columbiana First United Methodist**  
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October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude:**

**\*Enter the Light of Christ**

**Pastor's Welcome**

**Announcements:**

- **Sunday School 9:30 am, all are welcome.**
- **No Bible Study this coming Wednesday.**
- **Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> One Board Meeting at 5:30 pm**
- **Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> Luke Yates in Concert 7 pm**
- **Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> Chef Brad's Brunch, after Worship Service**
- **Charge Conference November 2 at 6:00 p.m., held at Trinity UMC (30 West Front Street, Youngstown, 44503)**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of Your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show Your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate Your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for You in ministries of peace and justice. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord" #593**

**Call to Worship:**

**L:** Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.

**P:** Thanks be to God for God's mighty wonders.

**L:** Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment, God's majesty is revealed in all creation.

**P:** We look around us at the wonders and marvel and the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.

**L:** Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

**P:** We are God's beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for God's world. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer**

Offertory:

**\*Doxology #95**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Loving God, You teach us humility and service. We bring our offerings today with grateful hearts. As we reflect on Your holy scripture today, may we give as a testament to our commitment to serving others, not seeking the highest places but embracing the path of sacrificial love. Bless these gifts and use them to advance Your kingdom. Remind us that true greatness always comes through serving. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:**

**"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling" 1, 2, & 4 #348**

Old Testament Reading: Job 38:1-7 (34-41)

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45

**Gloria Patri**

**#70**

Message: "Greatness Through the Eyes of Jesus" Pastor Cyndi

**\*Closing Hymn: "Victory In Jesus" #370**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending: "God Be with You"**

**\*Postlude**

*\*Indicates for the congregation to stand if you are able*

Dear Heavenly Father, You are an awesome God. You are the One true God and You are worthy of all our praise. You have gotten us through yet another week. Some of us have had a hard week and some of us have had a joyous week. Either way, You were present in it all.

You are the One that makes a way when there seems to be no way. You are the One that brings healing when we are told there is nothing else that can be done. You are the One that calls our loved ones home when You know it is time for You to take care of them.

Dear Heavenly Father, some are mourning the loss of their loved ones this week. The Inez family, the Dourm family, and the Phelps/Moore family ... We ask that You wrap Your loving arms around them and allow them to feel Your presence and Your compassion. I know that Your heart is heavy when ours are. Jesus wept because He felt the pain of His close friend's grief. I know You share the grief of those with heavy hearts today also. Bring to them that feeling of peace that only You can bring. So that their hearts are lightened, and their joy restored with memories of their loved ones made on this side of heaven.

I thank You, Lord, for being with those who were dealing with sickness this past week, including myself. I praise Your name for Your healing hand, for answering the many prayers that were lifted. I ask that You continue to be with those who are recovering from their illness, may they see You in their healing and give to You all the glory and honor.

We ask that You be with those waiting for results from tests done this past week. May You find favor in them and allow the results to be better than they were expecting. And for the things that need to be addressed, we ask that You bring Your wisdom to the doctors treating them so that they make the right decision, which would be Your decision through them.

We lift Karen as she continues to heal. Continue to guide her doctors allowing them to help her get back to serving You in the way that You would want. We ask that You be with Karen's sister Patty, as we hear she is having health issues that need to be identified. So we ask that You give to her doctors Your wisdom, allowing them to know what You know, and see what You see.

We join Gaye in lifting Denise for Your healing. We hear that she requires heart surgery, so we ask that You go before the medical team and prepare the place where she will be. Give to her medical team Your wisdom so they know what is needed, and guide the surgeon's hands allowing Your healing and repair to take place.

We lift the Burbick family to You. Robert, Gabrielle, and Kay need Your help. You know the circumstances and needs. So we ask that You hear their hearts and fill their needs. All for Your glory.

We praise Your name for allowing Stefanie's health to be good. She is at a crossroads in her career and needs to make a decision. You know what is best for her, so we ask that You give her Your wisdom, allowing her to make the right decision. All for Your glory.

Thank You for the church leaders who are always willing to do Your work. May You bring to them blessings, and continue to equip us to do Your work, Your way.

We lift to You all those who would love to be here with us for worship, but just can't be due to physical issues. We ask that You touch them all in a special way, so they know that they are not alone.

We ask that You be with us as we prepare for Election Day. Guide us and encourage us to do our homework before we vote. Help us to hear what You know so that we make the right decisions. I ask You Lord to help us use our vote to improve this world for You. It is in Jesus' name, that we pray. Amen