

**Columbiana First United Methodist**  
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August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude:

**\*Enter the Light of Christ**

**Pastor's Welcome**

**Announcements:**

- **No Bible Study this Wednesday.**
- **Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, Chef Brad's Brunch after Worship Service. Come join your church family and enjoy a good meal along with a time of fellowship.**
- **Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Breakfast at the Dutch House. !0 am, all are welcome. No reservations needed.**
- **Street Fair will be coming up, anyone that would like to volunteer to help please let Anne Brown know.**

**Opening Prayer:**

God, our guide and our protector,  
as we gather today in Your holy house,  
open our minds and souls and hearts,  
that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction  
of Your Spirit in our lives.

Help us follow You as You lead us  
to the land You have created for us,  
where we may dwell with You and in You. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn: "I Know Whom I Have Believed" 1,2,3 #714**

**Call to Worship:**

**L:** Children of God, we gather as people who have received new life in Jesus Christ.

**P:** **We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

**L:** The world tries to distract us with anxious rumors, worrisome lies, and misleading half-truths.

**P:** **We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

**L:** In this place, we gather to remind, remember, and renew our

commitment to dwell in the love of Christ.

**P:** **We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

**L:** Children of God, come! Let us worship God, who clothes us in new life and renews us in grace.

**P:** **Come, let us worship as we set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer**

Offertory:

**\*Doxology**

**#95**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy and ever-present God, You call us to set our minds on things above, to let go of all that weighs us down, and to embrace the new life found in Christ. As we bring these gifts, shape our hearts in generosity, our hands in service, and our minds in faithfulness. May these offerings be used to transform lives, to build up Your kingdom, and to reflect Your love in this world. Keep us ever mindful that we give because You have first given so abundantly to us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn of Preparation: "Where He Leads Me"**

**#338**

**Celebration of Communion**

**Apostle's Creed**

Old Testament Reading: Hosea 11:1-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21

**Gloria Patri**

**#70**

Message: "Foolishness or Faithfulness?"

Pastor Cyndi

**\*Closing Hymn: "I'll Fly Away"**

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**\*Benediction**

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

**\*Postlude**

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

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come into Your house today to welcome Your Spirit, praise Your name and Worship You with song and prayer.

You are an amazing God and without You, in our lives, we would be lost, confused, and filled with fear and anxiousness.

So, we praise Your name for being part of our lives. Because You are with us we can find a feeling of peace. When struggles come along, because You are in our lives, we are able, to work through them, follow Your guidance, and know that in the end, all will be alright.

Your Son told us that following You will not be easy, but You will never lead us in the wrong direction. Thank You for the paths that You have laid out for us, and thank You for walking alongside us on that path. You have brought to us joy and success amid sorrow and failure. You have taught us how to love even our enemies through Your love shown through Your Son Jesus. You have shown us that You will provide the strength and courage needed when we are feeling weak. You will provide us with Your wisdom when we need to address things we do not know.

If we take just a moment, we can see all these things and more You have given to us.

We see Your great works in the Your people during war times, and natural disasters. They offer help to those that have lost all their material things. Your Word has told us that there will be wars and rumors of wars. That there will be earthquakes and floods. We see that so evident today. So we ask that You continue to place Your hand of protection of those that are in the path of the coming natural disasters, and continue to place the desire in the hearts of Your people to extend a helping hand when the opportunity arises. So that You will be seen through it all.

Schools will be starting soon, we lift to You all of the staff and children. Be with those that are choosing the curriculum, may it be what the children need, and more so may it be pleasing to You. We ask that You place Your hand of protection upon all the schools so that our children will be safe from the evils of this world. May we not hear of more school shootings, or abuse against our children. Open the eyes of the parents so that, they can see what the children don't tell. So that bullying in the schools will come to a halt. Allow our schools to be a place of learning and nurturing so that our children will be raised to know what is right and what is wrong.

Allow our churches to play a big part in that nurturing, using Your Word as the measuring stick for right and wrong. Help us to stir up the desire to know You in the young families of our communities, so that many may have the desire to be kingdom bound.

We thank You for the good report that was given to Cory. We praise Your name, because we know that Your hand is seen in all of His healing so far. We ask that You continue to be with him, be his strength when he is weak, find favor in him so that he will be an overcomer, and a witness to You.

We lift Anne Brown, Judy Stevens, Gaye's Son-in-law Robert, and Don & Jackie Leonard. Dear Heavenly Father we ask that You give their medical teams Your wisdom so that they may be Your

instruments of healing. We lift the family of Trinity, you know the heavy hearts and grief that they bare from losing her at such a young age. We ask that You hear their cries, calm their Spirits, and grow closer to You through their next journey instead of further away. Because we know that You are the One that will give them the strength to live on, and restore their joy one day by allowing her memories to live on in their hearts.

We praise Your name for the musical talents that You have given to Steve, and thankful for his desire to share them for You. So we ask that You feel Steve with Your Spirit as he sings at the Columbiana Fair. May he touch people's hearts for You.

We lift to You the family and friends of Sally Bricker. Give to them the strength that is needed to get through today and the days to come. Hold them up when they feel drained from grief. Renew their strength and joy over time with the memories that they will play back in their heart and minds. May Sally continue to live on in their hearts until they are once again reunited in Your presence.

Thank You, Lord, for the opportunities that You give to us to share You. May we have our Eyes and Ears opened wide to that we recognize the opportunities to come. And our hearts be filled with the desire to share You with all that You place in our path. All for the growth of Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.