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October 19th, 2025

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude:

***Enter the Light of Christ**

Pastor's Welcome

Announcements:

- No Bible Study on Wednesday.
- Newsletter Article deadline will be Oct. 27th. Please give them to the church secretary or Pastor Cyndi. Thank you.
- Charge Conference Nov. 1st, 10 am at the Boardman UMC
- Our congregation will observe All Saints Day during worship on November 2nd to honor loved ones who have passed. To request a candle in someone's memory, fill out the insert and place it in the offering plate, or notify the church secretary or Pastor Cyndi. Please submit all requests by October 26th to ensure names are included.
- We're updating the church parsonage with painting and cleaning. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Pastor Cyndi or Bob Belding. Your assistance helps us maintain our church property.

Opening Prayer:

Lord, meet us here now. Quiet our minds and kindle a Holy fire within us. Let this time of worship be a sacred encounter with You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

***Opening Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" 1,2,4 #384**

Call to Worship:

L: We have gathered once again, Lord of all and Lord of us.

P: We come to lift our prayers, and to sing Your praises once again.

L: We come to ask and hope and long to see Your justice in the land.

P: We worship in that hope and will work in that Spirit.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory:

***Doxology**

#95

***Prayer of Dedication**

Persistent and just God, You do not turn away when Your people cry out. Receive these gifts as acts of our faith—faith that keeps moving, faith that keeps hoping, faith that keeps working for justice, even when the world says it's too late or too little. Make us a people who do not lose heart. Shape our prayers into action and our generosity into grace, until Your kingdom comes on earth, as it is in heaven. In the name of Christ, who still stands and knocks. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #526

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:27-34

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Gloria Patri

#70

Message: "The Squeaky Wheel"

Pastor Cyndi

***Closing Hymn: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

#531

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

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

Dear Heavenly Father,

We praise Your name for allowing us to be in Your house, praising and worshiping You together.

Thank You for walking alongside us each day, tugging on our hearts, helping us make the right decisions, and bringing us better health, so we can serve You to the fullest.

We thank You for being with Judy Stevens this past week and for getting her through her surgery. Continue to be with her recovery, and this extra challenge that has arisen. We know that Your hand has been orchestrating this surgery, and we ask that You, as the Great Physician, extend Your healing hand upon her so that she will be able to return home and continue to serve You. All for Your glory.

We ask that You be with Phil as he is also in the hospital, give his medical team Your wisdom so that they come to know what You know and are able to be Your instruments of healing so that Your will is done.

There are others in our church family who struggle daily with physical ailments, so we ask You today to extend Your healing hand upon them. Deliver them from their ailments or give them the strength to push through so they may continue to live the life You intended for them.

Some of us struggle mentally. You know who we are and what we need. Therefore, I lift to You all those who need Your assurance, Your direction, Your strength, and Your courage to get through their situations and the challenges of each day. Allow us to see You in our lives clearly so that we know that we can lean on You to get us through.

We ask for traveling mercies for the Bricker family as they return from Michigan and give thanks for their reunited family and growing relationships. We also ask for traveling mercies for some of Donna Rouse's family members returning from a wedding. We praise Your name for the marriage that was celebrated and be with the Bride and Groom as they travel enjoying their new chapter in life together.

We praise Your name for direction that You have given to Robert, and also the direction You give to each of us when we seek Your face.

We praise Your name for answered prayers for Ryan, Gaye's son. Thank You for allowing him to be with us this morning.

We recognize the presence of evil, both close to home and globally. Let us first seek Your guidance in matters affecting our immediate community, such as human trafficking and addiction. Then, let our prayers extend to international concerns, including nations at war."

Thank You for the leaders of this church and their passion for doing what is right in Your eyes. Guide us and keep us. Allow us to hear the cries of our church family and community so that we may know their needs. Equip us with the ability to fill these needs so that they may see You in us. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen