**We Worship Together**

**Communion Sunday – Labor Day Sunday**

**Theme: A Labor of Love**

**September 1, 2019**

**Meditation:** *“Labor to be not almost, but altogether a Christian; and**not only an outside but an inside Christian, the same in heart and life.”* John Wesley, September 7, 1777

PRELUDE

Hannah Barrett, Organist

*“My Jesus, I Love Thee”* (arr. Wagner)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

Liturgist – Mary Meckenstock

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 81:1; 10-16

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God

of Jacob. I am the LORD your God, who brought you up

out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I

will fill it.

**People:** **“But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would**

**not submit to me.**

Leader: So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow

their own counsels.

**People: O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!**

Leader: Then I would quickly subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes.

**People: Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever.**

Leader: I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with

honey from the rock I would satisfy you.”

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

UMH#126

\*AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

**“The Mission of Hays First United Methodist Church is to share the word of God with all people through spiritual growth, worship, fellowship and service.”**

\*GLORIA PATRI

*“Glory Be to the Father”*

UMH#70

CHILDREN’S TIME Jo Swayne

**Praise him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is Love, God is love; Praise him, praise him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.**

PRAYER CHORUS *“Give Me a Clean Heart”* FWS#2133

PRAYERS AND LORD’S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Raymond Brent

*“Open the Gates of the Temple”* (Crosby & Knapp)

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Feed the Fish

Offertory *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* (Johnson) Organist \*Doxology *“Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow”* UMH#95 \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture, Hymn and Sermon

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 8:11-14

They have treated the wound of my people carelessly, saying, “Peace, peace,” when there is no peace. They acted shamefully, they committed abomination; yet they were not at all ashamed, they did not know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time when I punish them, they shall be overthrown, says the LORD. When I wanted to gather them, says the LORD, there are no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree; even the leaves are withered, and what I gave them has passed away from them. Why do we sit still? Gather together, let us go into the fortified cities and perish there; for the LORD our God has doomed us to perish, and has given us poisoned water to drink, because we have sinned against the LORD.

NEW TESTAMENT Hebrews 13:1-2; 15-16 Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to

strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

\*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 14:1; 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the

Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him

closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor,

he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a

wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case

someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;

and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give

this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take

the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the

lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you,

‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of

all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be

humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” He

said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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| \*HYMN OF PREPARATION | UMH#568 |
| *“Christ for the World We Sing”* |  |
| SERMON *“Sharing Goodness: A Labor of Love”* Pastor Mike Rose |
| \*HYMN OF RESPONSE *“One Bread, One Body”* | UMH#620 |

HOLY COMMUNION – Please turn to page 12 in your hymnal as we celebrate a Service of Word and Table II.

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Organist

**Prayer Concerns:**

Francis Hey, Jr.

Becky Saddler

Michael Huber

Julie Craig

Marilyn Davidson

Carolyn Rumbaugh

Valerie Yu

Bob Gates

(son-in-law of Jackie Powell)

Myrilyn Barr

(mother of Michelle Inman)

Dorothy Staab (Lambert’s mother)

Doyle Miller (uncle of Troy)

Sara & Finley Hayden

**Continuing Prayer Concerns:**

Dianna Jennings

Wade Jeffery

Rachel Palmberg

Betsy Losey

Darryl Smika

Susan McRae Bickle

Chelsea Boldra Anderson

John Chamberlain

Glenn Ginther

Zachary Kuntz

Jim Mullen

*A warm welcome to our guests. You honor us with your presence!*

For its one, two, three strikes you’re out at the old ball game!!! Church, you have been challenged. The youth ministry is hoping to start a new tradition for our church. We will be hosting a youth versus church softball game on September 22 at 4:00 p.m. out at the Bickle Schmidt Sports Complex. You don’t have to be an athlete to play, simply come out and enjoy the game. We welcome all to come out and gather as a church for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and food. We hope to see you there.

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| CHURCH CALENDAR |  |
| Today: |  |
| 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. | Worship Services |
| 9:30 a.m. | Fellowship & Refreshments – parlor |
| 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| Monday: |  |
| OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY |
| Tuesday: |  |
| 9:00 a.m. | Quilters |
| 10:30 a.m. | Staff Meeting |
| 1:15 p.m. | Prayer & Praise – chapel |
| 2:00 p.m. | Stephen Ministry |
| 4:00 p.m. | Loving Hands/Loving Hearts - parlor |
| Wednesday: |  |
| 6:00 a.m. | Men’s Bible Study – room 205 – Matt Dumler |
| 10:00 a.m. | United Methodist Women Executive Board - alcove |
| 5:00 p.m. | WOW – Worship on Wednesday |
|  | Meal – hot dogs, salad, mac & cheese, peaches, brownies |
| 5:50 p.m. | WOW Worship |
| 6:15 p.m. | WOW Classes |
| 6:20 p.m. | Spirit Ringers |
| 7:15 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| Thursday: |  |
| 2:00 p.m. | Clergy Consultation Group – church library |
| 6:00 p.m. | Dave Ramey’s Financial Peace University – Room 207 |
| Friday: |  |
| Noon | Gab ‘N Go – Room 207 |
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Happy Birthday:

September 1: Ellis Brown, Micah Laird, Ben Rose

September 3: Brandon Musil, Davis Rooney, Marsha Swanson, Robert Yates

September 4: Camryn Hammond, Jayden Wilkins

September 5: Marcy Allenbaugh

September 6: Curtis Carl, Cameron Moeder, Jackie Powell, Cora States, LaVena Stump

September 7: Tigist Bannister

September 8: Jack McMurtrie, Daryl North, Sharon Rhine, Remy Stull 08-25-19 Worship Attendance 376 08-25-19 Sunday School 99

Greeters: 8:30 Diane Harris 10:45 Lester & Avis Look

Parlor Hospitality Hosts – Bob and Sheryl Cox

Feed the Hungry was $50.00 and 29 food items.

2019 Year to date Revenue $192,800 2019 Year to date Expenses $185,364

The nursery is available during both worship services.

Hearing assist units are available for use during the services.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available, please ask an usher.

Men’s Bible Study Wednesdays, at 6 am in Room 205. Everyone welcome! The series is the Book of Acts.

Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University being offered beginning Thursday, September 5 from 6-8 p.m. here at the church. Contact Sam Gross for more information at 620-617-8247.

COME SING WITH THE CHANCEL CHOIR!

Join our ministry team!!

* Fellowship
* Fun
* Worship
* Encouragement
* Family
* Lot’s of great music!

Rehearsals began August 28, Wednesday, in the Fellowship Hall – every Wednesday 7:15 PM – 8:30 PM First Sunday to sing: September 8

If you or someone you know, would like to provide music for Sunday services, please contact Meredith Cory at 785-259-6744 or singingchef55@gmail.com.

If you could help with the United Methodist Campus Ministry’s Thursday night meal and worship by bringing a salad or dessert, please call the church office, 625-3408.

COMING SOON – Mark your calendars for the Fall Luncheon on Sunday, September 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the church dining room. Tickets are on sale in the church parlor TODAY, Sunday, September 1. Will be a great meal and fellowship!!!

Smoky Hill Chorale, Fall 2019, rehearsals begin Monday, September 9,7:30-9:30 Malloy Hall, Rm 115, FHSU Campus. This is a mixed ensemble of post-high school adults…open to all singers. Openings are in all sections…a particular need is for male voices. Singing experience is necessary, but no audition required. More information, contact: Dr. Terry Crull at 628-4258; tacrull@fhsu.edu.

**ALTAR FOUNDATION 2019 SUSTAINING MEMBERS**

**A $146 endowed gift to celebrate 146 years of Methodism in Hays**

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Thank you! Your generosity in giving to the Families in Need Fund and the Fresh

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| Start Loan Program helped these families through October 31: |  |  |  |
| **Families in Need Fund** –Aided 34 families with assistance totaling | $ | 2,935.36 |
| **Fresh Start Loan Program**- Aided 25 families with rent/utilities | $11,705.00 |  |
|  | Aided 1 family in an emergency | $ | 1,600.00 |  |
|  | 59 families | $ | 16,290.36 |
| \*Money to be repaid at no interest within a year. |  |  |  |