



Sunday, August 6, 2023 ~ Communion, 10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you **checked in** for worship today?

*please stand as you are able

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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*Responsive Call to Worship

Rev. Allen

All you who are thirsty, this is the place to find water. All you who are hungry, this is the place to be fed.

Why should we spend our earnings on what can't quench our great thirsts or fill our great hungers?

Why pay for that which fails to satisfy?

Here, without money, here, without price, all may enjoy Jesus, the Bread from heaven. Here, take and enjoy what God gives.

Yes, God speaks, and all who listen will live! God gives wisdom generously and without finding fault.

Let us then, with heart and soul and mind and voice, worship our great God.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn No. 552

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Elder Frank Manion

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Elder Manion

Lord Jesus, I bow before you in humility and ask You to examine my heart today. Show me anything that is not pleasing to You. Reveal any secret pride, any unconfessed sin, any rebellion or unforgiveness that may be hindering my relationship with You. I know that I am Your beloved child, having received You into my heart and life and having accepted Your death as penalty for my sinfulness. The price You paid covered me for all time, and my desire is to live for You. Each time I take communion, Lord, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your powerful Spirit. As I leave this place, help me to hold this fresh remembrance and the story that never grows old close to my heart. Help me to share its message faithfully as You give opportunity. Amen.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Manion

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows. Even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.

We have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, our sins have been forgiven. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Sharing with Young Disciples

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Rev. Spencer

Way of the Week #14: Grow Faith

14. GROW FAITH. Take advantage of every chance you have to form your faith – through small groups, classes, and personal study. Be a disciple and look to learn from those who know more of the Bible and Christian life than you do, then look for opportunities to share what you've gained with someone else.

Ideas for Action: If you're not currently in a small group, contact the church office and ask for assistance in finding one. Ask for some time with someone whose faith you respect and pick their brains on their practices of faith formation.

Offertory

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Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

Spiritual, Arr. Kessecker

Juliet Barton, Cali Barton, Shannon King, Soprano; Ava Callahan, Alivia Nawrocki, Jess Zorn, Alto

Refrain: Jesus in a Rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.

No one can do like Jesus, not a mumbling word he said;
He went walking down to Lazarus' grave and He raised Him from the dead.

Refrain:

When Jesus was on earth, the flesh was very weak;
He took a towel and girded Himself, and He washed His disciples' feet.

Refrain:

O'er yonder come my savior Him Whom I love so well;
He has the palm of victory and the keys to death and hell.

Refrain:

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"A Bumper Crop"

Scripture: Hosea 10: 9-15 (Pew Bible page 841 OT)

Sermon Series: God's Huge Heart

*Affirmation of Faith (from *Our World Belongs to God*)

Rev. Spencer

When Israel spurned God's love—lusting after other gods, trusting in power and wealth, and hurting the weak—God scattered them among the nations, yet kept a faithful remnant and promised them the Messiah: a prophet to speak good news, a king to crush evil and rule the earth with justice, a priest to be sacrificed for sinners. God promised to forgive their sins and give them a new heart and a new spirit, moving them to walk in his ways. Amen.

The Lord's Supper and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer, Elders

The Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn No. 772

For the Bread Which You Have Broken (Tune 293)

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Larson

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Bruce Main)

Rev. Spencer

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Frank Manion; **Communion Elder:** Becky Castellanos; **Audio Technician:** Harris E. Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arranger:** JoAnn Reynik; **Ushers:** Steve Shaffer, Jack Terry, Paul Grossmann; **Trustee Greeter:** Wendy Dougherty; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon JoAnn Reynik; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed for this ministry)

Worship flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Neindorff by Rebecca Neindorff, Kim and Stephen Neindorff, Jacob and Nicholas Neindorff, from the Celebration of Life for Richard held in our sanctuary Saturday, August 5, 2023.

Work of God's People (See *Connections*, eblast, website and our app for details)

- *The church office/building will be CLOSED **Friday, August 11** for a Summer Holiday.*
- [Thursday Evening Prayer on the Porch](#) will be **Aug. 17**. Come pray with the Prayer Committee at 7:00 pm (1st and 3rd Thursdays). September dates to be determined.
- **EVENT:** Come help out at the [Children's Fresh Air Home on Thursday, August 17](#) from 8 am-5 pm in North Wildwood. The campers are from UrbanPromise and we will be serving them lunch, and helping with their day at the beach. Carpool from the church; contact [Linda Jagiela](#) if you can help: 267-275-7582 cell/text.
- **Pastor Spencer** will be away on vacation from Wednesday, Aug. 9 through Tuesday, Aug. 22. Pastor Wes Allen will be available for pastoral care. Stuart will also be preaching at the Wells Presbyterian Church in Avalon. Stop by if you're in the area.
- **Summer Reminders:** Summer Worship is 9:00 a.m. Traditional and 10:30 a.m. Contemporary. Adult Spiritual Formation offers a drop-in series 10:00-10:45 am in the Lounge. Children's Sunday School is on hiatus and returns in September. During summer months *Connections* prints every two weeks.
- [Malawi Trekkers Celebration](#) -- Come hear Stuart Spencer and Jim Dugan share about the 10-day bike trek through Africa by the Malawi Trekkers. Their group cycled over 200 miles through Malawi visiting UrbanPromise mission sites. **Wed. Aug. 30 at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, [also available via Zoom](#).**
- [Have you tried ALPHA?](#) Are you newer to church? ALPHA is an 11-week course that creates a space where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about faith, life and God. Each week's talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. A new series of Wednesday evening sessions begins **Wednesday, Sept. 6**. [Sign up online](#) or right through the Church Center app (Sign Ups).
- **Program Year Begins in September** – We will kick off our 2023-24 program year on Sunday, Sept. 10 with Welcome Back Sunday. Traditional worship time will shift to 9:00 am, beginning Sept. 10. Children's Sunday School and Adult Spiritual Formation will be 10:15-11:15 a.m. The contemporary service will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Praise Music and Wow God! moments, and worship at 11:15 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School will begin **Sunday, Sept. 17**. Third graders will receive their Bibles that day for Bible Sunday. Adult Spiritual Formation kicks off Sept. 17 with a fall series on The Beatitudes that will run Sept. 17-Oct. 22.
- **Happy Birthday!** On September 12th we will celebrate the 135th anniversary of the church. Watch your mail for ways you can participate.
- **Please submit 2023-24 event dates**, room requests, planning dates and meeting schedules to Jan or Alison in the church office for the church calendar and summer staff planning.
- We have been notified that the post office will only deliver mail addressed to our **P.O. Box 868**. They will not deliver mail addressed to 101 Bridgeboro Road.

