

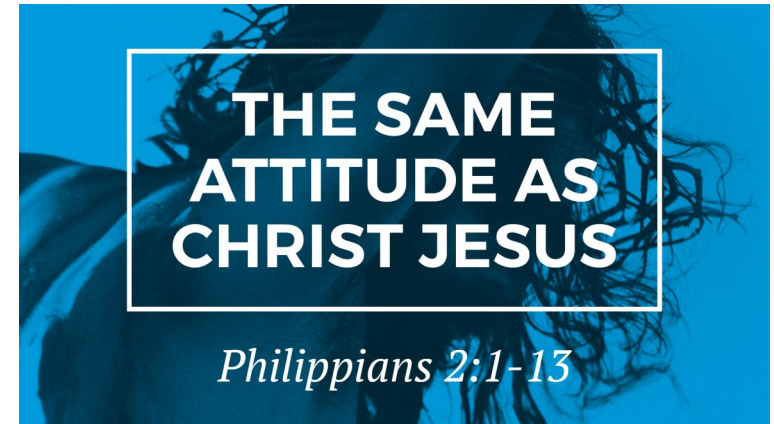
Those Who Serve

Pastor: Joy Wigal
Musician: Chris Kennedy
Treasurer: Roberta Covert
Audio/Visual Technicians: Larisa Harper & Barb Wolfe
Custodian: Jordan McKee
Administrative Assistant: Amanda Hatfield

Upcoming Church Servants

October 1	Marsha	Don, Roberta & Susie
October 8	Barb T.	Chris & Heather
October 15	Nick	Mark, Thea & Vickie
October 22	Roberta	Floyd & Pat
October 29	Marsha	Jim & Barb

Faith United Methodist Church October 1, 2023



Come to the table...

The Table of Joy

WE GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Setting the Table (Threshold Moment)

“Come to the Table of Joy”

Come to the table of joy

Come to the table of joy

This is God’s table, it’s not yours or mine

Come to the table of joy!



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Taking Our Place, Opening to Others

*We hear God's calling to have joyful spirits
as Christ's followers.*

We lift our hearts to be filled with vim and vigor!

We know that sometimes it is difficult to be joyful in life.

**We recognize that joy is a practice,
not just a happy feeling.**

We open ourselves to the joy that comes with justice.

We make room at this table for joy in all its forms.

Opening Hymn

“Jesus is all the World to Me” UMH 469

The Peace

The Children Gather

WE PROCLAIM

Preparation to Hear God's Word

“As We Gather at Your Table” (Verse 1)

**As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,**

**help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.**

Nourish us with sacred story

'til we claim it as our own;

**teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.**

Keep in Your Prayers

Adah Krokonko
Aggas Family
Al Duncan
Andy Hartsock
Baby Asher & Family
Baby London
Bernice Osborne
Betty Howard
Betty Miller
Bradley Adams
Brenda Miller
Brenda Shepherd
Brian Hina
Chad Glass Family
Charlie & Jean Bathrick Family
Dave Smith Family
Debbie Gifford
DeGarmo Family
Dennis Cebulsky
Dunn Family
Gloria Jean Campbell
J.J. Jasper
Jacob Elson
James Finlay Jr.
Janet Hickman
Jasmine
Jaydon Pletcher
Jim & Linda Dudley
Jim & Patty Evans
John Smith

Julie Glass
Kyle & Richard Felton
Leshia Alexander
Lynn
Marlene Farley
Mike Camp Family
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Sutton
Nick Prindle
Pam & Michael
Pam Glass
Patty Pavlik
Pearl Bradford
Rita Spurrier
Rita Young
Ron Howard
Ron Pyle Sr. Family
Sarah Chapman & Family
Shana
Steve Cahn
Steve Inman
Suzanne Collins
Terry Pickens
Tom Kelley Family
Tonya Poli
Ty Dierkis
Vickie Cordle
Vicky Butcher
Wanda Adams
Medical Faith Shut-in:
Kathleen McCutcheon

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

~James 5:16

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 1

Worship 10:30am

Monday, October 2

Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday, October 3

Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday, October 4

Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Eventide Circle 12:45pm

Thank You

Thank you for the generous donations for New Hope Circle's "Christmas in July." We really appreciate you helping raise funds for the Christmas baskets supplies for the Salvation Army.

Sock Donations

The Free Store is in need of new or gently-used clean socks. Shoppers have a 3 pair limit, but they go quickly. Donations can be dropped off in the shopping cart near the Faith playground doors.

CROP Walk

Anyone interested in participating in the CROP WALK October 8th or donating, please contact Cindy Howard or Amanda Hatfield.

Monado's Market

Thank you, Faith UMC, for the on-going support of the Monado's Market at Zane State College. Your help is greatly appreciated! Some helpful items we are collecting include:

~Single Serving Snacks
~Microwavable Meals
~Bottled Water
~Trash Bags
~Paper Towels
~Toilet Paper

~Ibuprofen/Tylenol
~Dish Soap and Sponges
~Personal Hygiene Items
~Laundry Supplies
~Pet Supplies

Scripture

Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32 (MSG)

Sermon

WE RESPOND

Invitation to Prayer

“At This Table”

At this table we lift our voices in prayer

At this table we seek your peace

At this table we know you have drawn near

At this table we find release

SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND PRAISES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYING WITH JESUS

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Doxology

**Be present at our table, Lord,
be here and everywhere adored;
thy creatures bless, and grant that we
may feast in fellowship with thee.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
(see insert)

Prayer of Dedication

Faithful God, we gratefully acknowledge
that you are the giver of all things.
You call us to share these gifts
so that we may experience
the joy and humility of giving to others.
We pray that this very act of offering our gifts to you
will enable us to be obedient disciples of your work.
We are blessed to receive
and to offer the message of salvation.
Jesus Christ is Lord.
Praise your holy name!
Amen.
Philippians 2:1-13

WE GO FORTH

Closing Hymn
“Marching to Zion” UMH 733

Benediction

*This Table of Joy requires much of us.
It asks us not to rely on expecting to feel good all the time
in order to do good in the world.
It shows us that we can have fuller,
more invigorating lives
when we choose to cultivate a practice of joy
by staying fully present to ourselves and one another
and by staying open
to the unexpected movements of Spirit.*

**The grace of God abounds!
The invitation of Christ is wide!
The power of the transforming Spirit will surprise us
every time!**

May the blessings of joy you find here
go with you and move through you to others
wherever you go this week.
Let the people say, “Amen!”
Amen!

Postlude