# **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**

Date	Liturgist	Greeters
September 3	Barb T.	Don, Roberta & Susie
September 10	Roberta	Chris & Heather
September 17	Barb T.	Mark, Thea & Vickie
September 24	Mark	Floyd & Pat
October 1	Marsha	Don, Roberta & Susie
October 8	Barb T.	Chris & Heather
October 15	Nick	Mark, Thea & Vickie
October 22	Teresa F.	Floyd & Pat
October 29	Marsha	Jim & Barb

# Faith United Methodist Church September 3, 2023

**GATHER** 

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**PRELUDE** 

SETTING THE TABLE "Come to the Table of Grace"

TAKING OUR PLACE, OPENING TO OTHERS
We know that there is a place for us at this table.
Our hearts are filled with gratitude!
We notice that there is a place for those not like us.
We come ready to open our hearts
beyond their current size.
We humbly take our seat.
We look into each face
and know the presence of Jesus!

OPENING HYMN
"Just As I Am" UMH 357

THE PEACE

THE CHILDREN GATHER

WE PROCLAIM



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# PREPARATION TO HEAR GOD'S WORD "As We Gather at Your Table" (Verse 1)

SCRIPTURE READING
Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:24-25 (MSG)

**SERMON** 

WE RESPOND "At This Table"

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;

# **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Aggas Family** Al Duncan Baby Asher & Family Baby Christian & Family **Baby London** Bernice Osborne **Betty Howard Betty Miller Bev Wolford Bradley Adams** Brenda Miller Brenda Shepherd Brian Hina Chad Glass Family Dave Smith Family David Inman Debbie Gifford Dennis Cebulsky **Doug Adams Dunn Family** Ed McAuley Ellen Kelton Gloria Jean Campbell J.J. Jasper Jacob Elson James Finlay Jr. Jane Thorne Janet Hickman Janice Moore **Jasmine** Jill Shrock Jim & Patty Evans JoAnne Peadon Juanita Mohler Julie Glass Karen Bay Karen Norman

Karen Wilson Kyle & Richard Felton Laura Peck Lynn Marilyn Inman Marlene Farley Mike Camp Family Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Sutton Nick Prindle Pam & Michael Pam Glass Pastor Joy Wigal Patty Pavlik Pearl Bradford Rita Spurrier Rita Young Ron Howard Ron Pyle Sr. Family Sarah Chapman & Family Saundra Boyd Shana Steve Cahn Steve Inman Suzanne Collins **Terry Pickens** Thea & Mark Crawmer Tim & Sherry Dickerson Tom Kelley Family Tonya Poli Ty Dierkis Vickie Cordle Vicky Butcher Vicky Wolfe Wanda Adams Zola Duncan & Family Medical Faith Shut-in: Kathleen McCutcheon

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### 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.

#### **Artwork**

If you have time to stop by the Muskingum County Library in Downtown Zanesville, check out the library's showcase inside the back door. Artwork from Faith's Tuesday Morning Painters is displayed!

#### **Eventide**

Eventide Circle will meet 12:45 PM Thursday, September 7, 2023 at the Church.

The Outreach Offering will be collected.

Program: Roberta Covert Devotions: Marlene Farley

Response Moment: Vickie Finlay

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, September 3	
Worship	10:30am
Monday, September 4	
Labor Day Office Closed	
Tuesday, September 5	
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm
Wednesday, September 6	
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm
Book Study	1:00pm
Thursday, September 7	
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm
Eventide Circle	12:45pm

# thy creatures bless, and grant that we may feast in fellowship with thee.

### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace, Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table, it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

Friends, God is ever present with you!

"And also with you!"

Turn to the people around you and tell them this news: "The peace of Christ is always with you!"

"The peace of Christ is always with you!"

Come to the table of peace,

Come to the table of peace.

This is God's table, it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of peace.

Listen...

...So we lift up our hearts.

"We lift them up to God!"

Let us give thanks...

...God is with us.

I invite you...

...language for "give."

We thank you,...

...wherever we can.

And so,...

... repeating:

Holy, Holy, Holy God! Everywhere we see your Glory! Hosanna in the highest!

... and the widest...

... and the deepest...

... place in our hearts.

Blessed is the one...

... your people.

Listen all people!...
..."The Lord is present with every one."

"The Lord is present with every one."

Come to the table of love,
Come to the table of love.

This is God's table, it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of love.

On the night...
... in remembrance of me."

Come to the table of love,
Come to the table of love.

This is God's table, it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of love. Let us be a...

...and creation:

"Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again."

I invite you...
...posture of prayer.
Pour out your Holy Spirit...
...all to the family.
I invite you...
... comfortable for you.
By your spirit...
...God's people say,

"Amen!"

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!

# **Prayer after Communion**

As we have been... ... the welcome table.

We have been fed.
We have been nourished.
We have been transformed.
It is with Great Thanks that we have come to this table.
Amen!

WE GO FORTH

CLOSING HYMN
"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" UMH 622

DISMISSAL & BENEDICTION

This Table...
... "who is out."

It asks us to accept that the Spirit may move in surprising ways, through surprising people, and we might just miss out on the beauty and fullness of life if we insist on limiting invitations to the feast.

Indeed,...

...test for inclusion!

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

May the blessings...
..."Amen!"
Amen!

**POSTLUDE**