



**Faith**  
UNITED CHURCH of Christ

Rev. Ted Brelsford | Pastor  
Rev. Gary Burdick | Pastor Emeritus  
Dr. Ruth Foley | Music Director

Sunday, September 29, 2024  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP**     *Liturgist: Carol Ottaway*

Leader: O God, open our lips,

**People: and our mouths will declare your praise.**

Leader: Eternal Spirit, come into our midst

**People: and our spirits will be lifted up to you.**

Leader: Loving Christ, dwell in us and among us today;

**People: That we may be renewed in body, soul, and spirit.**

## INVOCATION

\***HYMN**     *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*     Gray #95 (1,4,5)

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

## \*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

## CHILDREN'S LESSON

**SPECIAL MUSIC**     *Ruth Foley and Lynn Morgan*

**SCRIPTURE READING**     James 5:13-20

**ANTIPHONAL READING** Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side--  
**if the Lord had not been on our side when people  
attacked us, they would have swallowed us alive when  
their anger flared against us;**

the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have  
swept us, the raging waters would have swept us away.

**Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be torn by  
their teeth.**

We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the  
snare has been broken, and we have escaped.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of  
heaven and earth.**

\***HYMN**     *Come, Thou Almighty King*     Gray #5

**SCRIPTURE READING**     Mark 9:38-50

**SERMON**     "Of Salt and Fire"

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

\***HYMN**     *Living for Jesus a Life That Is True*     Gray #569 (1,3)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Time of Silent Preparation*

\***GIFTS and OFFERINGS**     *There is an offering plate on the table  
at the entrance to the sanctuary. May God bless the missions of  
our church and the needs of the world through the gifts of our  
resources. Amen.*



\***DOXOLOGY**

\***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

*Go Now in Peace*

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.*

*God will go with us each hour of every day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.*

*Know He will guide us in all we do.*

## \*POSTLUDE

### PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all who are at war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. And also for those whose needs we do not know. Bill Bates, Vickie Bieger, Sue Cook, Gary Cook, Stephen Dearth, Sonne Durphy, Barb Fink, Louise Forney, Jim Henry, Scot Kish, Eleanor Kraft, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Fred Shear, Sydney Stisser, Janet Taber, Bob Tills, and Joyce Whittemore.

**For Those in the Military:** Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Teegan Partridge, Cadan Skinner, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Joe Solak, Mark Solak, Aaron Wellman, and Mark Williams.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Buddy Benches.** The Girl Scouts have discontinued collecting bottle caps for Buddy Benches. Thanks to everyone who has donated so generously!
- **Men's Group** meets Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- **Undie Sunday.** Today is our last day collecting underwear, bras, and socks for Churches in Action's annual mission. More information is available on the bulletin board outside church office.





- There will be a **Celebration in honor of Kathy Lounsbury's retirement** as Church Secretary after worship on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Pizza, salad and desserts provided. Please plan to stay.

- There will be a **Craft Show and Flea Market** Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>

and Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. For information on the craft show please contact Linda Smerka. For information on the flea market please see Ken or Carol Ottaway. Donations of good quality used items for the flea market may be brought to the church and placed in the classroom across from the Fellowship Hall on Sundays or when the church is open during the week (Tues-Thurs, 9-2). Please, no clothing or bedding, no large electronics, no large furniture (items must be able to be easily carried in and out).



- **The Invitation and Welcome committee** will meet Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- **A Congregational Meeting** to discuss and approve the 2025 budget will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> following worship.
- **Food Drive** starts Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> - November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please bring non-perishable food items.
- **Movie Night** will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in our church fellowship hall. Please bring your pillow, blanket or comfy chair and join us for popcorn and apple cider to watch "Luca"!
- **Baskets & Brunch** is Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Columns to Benefit United Church Manor Senior Programs. More information is available on the bulletin board outside church office.

### OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: \$2465  
Offering collection from September 22, 2024: \$2643  
Current: \$2503 Benevolent: \$140  
Attendance on Sunday, September 22, 2024: 88