**Altar Flowers** today are given to the glory of God from Todd and Cathryn Brooks in celebration of their anniversary. Romans 12:9 *Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil, cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.* 

## **Upcoming dates to remember:**

- ~September 17th, Trustees meeting at 5:30pm & Finance meeting at 6:45pm.
- ~September 20th, The Closet 5pm-6:30pm.
- ~September 24th, Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall from 1pm-6pm.
- ~September 28th, Celebration of life for Phyllis Bell here at Gay Street from 10am-12pm.
- $\sim$  September 29th, C.R.E.W. going to trampoline park, 12:15pm-3pm. Please RSVP with Logan.
- ~October 1st, Church Council at 7pm.
- ~October 2nd, NO dinner due to Rummage Sale.
- ~October 3rd, Rummage/Bake Sale 12pm-7pm.
- ~October 3rd, Rummage/Bake Sale 9am-5pm.
- ~October 4th, Care Team at 11:30am.

Wednesdays at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall-we will have a congregational meal together, please join us! (NO meal on October 2nd)

**Every Thursday** Wesley Ringers at 6:30pm & Choir at 7:30pm.

## Ways to Serve:

- ~Hot meals every Fri. @ 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.
- ~Worship Services Every Sunday we need volunteers for the following: Liturgist, Lay Readers, USHERS, Live Stream Team, and Sound Board. If you are interested, please call the office. We appreciate your help.





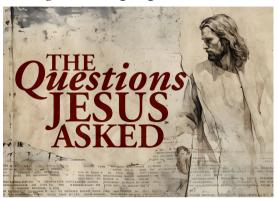


## **Our Mission**

To make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

# Gay Street UMC

Experiencing God through Worship, Spiritual Growth, Care, and Service



Sanctuary, September 15, 2024

Or are you envious because I am generous?
"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."
-John 3:16

## Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today!

Get connected and stay connected to the active life here at Gay Street UMC.

Ways to connect; <u>www.gaystreetumc.org</u>, follow us on Facebook, sign up for eDevos (a weekly newsletter offering a devotional, prayer concerns, upcoming events, and other important announcements).

## Church office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-3pm, and our phone number is 740-392-6626.

Restroom locations: in the rear of the sanctuary or through the parlor.

Hearing amplification devices are available; please ask an usher for assistance. Please share prayer concerns on bright green cards in pews; put in offering plate or hand to pastor.

Sermon Notes:

#### 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The \*asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Rev. Christopher Liberati

**PREPARATION** 

Prelude Christ our Cornerstone by C. Beckett

Rose Darling

**Opening Prayer-All Uniting** 

Liturgist: Ken Grove

Lord, whether we have come to you from long ago, or have just come to you now, you reach out with love and blessing for each one of us. Help us remember your mercy and your love and offer greetings and blessings to each other in your name. AMEN.

\*Gathering Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

UM Hymnal 529

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Whether you arrived here first this morning or came in as the service was beginning, God bids you joyful welcome.

- P: We thank you and thank God for this generous welcome.
- L: You are precious in God's sight, a delight in God's presence.
- P: Lord, we have come seeking your healing mercy.
- L: Know that God's compassionate love is poured over you this day.
- P: Hallelujah! AMEN.

Invitation to Children

Rev. Christopher Liberati

Children's Song

Where Children Belong

Rose Darling

Lyrics.

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Children's Message

Ally Brooks

INTO THE WORD

Psalm 105:1-6 Lay Reader: Taffy Frazer

\*Matthew 20:1-16

Response to the Word \*Gloria Patri

UM Hymnal 71

Message Or are you envious because I am generous?

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#### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn Only Trust Him

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer-UM Hymnal 895

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings: When we bring an offering to God, it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives. As we do so, our love for God and others grows.

Offertory Shout Amen! by Jay Althouse Joe Jancura, accompanist

\*Doxology Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UM Hymnal 94

\*Prayer of Dedication

#### SENDING FORTH

\*Benediction

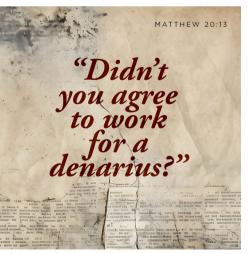
Postlude The Heaven's Declare God's Glory: Beethoven/Haydn arr R. Darling

## Serving in Worship:

Sound: Jassmine Bayless & Carol Moore Live Stream: Patsy Hommon & Morgan Mills Ushers:

## Did you know?

UM Hymnal 337



One of our goals for this upcoming year is to become more intentional in our prayer life. Have a prayer request? Please fill out the green prayer cards located in the pews, place them in the offering plate, and they will be prayed over and shared with the pastors and/or congregation and/or care & connect team based on your request.

Consider lighting a candle at the kneeler at the beginning of this service while offering your prayers to God.