



**September 17, 2023**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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## **WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

### **WELCOME**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Sing songs of hope and peace.

**People: God's love and power have lifted us.**

Leader: Sing songs of mercy and grace.

**People: God's mercy and forgiveness frame our lives.**

Leader: Thanks be to God for all God's love and mercy.

**People: Praise be to God for the healing power God extends to each one of us. Amen.**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

We sing and speak your praise, O God, grateful for the many ways in which you have healed us. Keep our hearts, our minds, and our spirits open to learn ways in which we can offer healing love for others. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **HYMN**

*"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"*

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Exodus 14:19-31- Mike Ketchum

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Matthew 18:21-35

### **SERMON**

*"Paying it Forward"*

## **WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

### **HYMN**

*"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **THE PASTORAL PRAYER FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **PRAYER RESPONSE**

*"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord, you have blessed our lives in so many ways. In gratitude for all these blessings and in confidence that our gifts will be used for ministries of peace and hope, we offer these gifts. Amen.

### **HYMN**

*"Amazing Grace"*

### **BENEDICTION**

**Leader:** As we have been forgiven, we now go into a world that needs your forgiving, healing touch.

**People:** **Let us bring peace and hope to others, sharing God's love with them. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

**SUNDAY WORSHIP:** Livestream is at [www.facebook.com/euccvalleycity/live](http://www.facebook.com/euccvalleycity/live)

### **RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

Sunday Worship Attendance: 37      Facebook: 5  
Offering: \$1,000.00      Missions: \$25.00

**CHURCH BANK** – If you wish to share a birthday or anniversary for Church Bank, we ask you to write them down on the papers provided in the pews and place it in the offering plate by the door. The following week it will be posted on the slides before church.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this week are given by Bonnie Weber for the glory of God.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS**- Tuesday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tamara will be working from home on Wednesday. If you need to contact her, please email at [emmanuccvlycty@zoominternet.net](mailto:emmanuccvlycty@zoominternet.net).

**BOWLING DAY**- September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. at Brunswick Bowling Alley. Preregistration is not required.

**MITTEN TREE** will be up and ready for items on October 8<sup>th</sup>. We will again be collecting hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, and socks to be distributed in November. Buckeye Elementary has requested sweatpants and leggings. The last day to donate will be November 12<sup>th</sup>. See Chris Neal or Peggy McMullen to make a donation or with questions.

**COUNCIL MEETING** will be Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST** is September 19<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. at the Cracked Egg in Brunswick.

**THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH**- will be on September 21<sup>st</sup> at noon in fellowship hall. The menu is roast beef, roasted red potatoes, mixed vegetables, and rolls. If you would like to contribute to the lunch, please bring a salad or dessert to share.

**THANK YOU** to Boy Scout Troop 502 for painting our benches.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** will be on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**DONATING ITEMS**- If you are wishing to donate items to the church, please let the person/committee chair know before you donate. We are in the process of eliminating one of our storage rooms and the space to store items is limited. If the items are for Sunday School/see Gretchen; Kitchen/see Celeste, all other items/ Karen King. Also, we are no longer taking eyeglasses. Please take them to your eye care facility.

**SAFETY CONCERNS**-Due to the concern of our members, the East and West doors will remain locked. They will only open on Sunday 9:00-10:10 a.m. They will be open for special events.

**ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP:** The calendar for providing altar flowers to honor someone, in memory of a loved one, or “just because” is on the Narthex information table. There are many opportunities for you to enhance our worship atmosphere with the beauty of flowers. We are getting our altar flowers from Baskets, Boxes, etc. The cost is \$20.00 each.

**PASTOR REBEKAH’S INFORMATION:** Cell number: 231-327-8107. Email: [rarw1981@gmail.com](mailto:rarw1981@gmail.com). Her office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9am-noon.

**KEEP OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN PRAYER:** Bette Benko is in hospice, Scott Campbell, Jennifer Luf, Bill Nolan, Judy Schwartz, Marge Naftzger, Bob Schneider, Terry Flanagan, Mikey Coombes’ mother, Vivian, Pastor John Baker, Mary Neff, Dan Garver, Harold Cottrell, Lucille Bargar, Judy Adams, Jane Schneider, Rick Palumbo, Jay Nelson, Jeanne Nelson, Tim Mikulec (Friends of Cheryl Furfaro) John Luf, Mady Bauer, Chuck Leety (Sally Hunter’s brother), Richard and Marlene Paterson, Wanda Currier (Pat Barnum’s mother.)

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