

## Sunday Worship

July 31st, 2022

9:00 a.m.

## Scripture Reading

NIV

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

*Einsame Blumen (Blooming Flowers)*  
Christian Wilkey

Call to Worship\*

Reverend: Give thanks to the Lord;

All: **For He is good!**

Reverend: Some wander in the desert;

All: **Some hunger and thirst.**

Reverend: They cry out to the Lord,

All: **And he delivers them!**

Passing the Peace\*

Opening Hymn\*

*Blessed Assurance*  
UMH 369

Children's Time

Offertory

*It Is Well*

Doxology\*

UMH 94

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:1-15

Centering Hymn\*

*Oh God Who Shaped Creation*  
UMH 443

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 11:1-11

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-31

Reverend: The Word of God for the people of God;

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gloria Patri\*

UMH 70

Sermon

*"Seek the Kingdom"*  
Pastor Bill Novak

Closing Hymn\*

*Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom*  
UMH 508

Benediction

Recessional Refrain\* Chorus of *Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom*

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

### **Luke 12:13-31:**

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

<sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

<sup>18</sup> "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

<sup>20</sup> "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

<sup>21</sup> "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

<sup>22</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! <sup>25</sup> Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life<sup>[b]</sup>? <sup>26</sup> Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

<sup>27</sup> "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. <sup>30</sup> For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

*The flowers at the altar are courtesy of Doug and Diane Fair to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

### **MUMC Music Team Practice**

We will be having a special practice for the choir and music team on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6PM. We will return to regular times after this practice. Please join us if you can!

### **United Methodist Men**

The Methodist men are planning to have a cookout and games at Ackerman's Farm on Wednesday August 17th, from 5:00 pm to 8:00pm. We are planning to eat around 5:30. Please join us for fellowship and fun!

### **Volunteers Needed**

Please consider volunteering at the Coffee Bar on Sundays before or after the Church service you attend. Any help would be much appreciated! Please contact the church office at (309) 266-7174 or Lisa Huette at (309) 339-1807 if you are interested. Thank you!

### **XYZ Activities**

No XYZ activities this week as Lynn will be out of town. On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, XYZ will be making a shopping trip to Market Place Shopping Center in Champaign. Meet at the Church at 10:15am. Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk if you are interested!

### **Be the Church:**

9:00AM-Traditional Worship Celebration  
10:30AM-Cross Connections Worship Celebration  
10:30AM-Sunday School (ages 2 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Mon, Wed, Friday- 8:00-9:00AM Walking for Exercise  
Monday-3:15PM Afterschool at Eli's (sr. high)  
Monday-6:30PM Trustees Committee  
Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting  
Tuesday-6PM MUMC Music Team  
Tuesday-6:30PM Care Givers Support Group  
Wednesday-6:30AM Men's Prayer Group  
Thursday-8:30AM Quilters  
Thursday-6PM Praise Team  
Friday-OFFICE CLOSED – Pastoral Staff available  
Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study  
Saturday-9AM Serving at Trinity Church  
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