

# Monticello

United Methodist Church

*Welcome to worship! No matter where you are, where you have been, or where you are on your faith journey, our prayer is that you will find a place to belong in worship and mission with us.*

September 18, 2022

8:30 am

## Preparation for Worship

There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love. –Unknown

## Focus Scripture

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

## Prelude

*Praise the Lord of Lords*

M. Williams

## \*Call to Worship

Is God not in Zion? Is there no ruler to lead us?

**Search for the Lord, for God waits where we least expect it.**

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no healer to help us?

**Cry out to the Lord, for God hears our pleas.**

Is there no hope left to be found? Is there nowhere to turn?

**Place your trust in the Lord, whose compassion comes speedily to meet us.**

Come, worship the one who hears our pleas?

**We will enter God's gates with hope and gladness.**

## \*Hymn

*What Does the Lord Require*

No. 441

## Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

**Savior God, inspire us with your word, that we may rejoice in the glory of your ways. Strengthen us with your Spirit, that we may go forth to serve you, with passion and purpose, in all that we say, and in all that we do. Amen.**

## Scripture

Luke 16:1-13

## Anthem

*I Worship You*

Choir

I come before Your throne, my God and King. My tears are all I own as offering. I fall upon my knees and hide my face, my fears surrender now to Your boundless grace. Lord, I worship You. Lord, I worship You. You are worthy of my praise. I come before You now with simple song, a broken theme that longs to be made strong. In You, I find a home, a welcome place. In You, I find at last my voice of praise. I will worship You in the beauty of holiness. I will worship You in spirit and truth. And for all of my days, I will live out my praise, and give all the glory to You. I stand before You now to give my all, to answer with

my life Your loving call. I long to walk with You, along the way, to rest within Your arms at the close of day. Lord, I worship You. Lord, I worship You. You are worthy of my praise. You are worthy of my praise.

Kid's Time

Message

Hymn *There Is a Balm in Gilead* No. 375

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Offertory *Hymn from Finlandia* Sibelius

Doxology No. 94

Prayer of Dedication

**Pour out your Holy Spirit, and bless the gifts we return to you now. Bless the gifts of our lives, as we share generously and give abundantly, the bounty we have received. In faithfulness and gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

Hymn *Jesus Calls Us* No. 398

Announcements

Benediction

Go in peace. Go in love.

Go in faithfulness to serve God in all that you say, and in all that you do. **Amen!**

Postlude *To God Be the Glory* W. Doane

Staff and Worship Assistants:

Pastor: Kathy Bueker Sweet Director of Music: Kathy Brown  
Director of Family Ministries: Melanie Burger Director of Youth Ministries: Will Pontious  
Organists: Gloria Cardoni & Mary Ellen Dean Director of Bell Choir: Barb Ozier  
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Office Hours--Monday-Thursday 9 am - 12 noon  
Live Radio Broadcast 8:30 am WCZQ 105.5 FM  
Worship: 8:30 am in person and Facebook Live  
10:45am in person

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If you are visiting we welcome and invite you to Fellowship coffee and conversation at Café 2020.

Individual wireless receivers are available from the ushers. Rocking Chairs are located at the back for parents with babies. Our Kids' Corner is stocked with things to educate and entertain your children as well.

**Food Pantry needs:** Taco fixin's, refried beans, canned chicken, beefaroni, spaghetti and meatballs, lasagna, graham crackers, Kleenex

The Altar flowers are given by the Jenkins family in honor of William Jenkins' birthday.

### Calendar

#### Today

8:30 am      Worship, in-person, online and  
                 radio  
9:45 am      Sunday School classes  
                 (Adult and The Orchard)  
10:45 am     Worship, in-person  
4-7    pm      Youth Scavenger Hunt

#### Monday, Sept 19

9:00 am      Mom's Group  
4:00 pm      T.O.P.S (Take Off Pounds  
                 Sensibly)  
7:00 pm      Boy Scouts

#### Tuesday, Sept 20

8:30 am      Just Walking  
9- 11 am     Mom's Group  
6:30 pm      P.E.O.  
**7:00 pm      Church Council mtg**  
                 NO Zoom Prayer

#### Wednesday, Sept 21

1:00 pm      Bible Study  
6:00 pm      Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 pm      Girl Scouts  
7:00 pm      Bell Rehearsal  
8:00 pm      New Day Rehearsal

#### Thursday, Sept 22

8:30 am      Just Walking

#### Sunday, Sept 25

8:30 am      Worship, in-person, online and  
                 radio  
9:45 am      All Sunday School classes  
                 (Adult, The Orchard, and  
                 Orchard 567)  
10:45 am     Worship, in-person  
5-7    pm      Youth Group

#### Looking Ahead:

Oct 12 After school Kids, WATCH meal