

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.

May 7, 2023

10:00 am

Preparation for Worship

The Church exists by mission as a fire exists by burning. –Emil Brunner

Special Music

This Is the Day

Kids Choir

Prelude

The Meditations of My Heart

Sanctuary Choir

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight O Lord.

O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer.

*Call to Worship

Write your law in our hearts.

You are our God.

Teach us, Lord, to know you better.

Holy Spirit, illuminate our minds.

Remember our sins no more.

Christ Jesus, purify us in your new covenant.

By our lives let all humanity know your salvation.

*Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

No. 545

Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

Glorious God, write your name on our hearts. Inspire us with your law of love, that we might proclaim this truth: You are our God, and we are your people. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture

Jeremiah 31:31-33

Anthem

Wake Up, Church!

Sanctuary Choir

How lovely is Thy house, O Lord, what joy we find inside as we in blessed peacefulness abide. How comforting is the music, how comfortable are the pews as we rest in the Lord. Wake up, church, wake up! The Lord is calling you. Wake up, church, wake up! There is kingdom work to do and so arise and shine. Now tell the world your light is come. Wake up, church, wake up! There'll be plenty time to rest when life is done. We can't hide inside the walls, sitting on the pews. God calls us to go out and we cannot refuse. Wake up, church, wake up! And give God the glory, glory, rise and shine and give God the glory, glory, children of the Lord. Wake up, church, wake up!

Kid's Time

Message

A New Covenant

Bishop Frank J. Beard

Dedication of a Church Building Free of Debt

Dear friends, now that we have completed our building, and paid all indebtedness on it, let us dedicate this entire building and rejoice in its holy use.

To the glory of God, who has called us by grace; to the honor of Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us; to the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us;

We dedicate this building.

For the worship of God in prayer and praise; for the preaching of the everlasting gospel; for the celebration of the Holy Sacraments;

We dedicate this building.

For the comfort of all who mourn; for strength to those who are tempted; for light to those who seek the way;

We dedicate this building.

For the hallowing of family life; for teaching and guiding the young; for the perfecting of the saints;

We dedicate this building.

For the conversion of sinners; for the promotion of righteousness; for the extension of God's reign;

We dedicate this building.

In the unity of the faith; in the bond of brotherhood and sisterhood; in love and goodwill to all;

We dedicate this building.

In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve this church; in loving remembrance of those who have finished their course; in the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord;

We dedicate this building.

Burning of Mortgage

Prayer

We now, the people of the Monticello United Methodist Church, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, aware of the sacrifices of our mothers and fathers in the faith, and confessing that apart from us their work cannot be made perfect, dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of Almighty God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Offertory

I Come With Joy

Doxology

No. 94

Prayer of Dedication

God of overflowing abundance, you feed our spirits with spiritual milk and nourish our souls with heavenly food. You are our fortress and our rock when the snares of this world threaten to overwhelm us. In gratitude for your mercy and many blessings, we offer you our gifts and our ministries, so that a wounded world might know your grace. Amen.

Holy Communion

*Hymn

Victory in Jesus

No. 370

Reflections - How did we arrive at this day?

Announcements

Benediction

God has written love on our hearts. Christ has revealed love in our world.

The Spirit sends us forth, to share this glorious message of love with everyone we meet. Amen!

Postlude

Oh Happy Day!

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

Worship Media: Jamie Hannah Sound Tech: Arthur Sievers Office Manager: Carol Wintersteen



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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

10:45 am in person

If you are visiting, we welcome you and invite you to Fellowship with coffee and conversation at Café 2020. We also have a Sunday School Hour from 9:45-10:30 am. We offer adult classes, our Orchard Children's Ministry classes for Preschool-5th grade, and our bi-weekly Orchard 567 class for our 5th-7th graders on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Please join us as we dig into God's Word.

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During today's service, please know that individual wireless receivers are available from the ushers. Rocking Chairs are located at the back for parents with babies, and our Kids' Corner is stocked with things to educate and entertain your children as well.

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Altar Flowers are given by the Blacker Family in celebration of Annie's 10th birthday.

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We welcome Bishop Frank J. Beard to our Pulpit today. We also welcome our District Superintendent, Rev. Bradley Watkins as well as former pastors: Rev. Russ Smith, Rev. Mike Eishen, and Rev Greg Courtright.

Food Pantry Requests: Paper Towels, popcorn, laundry soap, stuffing

Calendar

Today

9:00 am Sunday School classes
10:00 am COMBINED Worship
with meal to follow

Monday, May 8

10:00 am Outreach Committee Mtg
4:00 pm T.O.P.S (Take Off Pounds
Sensibly)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 9

8:30am Just Walking
7:00 pm **Staff Parish Committee**

Wednesday, May 10

1:00 pm Bible Study
1:15pm Orchard Early-Out
5:00 pm W.A.T.Ch. meal
5:30 PM Trustees
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm **Church Conference**
8:00 pm New Day Rehearsal

Thursday, May 11

8:30 am Just Walking

Saturday, May 13

7:00 pm **Those Guys Concert**

Sunday, May 14

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

Looking Ahead:

May 15 P.E.O. 6:15 pm
Youth Group Mission Trip
Parents' meeting 6:30 pm
May 16 Church Council Meeting 7 pm
May 18 Midwest Missions- All Day