

# 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 21, 2023

8:30 am

Preparation for Worship

Wait to be clothed with power from on high. The one who ascended will come to us again, bringing new life and new hope. Wait. –B.J. Beu

Focus Scripture

Psalm 47:1-2

Prelude

*Come, Ye Faithful*

Hughes

\*Call to Worship

Let us gather in this space.

**We gather from many places.**

Let us center ourselves for worship.

**We are one in the Spirit with joy in our hearts.**

Let us receive God's blessing.

**God's blessing is ours. We are God's beloved! Amen!**

\*Hymn

*How Firm a Foundation*

No. 529

Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

**Breath of God, renew us in this time of worship. Help us set aside thoughts that trouble us. Help us pause the challenges of the world that taunt us. Pour your spirit within each one of us, that we may be re-spirited in this hour by your power and your grace. Amen.**

Scripture

John 24:44-53

Kid's Time

Special Music

*Heaven's Joy Awaits*

Those Guys

Message

\*Hymn

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

No. 103

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Offertory

*Purer in Heart*

Ritter

Doxology

No. 94

Prayer of Dedication

**Almighty God, pour your blessing upon the gifts we bring before you. Bless our giving in your abundance for the restoration of all people. Through our offering, may those who are weary be energized; may those who feel forgotten find a home. With the joy of your grace filling our hearts, we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

No. 89

Announcements

Benediction

Receive the blessing of Christ today and be commissioned to serve God in this world. Offer healing to the broken and care to the empty.

**We leave to transform the world through our faithfulness. Amen.**

Postlude

*Alleluia, Christ is Risen*

Ritter

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

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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.

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.

**Altar flowers** are given by the Neef family in honor of Andrew's 16th Birthday and by the children and grandchildren of Dean and Mary Howater - Congratulations on 68 years of marriage!

### **Food Pantry Requests:**

**CRACKERS** (graham & saltine), spaghetti sauce, canned spaghetti & meatballs, popcorn, paper towels

### **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

#### **Monday, May 22**

4:00 pm      T.O.P.S (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)  
7:00 pm      Boy Scouts

#### **Tuesday, May 23**

8:30 am      Just Walking  
7:00 pm      Zoom Prayer

#### **Wednesday, May 24**

1:00 pm      Bible Study

#### **Thursday, May 25**

8:30 am      Just Walking

#### **Sunday, May 28–Pentecost, Wear Red**

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 29      OFFICE CLOSED**  
June 8 -10    Annual Conference in Peoria  
June 11      Reverend Kathy's last Sunday  
June 13      SPRC 7 pm  
June 16      Tri-M Wiener Roast  
June 18-24   Youth Mission Trip  
**June 19      OFFICE CLOSED**  
                  P.E.O. 6:15