

# 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.*

March 5, 2023

8:30 am

## Preparation for Worship

These gifts—help, guidance, salvation—are offered without price. They are simply given through faith. —Mary Scifres

## Focus Scripture

Psalm 121

## Prelude

*God So Loved the World*

Stainer

## \*Call to Worship

God calls with a blessing.

**Our help is in God.**

God calls with a promise.

**Our help is in God.**

God calls through our questions.

**Our help is in God.**

God calls through the Spirit

**Our help is in God.**

## \*Hymn

*To God Be the Glory*

No. 98

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

**Holy Spirit, be with us this day. Breathe into our prayers and praise. Breathe into our spirits. Breathe in our worship with your promise of help, your promise of rebirth, and your promise of blessing. In faith and trust, we pray. Amen.**

## \*Scripture

John 3:1-17

## Kid's Time

### Anthem

*As We Gather At Your Table*

Sanctuary Choir

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your Word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it for our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known. Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save. Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy!

Message

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Offertory

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Lemmel

Doxology

No. 94

Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious God, bless these gifts, that they may bring help to the needy and hope to the despairing. Bless us this day, that our very lives may be gifts of help and hope for your world. Amen.**

Holy Communion

\*Hymn

*Freely, Freely*

No. 389

Announcements

Benediction

As we have been helped, restored, and received the Holy Spirit;

**God sends us to help, to restore and to share your Spirit with kindness and compassion for all. Amen.**

Postlude

*O God Our Help in Ages Past*

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.

**The Altar flowers today are given in honor of Ginny Blacker for her 13th birthday, from The Blacker Family, and William Jenkins's for his 6th birthday, with love from Mom, Dad, and Henry.**

\*\*\*\*\*Don't forget to *Spring Forward* next week!\*\*\*\*\*

**Food Pantry Requests:** jelly, popcorn, fruit - all kinds, white rice and rice packets, potatoes- canned and packets

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  
 3- 6 pm      Family Game Night with  
                   pizza dinner

Monday, March 5

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

Tuesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 8

1:00 pm      Bible Study  
**3:15 pm      After-School Program**  
**5:00 pm      WATCH Meal**  
 5:30 pm      Trustees mtg  
 6, 7 & 8 pm   Choir, Bells, New Day

Thursday, March 9

8:30 am      Just Walking

Sunday, March 12

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  
 5-7 pm      Youth Group

**Looking Ahead:**

March 13 - Outreach committee mtg 10 am  
                   Parents Bible Study 7 pm  
 March 16 - Midwest Missions - all day  
 March 21 - Church Council - 7 pm