



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 26, 2021

8:30 am

Preparation for Worship

Our little lives become great--part of the mysterious work of God's salvation. Once that happens, nothing is accidental, casual or futile any more. Even the most insignificant event speaks the language of faith, hope and, above all, love. --Henri J.M. Nouwen

Focus Scripture

Psalm 124

Prelude

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

Ritter

*Call to Worship

So much of the time we are distracted by noise and chaos.

Speak to us, Lord. We are listening.

We listen to so many other voices rather than turning solely to you.

Speak to us, Lord. We are listening.

We know that your voice is truth and hope and life.

Speak to us, Lord. We are listening.

We choose now to quiet our hearts and minds, to listen only to you.

Speak to us, Lord. We are listening.

*Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

No. 139

Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

Eternal God, you create us and you rescue us. Be here with us now. Help us know how much we need you. Teach us that no other power can support us like your power. As you share your power with us, teach us to be Christ to the world, proclaiming your love and acceptance for all people. Amen.

Special Music

Joy and Elation

Handbell Choir

Scripture

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Kid's Time

Message

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Doxology No. 94

Prayer of Dedication

Giving God, we can never match your generosity. Receive our offerings, even if they are as small as a drink for someone who thirsts. Transform them into the mystery of your reign here and now on earth, in the name of Jesus, your greatest gift. Amen.

Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

No. 396

Announcements

Benediction

God has created all things.

We shall seek to be on God's side. Amen.

Postlude

You'll Never Walk Alone

Rodgers

A question to ponder this week..."What do you do to prepare to Worship?"

Worship Assistants today:

Song Leader: Kathy Brown

Tech Support: Jamie Hannah

Organist: Mary Ellen Dean

Sound Tech: Arthur Sievers



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Office Hours--Monday-Thursday 9 am - 12 noon

Live Radio Broadcast 8:30 a.m. WCZQ 105.5 FM

Worship: 8:30a in person and Facebook Live

10:45a in person

The Chancel flowers are given in celebration of Corinne Blacker's 10th birthday with love from Dad, Mom, Ginny and Annie.

Food Pantry Needs

Week of September 26

Food Pantry needs for this week include: Laundry Soap, Applesauce (unsweetened and regular), Paper Towels, Spaghetti sauce, peaches, and mandarin oranges.

Thank you in advance!

Calendar

Today

8:30 am Worship, in-person, online and
radio
9:45 am All Sunday School classes
10:45 am Worship, in-person
4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals
6:30 pm Youth Group Movie Night

Monday, September 27

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

Tuesday, September 28

8:15 am Just Walking
7:00 pm Staff Parish

Wednesday, September 29

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

Thursday, September 30

8:15 am Just Walking

Sunday, October 3

8:30 am Worship, in-person, online and
radio
9:45 am All Sunday School classes!
10:45 am Worship, in-person
5:00 pm Middle School Youth Group
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm High School Youth Group

If you were unable to attend the listening session with SPRC, but would like to share ideas, here is the link to the survey that you can complete. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MUMC2021>

Our Charge Conference will be Wednesday, October 6 at Decatur 1st UMC at 7 pm.

We are updating our email newsletter list. If you have a change to your email address or would like to be added, please let the office know! Thanks!