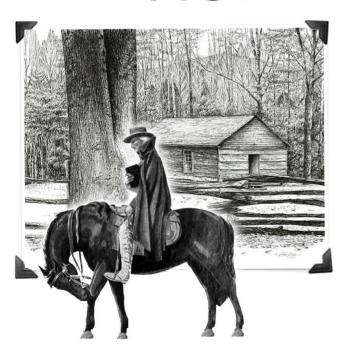
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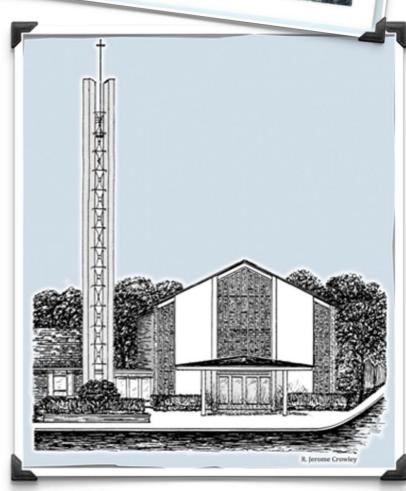
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welcome





ORDER OF WORSHIP 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022 10:00am

PRELUDE "Seek Ye First" Lafferty/Smith "Holy Ground" Convers

WELCOME Rev. Don Kraps

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE

Mary Ann Stotts,

UM Historical Society/Membership Chairperson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Eternal and loving God, today we give thanks to you for your goodness through all the years of worship and witness in this place.

PEOPLE: We give you thanks, O God.

LEADER: For your grace in calling us to be your people, for your love revealed to us in Christ your Son, for your gift of the Spirit and joy of salvation:

PEOPLE: We give you thanks, O God.

LEADER: For those who established this congregation, for their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities:

PEOPLE: We give you thanks, O God.

LEADER: For all who have been members of this congregation, for those who have given freely of their time and money, for those whose wisdom guided our congregation:

PEOPLE: We give you thanks, O God.

LEADER: For all who have preached and taught here; for all who have confessed here that Jesus is Lord; for all who lead in worship, witness, and service:

PEOPLE: We give you thanks, O God.

LEADER: Give us the assurance that we too belong to that great company, and that we too may find the peace that passes understanding; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

ALL: AMEN.

*HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH 577

UNISON PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we come before you to thank and praise you for the gift of this church. You have blessed us beyond all that we could have hoped for, expected or deserved. From the very beginning when we needed a place to call home, You led us to this place. You sent us people who needed us and who needed to hear the good news of Jesus. You provided the workers and volunteers who gave their time and money generously. You presented us with a need in the community with growing double parent workforce, single parent households, and the need for a childcare, launching our outreach mission of Rockport Early Childhood Center which served as a light in the community for many years. We realize this church is not our building but our members. As such, we are all members of the larger body of Christ. We thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit who quietly guides and directs our steps. Keep us attuned and aware of His guidance. Be with us as we celebrate this glad event in our history and let all praise and glory go to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" Fettke/Johnson

Chancel Choir & Singing Angels Alumni Choir

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Kira Holchin

PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Barbara Davis

Lord's Prayer

*HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" UMH 545,

vs. 1,2,4,5

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Rev. Don Kraps

(Will the ushers please come forward)

Offertory Music "The Prayer" Sayer/Foster

Flute: Mickey Hopp Piano: Susan Shick

*Doxology
UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Don Kraps

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 2:4-10 CEB

SERMON

"Kissing Frogs"

Rev. Dr. Bill McFadden

Pastor here 1974-1982

Was instrumental in starting Rockport's Endowments and Rockport Early Childhood Center (1981-2020)

*HYMN "Faith of Our Fathers"

UMH 710

*BENEDICTION & BLESSING

Rev. Don Shank

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Let there Be Peace on Earth"

Ades

Chancel Choir & Singing Angels Alumni Choir

*POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

Young

*Please stand if you are able

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

Join us in Wesley Hall following worship for a celebration luncheon! Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022

5:30-6:55pm - Choir Rehearsal resumes

7-8:00pm - Christianity and Comparative World Religions Bible Study

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022

6:30-8:00pm - Good News Kids and M& M's

6:30-8:00pm - UMYF Homework Hangout

7:00pm - Finance Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022

6:00pm - Pray and Bike or Walk or Relax

Friday, Sept. 23, 2022

9:45am – Al-Anon

Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022

8:30-9:00am - Early Morning Service

10:00am - In-Person Worship & Live Streamed

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Director of Christian Education/Youth
Music Director/Organist
Guest Music Director
Church Office Administrator/Bookkeeper
Lector
Sound/Video
Rev. Don Kraps
Kira Cimino Holchin
Susan Shick
Raffaela Rokakis
Sara Chapman
Scott Welsh
Scott Holchin