



September 11, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
14th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE	“Adagio from Symphony VI” (Widor)	Henry Repp
GREETING		Rev. Todd Lattig
*CALL TO WORSHIP (Micah 6)		Kathleen Meredith
	What does God require of us?	
	God wants justice.	
	What else does God want?	
	God wants faithful love.	
	Anything else?	
	God wants us to walk humbly with God.	
*OPENING HYMN	“O God of Every Nation”	UMH 435
*OPENING PRAYER		
	Come, Holy Wisdom, and show us your ways. In our confusing world, many voices demand our attention. Teach us to look with your eyes. Help us walk humbly beside you—doing what is right, speaking your truth. You alone are our guide and guardian on paths of peace and reconciliation. Amen.	
CHOIR ANTHEM	“Heavenly Sunlight” (arr. B. Red)	Chancel Choir
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Rev. Lattig
CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER		Chancel Choir
KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON		Rev. Lattig
SCRIPTURE READINGS		Kathleen Meredith

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. ¹⁹ As the Scriptures say, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent.”

²⁰ So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world’s brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. ²¹ Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. ²² It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom. ²³ So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it’s all nonsense.

²⁴ But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God for this Word.

SPECIAL MUSIC		Kathleen Meredith
SERMON	THE MATRIX: "Reloading the Gospel"	Rev. Lattig
OFFERTORY	"Adagio" (Liszt)	Henry Repp
	You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.	
*DOXOLOGY		UMH 95
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Kathleen Meredith
	Generous God, you give us all we need. You ask only for faithful living in return. We bring these gifts to you today, that they may support your work of justice. Through this offering, we commit ourselves to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with you. Amen.	
*CLOSING HYMN	"Christ for the World We Sing"	UMH 568
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Lattig
POSTLUDE	"Toccata Giocosa" (Martin)	Henry Repp

**Today at 12:00 p.m.
In Holland Hall**

**MOVIE SCREENING:
THE MATRIX**

**upon which Pastor Todd's sermon series
has been based during August and September.**

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor
Liturgist
Organist/Music Director
Greeter
Camera Operator
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig
Kathleen Meredith
Henry Repp
Fred Fox
Jen Phlegar
Jay Morrison

Our church will be celebrating 191 years of ministry and mission on Anniversary Sunday, September 25th. Please join us on this very special day.

We will also be celebrating the life of Claus Seebeck with a Memorial Service at 2 p.m. that afternoon. We will inter his ashes in Martha's Memorial Garden outside behind the chancel immediately following the Memorial Service.

Deadline for Conference reports to be completed in the Arena system is Monday, September 19th. That's only a week away! Please be sure to complete them on time and to send an electronic copy to Kathleen in the church office (newtonumc07860@gmail.com) as these reports will also be included in our Church Conference booklet. Thank you!

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