

L: Lord, in Your mercy,
P: Hear our prayers!

All those living with cancer—Jana Lou Scott, Dick Knutson, Muriel Boden, Ann Widener, Linda Stengl, Deborah Knobel, John Chapman, Sherri Horst Clark, Jimmy Parker, Don Roulet, Trent Lubers, Wanda Landers, Joyce, Craig Dobrinski & John Harris, Garry Howard, Ronnie Schulz, Danny, Butch Collins, Rev. Larry Masoner, Jimmy Cole.

Joys & Concerns—Family of Helen Ruth Calkins; Shane Jackson (hand injury, loss of family pet); Leah Wright; Breanne Bell & family; Alene Macaulay (4th back surgery next week); Carol Tobler (foot surgery recovery); all world leaders; thanks for rain; thanks for teachers/students/new school year; Willa Mae Switzer (moved to Brookdale A.L.); Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Family of Karina Wilachek; Bryan Baxter; Chesney Broughton; Those struggling with marital issues; Kerfoot Family; Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Mary Statser; Krissy Martens (surgery recovery); Shirley Ediger; Max Leonard; All care-givers serving loved ones; Joy Blanton; Kirk Milligan; Kamdyn Taunton; Hannah Bockelman; those with addictions/mental illness/depression/dementia/cancer; Jason Mills; James Ediger; Armando; all those incarcerated and their families.



**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Weatherford, OK
August 27, 2017
8:30AM & 10:30AM
12th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgists: Jean Minton (8:30AM);
Carol Wright (10:30AM)

✠ Please Stand As You Are Able

❖ 10:30AM Service Only

I. GOD'S FAMILY ENTERS INTO WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S CHILDREN FOR WORSHIP

You are invited to light a candle at one of the Prayer Stations, located at the far ends of the Chancel railing.

Servant Leader Opportunities

Please View the Screens

Gathering Chimes . . . Let the people enter into silence
The Greeting & Opening Prayer Rev. Brack

Prelude "Psalm 1: The One Is Blest" arr. Robert Powell
Marti Bessinger, organ

Words of Welcome
✠ "Feet and Greet" (Let's get out of our seat, move our feet, and greet our sisters & brothers in Christ.)
❖ Gathering Song W. & S. No. 3176
"Come, Now Is The Time To Worship"

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Amidst the forces of death and destruction, it takes a village to save us. Amidst the rivers that would carry us out to sea, **it takes people of real courage to pull us from the water courses of life.** Amidst the fear and hatred in our world, **it takes mercy and compassion to reveal the face of God.** Come, let us worship!

✠ THE PROCESSIONAL

Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 400
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (all 3 vv.)
Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Together, let us confess . . . **Merciful God, wash away the injuries we have inflicted upon one another. When we have made lives bitter through word or deed, forgive us in Your mercy. When we have ignored the plight of others through ignorance or willful neglect, reclaim us in Your grace. Restore us to Your path of love and compassion, that we may bathe in the waters of Your compassion and love. AMEN.**

❖ ANTHEM "Grace Alone" Brown & Nelson
Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director; Sophia Lee, piano
(If you wish, you may follow along by turning to T.F.W.S., No. 2162)

II. GOD'S FAMILY HEARS & RESPONDS

❖ 3-M (Mini-Methodists Moment) Ruth Boyd
As children enter the Chancel, **ALL SING . . .** W. & S. No. 3163
"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]
As children return to their seats, **ALL SING . . .** W. & S. No. 3163
"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]

THE OLDER TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 1:8 - 2:10

❖ HYMN OF PREPARATION W. & S. No. 3002
"Blessed Be Your Name"

✠ THE EPISTLE LESSON Romans 12:1-8
"Behold, the wisdom of God's Word!"
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

✠ GLORIA PATRI U.M.H. No. 70

HOMILY "It Takes A Village" Rev. Brack

RESPONSE Psalter Lesson . . . Psalm 124 See Lectionary Insert

OPPORTUNITIES OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LIFTING UP OTHERS IN OUR PRAYERS
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD (8:30AM Service) U.M.H. No. 895
❖ "The Lord's Prayer" (page 3, choral version) W. & S. No. 3070

III. GOD'S FAMILY GIVES THANKS

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "I Will Arise" arr. Robert Powell
Marti Bessinger, organ

✠ DOXOLOGY U.M.H. No. 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION OVER OUR GIFTS

Together, let us pray . . . **Loving God, accept our gifts in Your holy name. Accept our very lives, as a pledge to pursue what is good and acceptable and perfect in Your sight. May our gifts become for the world resources to draw the endangered from the waters of death, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

IV. GOD'S FAMILY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD

✧ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP U.M.H. No. 117
"O God, Our Help In Ages Past" (vv. 1-4)

✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING

Blessed are you who resist the forces of death and destruction. Blessed are you who respond to the cries of the weak and the helpless. Blessed are you who build the kingdom of God with your love and compassion. Blessed are you who seek first what is right and honorable and true. Go and BE the village, and help bring the kingdom of God among us now.

Amen? **AMEN!**

✧❖ PARTING SONG & RECESSIONAL W. & S. No. 3181

"Peace, Salaam, Shalom"

Peace, Salaam, Shalom. Peace, Salaam, Shalom.
Peace, Salaam, Shalom. Peace, Salaam, Shalom.

POSTLUDE

"Toccata Giocosa"
Marti Bessinger, organ

Ian Hunt

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal-low-ed be your
name. Your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in
heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For -
give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a -
gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de -
liv - er us from e - vil, for the king - dom, the power, and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er.

... YOU SHALL BE NEAR ME,
YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN AND
YOUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN.

GENESIS 45:10



. Come help us share the devotional service today at Brookdale Assisted Living Center, 2:00PM. Thanks to Dolores Davidson for leading the singing, and Glenda Walker playing the piano!

. We need another Holy Communion Server for the 10:30AM service next Sunday. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center.

. Sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center for "Wonderful Wednesdays" light snack suppers. They begin on August 30th. Melissa Jackson is our Children's Coordinator.

. KODOS to members Barbara Baxter & Aggie Kokalis for taking such fine care of the Angel Courtyard this summer. Looks great. Also, KUDOS to Richard & Cheryl Vogt for their green thumbs in taking care of flower beds around the building, especially on the north side in front of the Parlor.

. Grab | Gather | Grow . . . "G3" Community Groups begin in October. Check out the curriculum in the Narthex.

. Check out Dr. Sam Lackey's newest flyers at the Welcome Center—SWOSU students & others: "Safe Campus Intelligence Defense" FREE training. Questions? 580.774.4602 robert.lackey@swosu.edu

Coming Up . . .

, Children's "Wonderful Wednesday" begins this Wed., Aug. 30th at 5:30PM.

, Please check out the "Fall Worship Music Sign-Up for Instrumental or Vocal Offertories" at the Welcome Center. Consider sharing your musical talent with your church family.

, Our church, along with the Wesley Student Center, will have a booth display at the SWOSU Organizational Fair on Thursday, Aug. 31st, 10A-2P. If you would like to help represent our church at the booth, see Joyce Tegtmeyer.

, Meetings this week . . .

Tuesday, Aug. 29th, 5:30PM—

Nominations in the Conf. Room

Thursday, Aug. 31st, 7:00PM—

SPPRC in the Conf. Room