

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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“Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ, will be an active family of faith in North Central Licking County, dedicated to building awareness of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through meaningful worship, diverse service, and genuine fellowship.” - Mission Statement



“God will answer all our questions in one way and one way only—namely, by showing us more of his Son.”

-Watchman Nee, Normal Christian Life

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor
Joyce Oyler, Licensed Associate Pastor
Mae Pound, Moderator
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor
Congregation, Ministers All
Pianist: Cathy Bero
Liturgist: Amy Gartner



Proclamation of Praise

Prelude / Acolytes / Ringing of the Bell

Welcome / Announcements

* **Hymn of Praise**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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Call to Worship:

Leader: Behind all things, behind the grey surface, there is a glory escaping born of heaven and belonging to heaven

People: It is a light that welcomes a more profound way of seeing things, a light that transfigures the world

Leader: It is a light that casts a spell of hope, that sees the glory in the cross and life within death

People: it is a glory that meets us here on this mountain, where Jesus Christ covered in the dust of the world is caught up in the glory of heaven.

Prayer of Invocation

Children's Message

Gospel Text

Luke 9:28-36 (NRSV)

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

* **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Homily on Luke 9

Rev. Scott Schieber

Sharing of our Tithes and Offerings / Offertory

* **Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

* **Offertory Prayer**

* **Hymn:**

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

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Reading of UCC Statement of Faith

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New Testament Text

Luke 6:39-49 (NRSV)

³⁹ He also told them a parable: “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. ⁴¹ Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴² Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye. ⁴³ “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; ⁴⁴ for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵ The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks. ⁴⁶ “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷ I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. ⁴⁸ That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.”

Homily on Luke 6

Pastor Joyce Oyler

Morning Prayer

Candle Dedication: In celebration and Praise of God’s Grace and Mercy.

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: Federated Church, Lock

Liturgy of Holy Communion

Confession:

God of grace, sometimes discipleship is so difficult.

We see you standing in front of us and we look for glory. Then you tell us to expect heartbreak and challenge.

We get a glimpse of your glory, and we are confused, frightened, unsure what to do or say.

God of grace, made known in Jesus the Christ, in the challenge and in the glory you call us to look toward you, to listen to you.

Grant us the grace and wisdom to watch, to listen, to follow, to learn, and, in the end, to possibly understand, as we join you on The Way, as we explore the glorious Kingdom. Amen.

Assurance / Passing the Peace

* **Communion Hymn:** *Let Us Break Bread Together* **Page # 323 GRAY**

Invitation to the Table / Prayer of Consecration / Words of Remembrance / Distribution

Sending Prayer

* **Sung Benediction -** *Let There be Peace on Earth*

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally, let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Postlude

If you have children... Sunday School is Offered during our 10:30a Service

-**Newborn – pre-school** A Cry Room is available for your use during the worship service. It is located above the Sanctuary. You can use the stairs located through the door directly to the left as you exit the main doors of the Sanctuary. You can hear and see the service from this room.

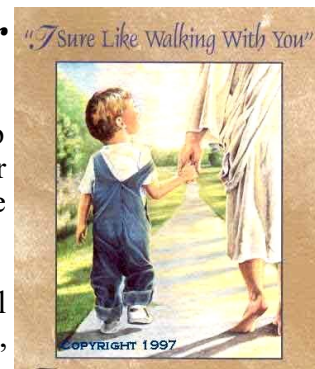
-**Pre-K – K** (pre-K means that your child will start kindergarten in the upcoming school year)...your child is invited to Sunday School with our BUGs (Born Under God's Sun), which meets in the Lower Level Learning Center. To get to the LLLC, exit the sanctuary, go down the steps, and turn left and find the doorway which leads to the steps leading into the LLLC.

-**1st Grade – 6th Grade**...your child is invited to Sunday School with our TIGERs (Trusting In God for Every Reason), which meets in the Lower Level Learning Center. To get to the LLLC, exit the sanctuary, go down the steps, and turn left and find the doorway which leads to the steps leading into the LLLC.

The Sunday School Curriculum is based on Stories in the Bible and involves activities that present the story in a variety of ways.

If you are visiting...

Welcome! We pray that you'll find our worship service meaningful and uplifting, and our congregation welcoming and friendly. We know that coming to a new church can be a little uncomfortable. If we can assist you in any way, please let us know! During the worship service, please be sure to provide contact information on our pew pads so Pastor Scott can reach out and thank you for attending.



If you have been attending

and would like to be more involved in the worship service or other events, we have a number of support roles you could participate in.

When you hear Rev. Scott or Pastor Joyce talk about signing up in the **Binder** or see "**sign up in the binder**" written anywhere, it is the **black notebook** that is being passed around the sanctuary during the service. This notebook has all the available Positions, Mission Outreach Projects and Events that are currently open for volunteers or are happening at our church.

The Acolytes are children 8 years old - about 12 years old. They carry the Light of Christ up to the alter at the beginning of our 10:30a service. If you are interested in having your child be an Acolyte, please let Rev. Scott know. It takes about 10 minutes to go through the process and we have your child with another experienced child for the first time.

Lay Readers - Are the people who read scripture, offer up the Call to Worship and the Prayer of Invocation. All the materials are up on the pulpit, or could be sent to you ahead of time if you would like to preview before hand. Please let Rev. Scott know your preference. No experience is necessary to participate in this support roll. (8:30a Service Lay Readers take up the offering and assist with Communion if necessary).

Greeters - Greet people as they arrive during our 10:30a service. The request is that you arrive about 20 minutes before the service. You hand out the bulletins and share a smile and some welcoming words and if the person is a visitor, you might make them aware of where the restrooms are located as well as the cry room, nursery and other children's activities depending on our current worship schedule.

Ushers - (The people who take up the offering) 10:30a service. Most times the Ushers and Greeters are the same people. When attendance is light and it is not a Communion Sunday 1 person can do both. On a Communion Sunday it is a 2-person position. If you are interested in ushering, please let Rev. Scott know and we will take a few minutes to go over this simple task so that you are comfortable in what you are doing.

You can sign up to greet and not usher if that is your comfort level or sign up to usher separately from greeting.

Special Music - We are open to any music that lifts God in Praise. If you would like to share...Just Share! Please see Cathy Bero or Debbie Smetts to talk about an idea or schedule a date to share your gift of music.

Thank you for your interest in being a part of our Worship Service

Announcements and Information

Monday Noon Bible Study - March 4th Scripture for study will be 1 Corinthians Chapters 8 and 9.

Join Pastor Joyce for a Book Study - Beginning Wednesday, February 6th at 6:30 using the book "If the Church were Christian: Rediscovering the Values of Jesus" by Philip Gulley. This will be a 10 week study, breaking for Ash Wednesday and taking us through to Palm Sunday.

WISH Meeting - Monday, March 11th at 6:30p at the church. Please see sign-up sheet if you plan to attend.

FAT TUESDAY - March 5th at Tee Jaye's on 21st St in Newark at 6p. Please see the sign-up sheet in the binder if you plan to attend.

ASH WEDNESDAY - March 6th. Service at 7p in the Sanctuary.

Game Nite - Saturday, March 16th at 6p. Please see sign-up sheet in binder if you plan to attend.

2018 Annual Report - Is Available in the Narthex

Greeter Training - Interested in being a greeter or are you currently a greeter and looking for helpful guidance in enhancing your skills? **Join us on March 17th at 9:30a**

**Spread The News!
Get
Donations Ready!
Hog Roast / Auction
Saturday, April 6th!
Posters and Fliers
available in the
Narthex**

Hog Roast / Auction Basket Bonanza

*Start collecting NOW, Tables will
be set up soon!*

Baskets to fill:

- Hole in 1 Golf
 - Easter
 - Teen
- Spring Gardening
- Kids Summer Fun
 - Mystery
 - Ohio State
- "Redneck PikNik"

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ Prayer List

Prayer Concerns within our Family of Faith:

Betty Nash Gayle Gibson Bob Tucker Dave Nash Larry Smetts Ned Campbell
Tom Siegel Becky Wright Judy Grace Austin Campbell Steve Barna
Ed Hoskinson Tom Lake Jane Lake Donna Shipley

Prayers for our Shut-ins:

Carolyn Claggett, Goldie Campbell

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: Federated Church, Lock

Prayers for Our Greater Church Family: *(This list to start over every month)*

John Stout	Stewart Krulikowski & Family	Bucky Mowery	Barbara Buyer
Sharon Mummey	Theresa Gonda	Jody Stair	Phyllis Miller
Mark Frick	Sherry Gibson	Jessie Wolford	Nellie Wright
Carl Richards	Nikki Greathouse	Michelle	Doug Hoar
Marsha King	Ben, Beth Mowry	Judy Schmoll	Rhett Morningstar
Jim Graham	Jerry Volow		



Continued prayers for all the troops that protect and serve this country and prayers of comfort for their families as they wait for their safe return. Chase Lasko.

This Week at Highwater, March 4th - March 10th

Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8	Saturday 9	Sunday 10
Pastor Scott Available Noon Bible Study In the Library	Pastor Scott Available 6p Fat Tuesday at Tee Jaye's Join Us!	Pastor Scott Available Debbie in Church Office Ash Wednesday 6:30p Lite Meal 7p Worship Service	Pastor Scott Available	Debbie in Church Office		8:30a Worship Service 10:30a Worship Service Sunday School 6p Connections and Conversations

Scripture for Sunday, March 10th
Luke 4:1-13 Romans 10:8b-13

Internet Access In Sanctuary:
 Network: Highwater_almond
 Password: Highwater1

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Pastor Joyce (c) 614 - 595-4771



Library to be Updated
 The *NEW* Conference Room will be Painted and matching chairs purchased.
 The books that are in the library will be removed and donated, but for a small amount. Some of these books may be special to you or your children, so please visit the library and take those books that would make a special addition to your home library. You will have this opportunity through March 10th.

Immerse yourself in a new worship experience...Led by Pastor Joyce
Connections and Conversations
Beginning March 10th at 6p

And Continuing the second Sunday evening of each month.

We will gather in the sanctuary. Our worship will include contemporary music, community reading of scripture, conversation with one another, interactive prayer, and communion.
Join Us!