

# **Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ**

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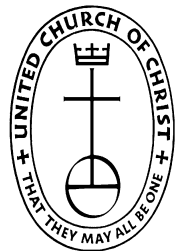
**March 24th, 2019 10:30a**

*“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*



“It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err.”  
-Mahatma Gandhi, Indian political and spiritual leader, 1869-1948

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor  
Joyce Oyler, Licensed Associate Pastor  
Mae Pound, Moderator  
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor  
Congregation, Ministers All  
**Pianist:** Judy Grace  
**Acolyte:** Russell Snyder  
**Liturgist:** Christine Ramsey  
**Greeters:** Mike & Abby Shipley





March 24th, 2019 \* = stand if you are able

## Proclamation of Praise

### Prelude / Acolytes / Ringing of the Bell

### Welcome / Announcements

#### \* Hymn of Praise

*Kum Ba Yah*

**Follow Screen Prompts**

#### Call to Worship:

Leader: Only the hungry search for bread. Only the thirsty look for water.

**People: This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.**

Leader: Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it. Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

**People: This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.**

Leader: So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst, our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,

**People: We will invite the God of life to satisfy our souls.**

#### Prayer of Invocation

#### Children's Message

*Will Include Dueling Bells*

#### Old Testament Text

**Psalm 63:1-8 (NIV)**

*Slides designed by Richard Lyall, Engage Worship*

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. <sup>2</sup>I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. <sup>3</sup>Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. <sup>4</sup>I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. <sup>5</sup>I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. <sup>6</sup>On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. <sup>7</sup>Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. <sup>8</sup>I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.

**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.**

#### New Testament Text

**I Corinthians 10:1-13 (NRSV)**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did.

<sup>7</sup> Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup> And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

## **Homily on I Corinthians**

**Rev. Scott Schieber**

## **Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer**

**Candle Dedication:** *In celebration of Karston Harris, Tanner MacLachlan, Susy Hatch and Sandi Shipley's Birthdays.*

**Prayers for Our UCC Congregations:** Move United Church, Columbus

## **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:** *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

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## **Gospel Text**

**Luke 13:1-9 (NRSV)**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” <sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup> He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

## **Homily on Luke**

**Pastor Joyce Oyler**

### **\* Hymn**

*Pass It On*

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## **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.

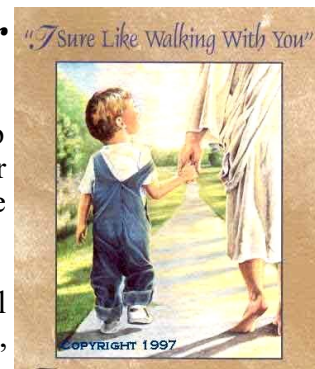
-**Pre-K – K** (pre-K means that your child will start kindergarten in the upcoming school year)...your child is invited to Sunday School with our BUGs (Born Under God's Sun), which meets in the Lower Level Learning Center. To get to the LLLC, exit the sanctuary, go down the steps, and turn left and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

-**1st Grade – 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



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### ***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 altar 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** - No Bible Study on March 25th . Pastor Scott on vacation.

**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.

**Pastor Scott on Vacation** - Monday March 25th thru Sunday March 31st

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** – Saturday, April 6th at 8:00a.m. At Grace Pointe across from Branstool's Orchard on Rte 62.

**Membership and Outreach Meeting** - April 11th at 6:15p

**Connections and Conversations** - 6p April 13th. A new worship experience being offered by Pastor Joyce. Worship includes contemporary music, interactive prayer, scripture readings, discussion with one another and Communion.

**Licking County Homemakers Luncheon** - 12p Tuesday, April 16th. WISH is hosting. Please see the binder if you can help.

**Spread The News!  
Get Donations Ready!  
Hog Roast / Auction  
Saturday, April 6th!  
Posters and Fliers available in the  
Narthex  
Please Take a few and Distribute  
throughout Community and Work Place**

### **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 David Keener Fred Grace

#### **Prayers for our Shut-ins:**

Carolyn Claggett, Goldie Campbell

**Prayers for Our UCC Congregations:** Move United Church, Columbus

**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	Jim Graham	Nellie Wright
Mark Frick	Sherry Gibson	Jessie Wolford	Doug Hoar
Carl Richards	Nikki Greathouse	Jeff French	Rhett Morningstar
Marsha King	Ben, Beth Mowry	Judy Schmoll	Pam Bevier
Dewey Wilfong	Bill & Carol King	Hannah Oliver	Pat Toops
		Claudia Daugherty	



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 25th - March 31st

<b>Monday 25</b>	<b>Tuesday 26</b>	<b>Wednesday 27</b>	<b>Thursday 28</b>	<b>Friday 29</b>	<b>Saturday 30</b>	<b>Sunday 31</b>
 <b>Happy Birthday</b> Karston Harris	Pastor Scott On Vacation	Pastor Scott On Vacation  Debbie in Church Office  6:30p Pastor Joyce Book Study  	Pastor Scott On Vacation  7:30p-12:30p Debbie in Church Office  	Pastor Scott On Vacation	Pastor Scott On Vacation	Pastor Scott On vacation  8:30a Worship Service  10:30a Worship Service Sunday School  6p MS/HS Youth Nite
<b>WISH Retreat Friday - Sunday</b>						

**Scripture for Sunday, March 31st**  
**Psalm 32    2 Corinthians 5:16-21    Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

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