

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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June 9, 2019 9:30a Pentecost Sunday

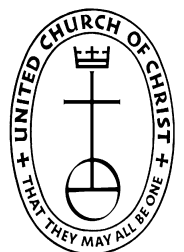
"Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ, will be an active family of faith in North Central Licking County, dedicated to building awareness of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through meaningful worship, diverse service, and genuine fellowship." - Mission Statement



"I doubt there is a problem—political or economic—that will not melt before the fire of a spiritual awakening."

Franklin D. Roosevelt, US President (1882-1945)

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor
Joyce Oyler, Licensed Associate Pastor
Mae Pound, Moderator
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor
Congregation, Ministers All
Pianist: Laura Laughlin
Liturgist - Kathy Preston
Greeters/Ushers - Jeff & Kathy Preston





Proclamation of Praise

Prelude / Acolytes / Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

*** Hymn of Praise**

This Is the Day

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Unison Prayer

Leader: O for a thousand tongues to sing sweet praise!

People: O rushing wild spirit of God, pour out the fire of love upon us! Unfurl your language upon our lips, Unlock our minds to embrace all possibility Unleash our hearts so Your justice flows freely.

Leader: O for a thousand tongues to sing sweet praise!

People: O rushing wild spirit of God pour out the fire of love upon us! May your breeze bring health and wholeness, May your breath heat our resolve, May your Spirit storm the earth with mercy and grace.

Leader: O for a thousand tongues to sing sweet praise!

People: O rushing wild spirit of God pour out the fire of love upon us! Set us free from self-doubt, Make us listeners as we seek awareness, Shake us awake when we forget our privilege.

Leader: O for a thousand tongues to sing sweet praise!

People: O rushing wild spirit of God pour out the fire of love upon us! Amen.

Children's Message

Old Testament Text

Psalm 104:24-35 (NRSV)

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. ²⁶There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. ²⁷These all look to you to give them their food in due season; ²⁸when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. ²⁹When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. ³⁰When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. ³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—³²who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. ³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. ³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. ³⁵Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

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

Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)

(video by Sam Hargreaves, music by Adam Parkes, *Engage Worship*)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Homily on Acts 2

Pastor Joyce Oyler

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

Candle Dedication: In celebration of Allyson Patton’s Birthday.

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: Heidelberg UCC, Stoutsville

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

Spirit of Gentleness

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Old Testament Text

Genesis 11:1-9 (NRSV)

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” ⁵ The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Homily on Genesis 11

Rev. Scott Schieber

Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King. Majesty, worship His majesty; Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

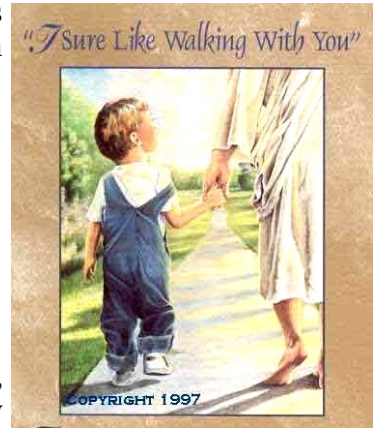
Postlude

During our Summer Worship Schedule Sunday School is on Recess....

If you have children...

-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.

**June 2nd through Rally Day in September, we will have
small activity bags for
the younger children to use at their seats during
Summer Worship Services**



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 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

VBS Picnic and Evening Worship- June 23rd 6p picnic, 7p Worship Service. See sign-up sheet in the binder.

Lunch at Miller's Park - Highwater will serve lunches in the park July 1-3, July 8th - 12th and August 5th - 9th. Sign-up in the binder.

Salvation Army Lunch Packing Mission Opportunity - Tuesdays June 4th - August 6th. Sign-up in the binder.

Membership and Outreach Ministry Meeting - Monday, June 10th at 6:15p

Women's Group Meeting - Thursday, June 27th at 6p. This is a group of women who wish to create relationships, empower women and give back to the community. This group is new and evolving. If you are available to help with child care, please let Pastor Scott, Pastor Joyce or Amy Gartner know.

Utica Food Pantry Needs Volunteers - Thursdays 2:30-5:30p. If you would like to help, even occasionally, please contact Pat Burress directly at 740-507-9862 to get on the schedule. June needs are Tuna, Pancake Mix, syrup and soups.

Scripture for Sunday, June 16th Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15, Psalm 8



June 17th - 20th 9:30a - 12p

To help with materials and food for the week we are offering the opportunity to Sponsor a Child. If you would like to participate, pick up a butterfly in the narthex and place your donation in the basket provided. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Can You Help With the children? Please see the binder for details.

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 Marcie Williams Ed Hoskinson Jane Lake Donna Shipley
Bev & Bob Yoakam

Prayers for our Shut-ins:

Carolyn Claggett, Goldie Campbell





Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: Heidelberg UCC, Stoutsville



John Stout	Stewart Krulikowski & Family	Pat Cline
Sharon Mummey	Theresa Gonda	Sandy Young
Mark Frick	Sherry Gibson	Donald Woosley
Carl Richards	Bill & Carol King	Raye Hufford
Marsha King	Jim Graham	Mitzy Shook
Judy Schmoll	Shelia Lutz	The Biggs Family
Pat Toops	Chrissy King	
Pam Bevier		

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, Tanner MacLachlan

This Week at Highwater, June 10th - June 16th

Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14	Saturday 15	Sunday 16
Pastor Scott Available 6:15p Membership & Outreach Ministry Meeting	Pastor Scott Available 8:30a Meal Packing at Salvation Army	Pastor Scott Available Debbie in Church Office  Happy Birthday Allyson Patton 6:30p WISH II Quilt	Pastor Scott Available 7:30a-12:30p Debbie in Church Office	 Happy Anniversary Randy & Sandi Shipley		9:30a Worship Service  Happy Anniversary Virgil & Suzy Hatch 

Strengthen the Church

Pentecost Sunday June 23rd

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the Strengthen the Church offering TODAY.



**STRENGTHEN
THE CHURCH
OFFERING**

Acts 2:17 (The Voice)

Hear what God says!

In the last days,

I will offer My Spirit to humanity as a libation.

Your children will boldly speak the word of the

Lord. Young warriors will see visions,

and your elders will dream dreams.

Our new email address is:

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