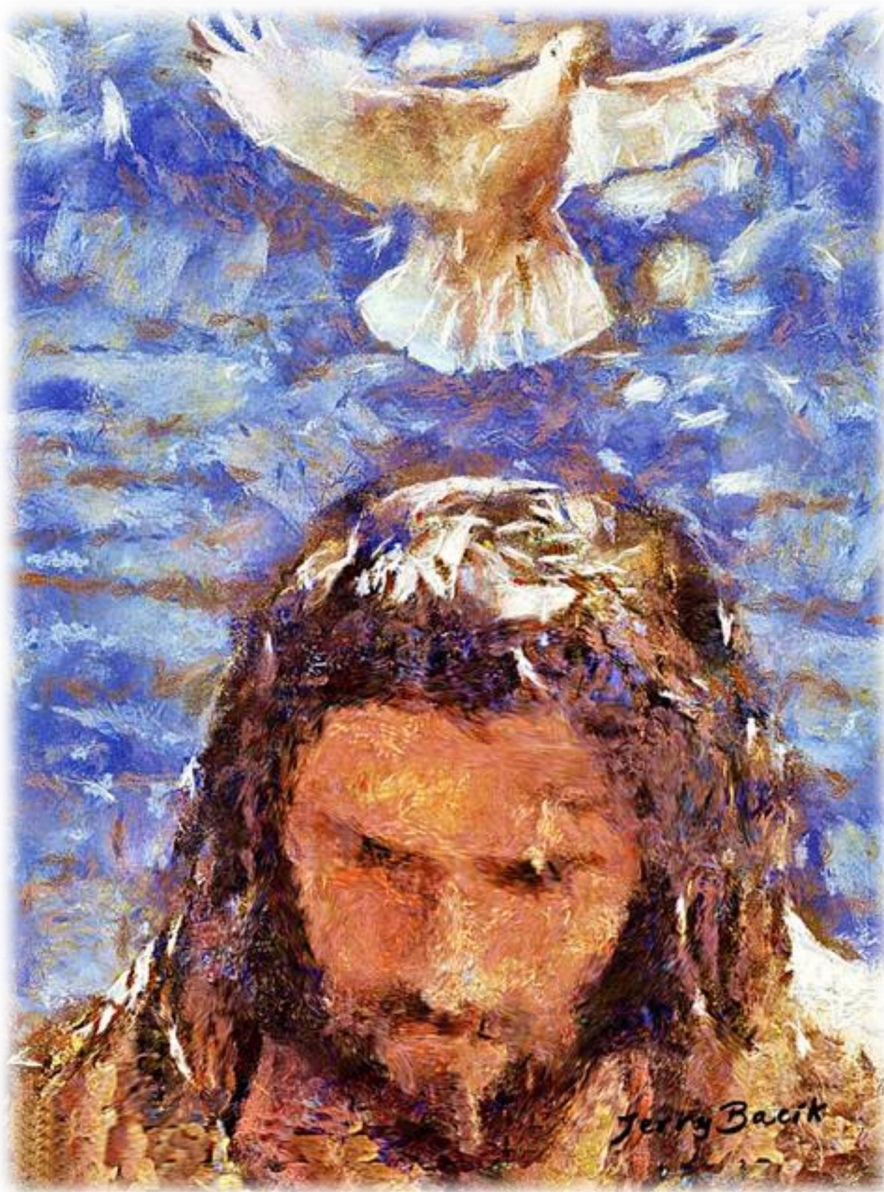


# **Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ**

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**January 12th, 2020 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*



“There are two kinds of light—the glow that illuminates and the glare that obscures.”  
-James Thurber, American author, 1894-1961

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor  
Mae Pound, Moderator  
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor  
Congregation, Ministers All  
**Pianist:** Janine Shipley  
**Liturgist:** Laura Tucker  
**Acolyte:** Kaylee Patton  
**Greeter / Ushers:** Bob & Laura Tucker





**January 12, 2020**

\* = stand if you are able 10:30 a.m. service

## **Proclamation of Praise**

### **Ringing of the Bell**

### **Prelude**

### **Acolytes**

### **Welcome**

### **\* Hymn of Praise**

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

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### **Call to worship**

Leader: Let us kneel in the darkness,

**People: Until we see God's light emerge.**

Leader: Let us wait with hope filled hearts,

**People: As Christ's image grows within us and shows us life.**

Leader: Let him speak to us and teach us love,

**People: Until we open our hearts to be his home.**

### **Prayer of Invocation**

### **Children's Chat**

### **Old Testament Text**

**Psalm 27 (NRSV)**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. <sup>4</sup>One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. <sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. <sup>6</sup>Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. <sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! <sup>8</sup>“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek. <sup>9</sup>Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! <sup>10</sup>If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up. <sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. <sup>12</sup>Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. <sup>13</sup>I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. <sup>14</sup>Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for 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. Amen**

**Old Testament Text**

**Isaiah 42:1-9 (NRSV)**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

**Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer**

*Candle Dedication: Ethan Barnes and Tom Lake's Birthdays.*

*Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: Advent Community 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**

**New Testament Text**

**Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSV)**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

**Sermon on Matthew 3**

**Rev. Scott Schieber**

\* **Hymn**

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

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\* **Benediction / Response -**

*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**

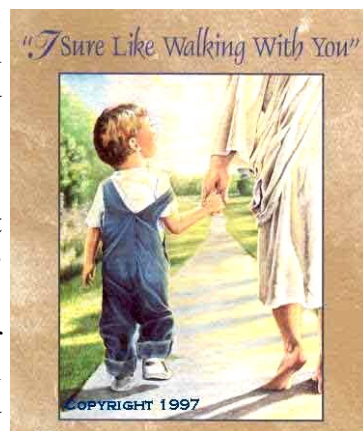
## ***If you have children... Sunday School is Offered during our 10:30a Service***

-**Newborn – 2 yrs old**, 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.

- **3 yrs old - K**; 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 – 3rd 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.

- **4th Grade – 7th Grade**...your child is invited to Sunday School 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



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### ***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 talk about signing up in the **Binder** or see "**sign up in the binder**" written anywhere, it is the **blue 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

**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 .

**Monday Noon Bible Studies** - This year we are using *Living Unafraid* by Adam Hamilton as a guide for our study. This is Hamilton's latest book. We will look at a devotion each week and the scripture he addresses. This book is available on Amazon and in electronic formats. Please bring the book and your Bible. We will pick up in January.

**WISH Meeting** - Monday, January 13th at 1:30p at Dicky's Barbeque Pit on 21st St. Sign up in the Binder.

**TIGERS Activity Nite** - Sunday, January 19th at 6p

**Pastor Scott's Door is Open on Tuesdays by appointment.**

**Council Meeting** - Thursday, January 16th, 6:30p.

**Crew Gathering** - Thursday, January 30th 6:30-8:30p.

**Restorative Yoga** - Friday, January 31st 6-7:30p. Sign up in the Binder. Cost is \$10.00

**Fun Day Sunday** - January 26th. Backwards Day. Wear and do things backwards.



Sunday, January 26th  
Immediately following the  
10:30a Worship Service  
Enter your chili or soup or just  
come to taste and choose the  
winner.  
See the sign-up sheet in 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  
Laurie Garno Owen Storts Angie Alexander Jim Farmer Austin Campbell

#### Prayers for our Shut-in:

Goldie Campbell

**Prayers for Our UCC Congregations:** Advent Community Church, Columbus




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

John Stout	Stewart Krulikowski & Family	Josh Saxton
Sharon Mummey	Theresa Gonda	Matthew Workman
Mark Frick	Sherry Gibson	Judy Rudrick
Marsha King	Jesse Buchanan	David Orfin
Judy Schmoll	Christine Schmidt	Glenna Biggins
Pat Toops	Lila	
	David & Dianna Deorid	



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, Jared Grace, Nate Comer

**This Week at Highwater, January 13th - January 19th**

<b>Monday 13</b>	<b>Tuesday 14</b>	<b>Wednesday 15</b>	<b>Thursday 16</b>	<b>Friday 17</b>	<b>Saturday 18</b>	<b>Sunday 19</b>
<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Noon Bible Study</p> <p>1p WISH Luncheon</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Debbie in Church Office</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Ethan Barnes</p>  <p>Happy Anniversary Allen &amp; Joy Smith</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Debbie in Church Office</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Tom Lake</p> <p>6p Council Meeting</p>			<p>8:30a Worship Service</p> <p>10:30a Worship Service</p> <p>10:30a Sunday School</p> <p>6p TIGERS Activity Nite</p>

**Pastor Scott (c) 614 - 226 -1314**

**Scripture for Next Sunday, January 19th  
Matthew 4:12-23 I Corinthians 1:10-18 Psalm 40:1-11**