

# **Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ**

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**February 16th, 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*



“Cowardice asks the question, ‘Is it safe?’ Expedience asks the question, ‘Is it politic?’  
Vanity asks, ‘Is it popular?’ But conscience asks the question, “Is it right?”  
-Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr, pastor and civil rights activist, 1929-1968

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor  
Mae Pound, Moderator  
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor  
Congregation, Ministers All  
**Organist:** Patsy Farmer  
**Acolytes:** Stella & Quinn Preston  
**Liturgist:**  
**Greeters/Ushers:** Mike & Abby Shipley





**February 16th, 2020**

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

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Prelude**

**Acolytes**

**Welcome**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

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**Call to worship**

**Leader:** The earth has its kings, but God is ruler of all.

**People:** **Praise God above all, the giver of life!**

**Leader:** The mountains may tremble, the oceans may roar,

**People:** **but God's presence is more powerful than the earth itself.**

**Leader:** Come into God's presence, for God is among us now.

**People:** **O God, show us your glory; we seek your ways.**

**Leader:** Come to the Rock, the God of life,

**People:** **God is present now, let us worship!**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Children's Message**

**Old Testament Text**

**Psalm 99 (NRSV)**

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! <sup>2</sup>The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. <sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! <sup>4</sup>Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. <sup>5</sup>Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! <sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them. <sup>7</sup>He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them. <sup>8</sup>O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. <sup>9</sup>Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

**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**

## New Testament Text

**I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 (NRSV)**

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. <sup>18</sup> Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. <sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," <sup>20</sup> and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." <sup>21</sup> So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, <sup>23</sup> and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

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

*Candle Dedication: Tara Harris and Dave Keener's Birthdays.*

*Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: Evangelical UCC, Portsmouth*

## 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

**John 9:1-14 (NRSV)**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup> He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup> They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." <sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.

## Sermon

**Rev. Scott Schieber**

#### \* Hymn

*Amazing Grace*

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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

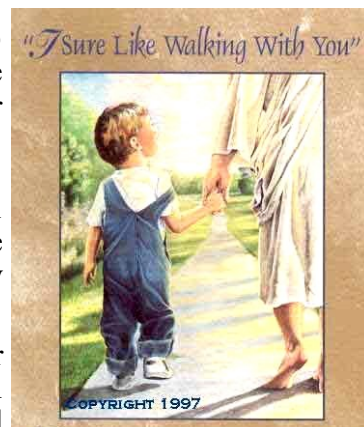
## ***If you have children... Sunday School is Offered during our 10:30a Service***

-**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 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

**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.

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

**TIGERs Activity Nite** - TODAY at 6p

**Slipper Day** - Fun Day Sunday February 23rd. Everyone wear your favorite slippers to church.

**Cocoa and Cookies** - Sunday, February 23rd from 9:30-10:30a. The Fellowship Ministry will serve a hot cocoa bar and there is a sign-up sheet in the binder if you would be able to provide cookies.

**Fat Tuesday** - February 25th please plan to gather at Tee Jaye's Restaurant in Newark at 6p.

**Ash Wednesday** - February 26th. A lite meal at 6p and our worship service at 7p.

**Crew Gathering** - Thursday, February 27th 6:30-8:30p

**Quilt Retreat - Friday February 21st the doors open at 12p and we will be gone by 9p  
You will need \$5 for pizza**

**Saturday February 22nd the doors open again about 8:30a**

**Bring Food to share throughout the day**

**Bring finished items or works in progress to share.**

**Experienced and Beginner Sewers and/or Quilters,**

**All are WELCOME! Hope to see you there.**

**If you have questions, please call Adrienne, at 740-404-4891.**



**Scripture for Next Sunday, February 23rd  
Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17**

### Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ Prayer List

#### Prayer Concerns within our Family of Faith:

Betty Nash Bob Tucker Dave Nash Larry Smetts Ned Campbell  
Tom Siegel Becky Wright Marcie Williams Jane Lake Donna Shipley  
Laurie Garno Angie Alexander Jim Farmer Austin Campbell Holly Berry

#### Prayers for our Shut-in:

Goldie Campbell

**Prayers for Our UCC Congregations:** Evangelical UCC, Portsmouth



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

John Stout	Stewart Krulikowski & Family	Lauren Blair
Sharon Mummey	Theresa Gonda	
Mark Frick	Jesse Buchanan	
Marsha King	Christine Schmidt	
Judy Schmoll	Lane Gibson	
Chrissy King	Josh Saxton	
	Sherry Selfe	



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, February 17th - February 23rd

<b>Monday 17</b>	<b>Tuesday 18</b>	<b>Wednesday 19</b>	<b>Thursday 20</b>	<b>Friday 21</b>	<b>Saturday 22</b>	<b>Sunday 23</b>
<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Noon Bible Study</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Happy Birthday</b> Tara Harris</p> </div>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Debbie in Church Office</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>7p Council Meeting</p>	<p>Debbie in Church Office</p> <p>12-9p Quilt Retreat</p>	<p>8a-4p Quilt Retreat</p>	<p>8:30a Worship Service</p> <p>9:30a CoCoa &amp; Cookies</p> <p>10:30a Worship Service</p> <p>10:30a Sunday School</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wear Your Slippers TODAY!</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Happy Birthday</b> Dave Keener</p> </div>

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

## Lent in Plain Sight

Using a devotional book (*Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield, available in paperback on Amazon for \$13.99), we will walk together through the Lenten season, studying 10 ordinary objects. Meetings dates and times to be announced.

“God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God’s quiet voice.

## Intentional Listening

Inspired by the movie *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, we will engage in a series of exercises in intentional listening, including screening the 2019 motion picture which led to an Oscar nomination for Tom Hanks. For more information, please read my February column in your Newsletter.

*See your Bulletin Insert for Details*