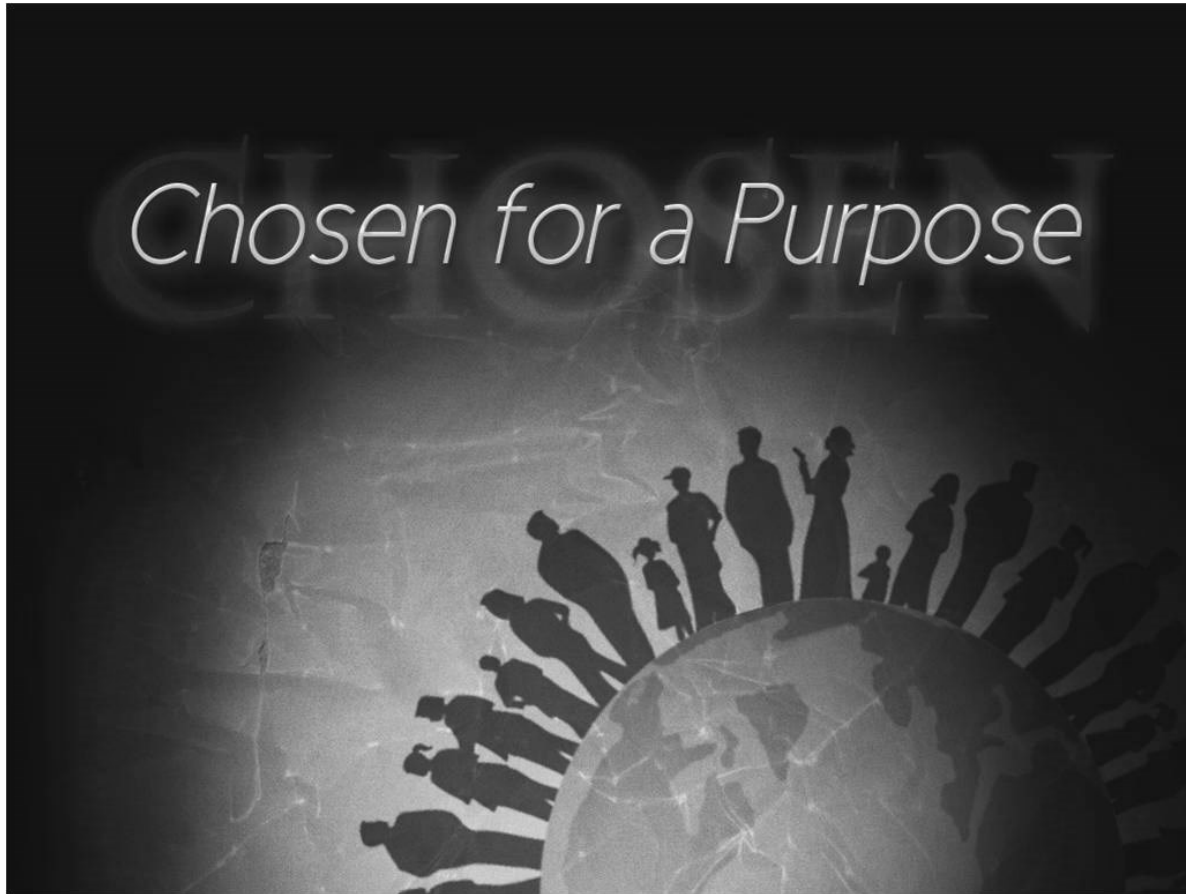


# **Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ**

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**October 15th, 2017**

*"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*



*"Contentment comes not so much from great wealth as from few wants."*

*-Epictetus, Greek philosopher, 55-135 CE*

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor

Joyce Oyler, Licensed Associate Pastor

Mark McKimmins, Moderator

Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor

Congregation, Ministers All

**Pianist: 8:30a** Janine Shipley **10:30a** Judy Grace

**Liturgist: 8:30a** Danny Steele **10:30a** Allyson Patton

**Acolytes:** Kaylee and Nick Patton

*(Please note: If able, Lay Reader takes up offering weekly, and will help with communion if signed up for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday. Greeters and Ushers will help with Communion the 1st Sunday. Thank you)*





# Highwater Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**October 15, 2017**

**8:30a.m. & 10:30a.m. Service**

\* = stand if you are able    † = 10:30 a.m. service only    †† = 8:30 a.m. service only

## **Proclamation of Praise**

## **Prelude / Acolytes / Ringing of the Bell**

## **Welcome / Announcements**

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

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

**# 12 NCH**

## **Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Praise the Lord! Give praise, O servants of God!

**People:** For we know that God is great, and our God is above all gods.

**Leader:** The name of the Lord endures forever, throughout all the ages.

**People:** For God vindicates His people and has compassion on His servants.

## **Prayer of Invocation**

## **Children's Message, Children Dismissed for Sunday school †**

## **Gospel Text**

**Matthew 22:1-14 (NRSV)**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

**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 Matthew 22:1-14**

**Pastor Scott Schieber**

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

***Candle Dedication:** In celebration of Beth Schieber's Birthday, Bill & Janet Goodman's Anniversary and all those giving and receiving blood today.*

***Prayers for Our UCC Congregations:** 2nd Congregational UCC, Marietta*

**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**

**Philippians 4:1-9 (NRSV)**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. <sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion,<sup>[b]</sup> help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup>Rejoice<sup>[c]</sup> in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved,<sup>[e]</sup> whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about<sup>[f]</sup> these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Homily on Philippians 4:1-9**

**Pastor Joyce Oyler**

**\* Closing Hymn**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**# 435 Gray**

**Benediction / Response -**

*Spirit of the Living God*

**# 247 Gray**

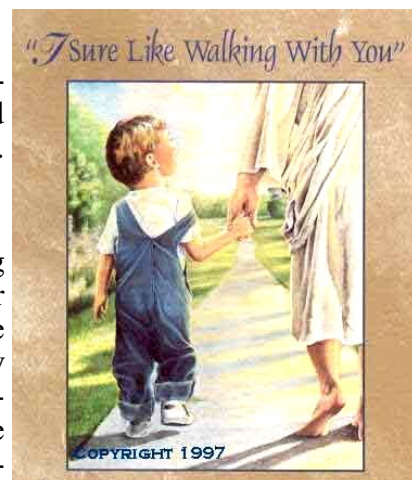
**Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.**

**Postlude**

## ***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..

**-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. The BUGs receive a Biblical lesson, usually the same scriptures we discover in our worship service and do some activities around the scripture lesson. Sunday School ends shortly after our worship service ends.



**-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 TIGERs receive a Biblical lesson, usually the same scriptures we discover in our worship service and do some activities around the scripture lesson. Sunday School ends shortly after our worship service ends.

## **Sunday School**

**Teaching the BUGs in October, (Pre-K and K)**

**Kathy Preston and Janine Shipley**

**Teaching the TIGERs in October, 1st-6th Grade**

**Beth Schieber**

**October will be filled with scripture, stories, crafts, music and other activities  
Revolving around Moses.**

**Youth Gathering - (7-12th Graders) With Pastor Joyce**  
Sunday, October 29th 6-7:30p. Pizza Included.

**TIGERs Gathering - (2nd - 6th Graders) With Pastor Scott**  
Sunday, October 1st 6-7:30p. Pizza Included.

**Middle & High School Sunday School - Sunday October 8th with Pastor Joyce Oyler**

## ***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.

## ***Thank You for Serving .....***

**Greeters and Ushers for October 15th-** Greeting us with the love of Christ this morning are  
Brad & Allyson Patton

† (Please note: If able, Greeters take up offering weekly, and help with communion on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday. Thank you.)

## **Announcements and Information**

**Monday Noon Bible Study** - October 16th. Micah 1-3

**Adult Sunday School** - 9:30a.

**Blood Drive** - Give the gift of life. TODAY! 8a-12p.

**ABC Hunger Project** - Saturday, October 21st. Packing begins at 10:00a. See sign-up sheet in binder. We are hoping for 50 people. Young people are encourage to participate. Please arrive by 9:45a

**Trunk or Treat / Family Potluck**- Sunday October 29th following the 10:30a service. Children will parade in costume collecting treats. Please See the Binder to let us know what you will bring.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** - Sunday November 5th. We will vote to Approve the Council proposed budget for 2018 and Elect our Ministry Chairs. Proposed budget will be available to view by Sunday, October 22nd.



**Please Plan to Join us in our Special Music  
for Sunday, October 22nd**

**Chimes Practice will be**  
Sunday, October 15th at 9:30a and  
Sunday October 22nd at 9:30a

**Choir Practice will be**  
Wednesday, October 18th at 7p and  
Sunday October 22nd at 9a

## **Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ Prayer List**

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

Betty Nash Gayle Gibson Bob Tucker Jim Farmer Dave Nash Larry Steele Larry Smetts  
Susan Hatch Ned Campbell Joy Smith Rev. Ed Lopeman Laurie Garno

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

JoAnn Gault, Bruce & Carolyn Claggett, Goldie Campbell, Rosie Shipley

***Prayers for Our UCC Congregations:*** 2nd Congregational UCC, Marietta

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

John Stout  
Sharon Mummey  
Mark Frick  
Carl Richards  
Marsha King  
Genene Gerhart  
Evajean Greenlun



Stewart Krulikowski & Family  
Theresa Gonda  
Marge Davis  
Norman Burgel  
Torie Beaird  
Becky Morrison  
Rachel Hobson  
Don Davis

Carla Bell  
Niki Trowbridge  
Shooting Victims and Families  
Ellen Alheim  
Chuck Bishop  
Sherry Gibson  
Brad Breyfogle



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. Holly McKimmins and Tanner MacLachlan.

# This Week at Highwater,    October 16th —October 22nd

Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday	Saturday 20	Saturday 21	Sunday 22
Pastor Scott Available  <b>NOON</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>In Library</b>	Pastor Scott Available	7:00a-10:30a <b>Deb in Church Office</b>   <b>Happy Birthday</b> Eileen Preston Beth Schieber	Pastor Scott Available  7:30a-12:30p <b>Deb in Church Office</b>				10:30a <b>Worship Service</b>  10:30a <b>Sunday School</b>  12p <b>175th</b> <b>Celebration Luncheon</b>   <b>Happy Anniversary</b> Galen & JoAnn Gault Bill & Janet Goodman Fred & Mae Pound

**Pastor Scott    (c) 614 - 226 - 1314**  
**Pastor Joyce    (c) 614 - 595- 4771**

**Internet Access In Sanctuary:**  
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**Scripture for Sunday October 22nd**  
**175th Celebration**  
**Rev Torie—Joshua 25:1-15**  
**Rev Ron—John 15:4-11**

**Celebrating 175 Years of Ministry**  
**Highwater Congregational**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**Sunday, October 22nd**  
**Service at 10:30a    Catered Lunch at 12p**  
  
**Sunday, October 22nd will be**  
**one Worship Service at 10:30a**