

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

October 22nd, 2017

Celebrating 175 Years of Ministry

"This is the Day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."



*That's plain enough, isn't it? You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home. **Ephesians 2:19-22 (MSG)***



October 22, 2017
175th Anniversary
** stand if you are able*

Proclamation of Praise

Prelude / Acolytes / Ringing of the Bell
Morning Has Broken

Highwater Chimes directed by Cathy Bero

Welcome

Rev. Scott Schieber

Call to Worship

Sung by Debbie Smetts

Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Patricia E. H. Battle

Hymn of Praise: *This Is the Day* (Children's Choir and Congregation)

590 Gray

Special Music *This Little Light of Mine*

A Joyful Noise directed by Cathy Bero

Old Testament Text

Taken From Joshua 24:1-15 (NRSV)

Debbie Smetts

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³ I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; ⁴ and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. ⁵ I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst; and afterwards I brought you out. ⁶ When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea.^[a] ⁷ When they cried out to the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterwards you lived in the wilderness a long time. ¹³ I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant. ¹⁴ "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve 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.

A Message on Joshua 24:1-15

Rev. Torie Front

Recognizing Highwater as a place of Learning and Seasoning for Seminary Students

Rev. Scott Schieber

Special Music

Here I Am, Lord

Highwater Choir directed by Brigette Rizzo

Communion

Confession/Assurance

Rev. Scott Schieber

Congregational Response..... *Forgive us*

Passing the Peace

Invitation

Rev. Scott Schieber

Consecration

Rev. Herbert Hicks

Distribution Amanda Conley and Rev. Patricia Battle; Larry Palur and Kaye Hartman;

Rev. Herbert and Shirley Hicks

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Gale Green

Special Music

Love Grows Here

Highwater Choir directed by Brigette Rizzo

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Joyce Oyler

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**

New Testament Text

John 15:4-11 (NRSV)

Debbie Smetts

Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become[a] my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

A Message on John 15:4-11

Rev. Ron Hall

*** Closing Hymn**

Holy, Holy, Holy

262 Gray

Adrienne Anderson and Rev. Torie Front on Trumpets

Congregational Charge / Blessing of Lunch / Benediction

Rev. Scott Schieber

Sung Benediction

God be With You (vs 1)

602 Gray

God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Thank you for joining us today as we celebrate the 175th Anniversary of Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ. A special welcome to those who have come from out of town to be a part of this day.

We thank those below for sharing in our worship Service today:

The Highwater Family and Friends filling our Sanctuary

Highwater Chimers directed by **Cathy Bero**

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor, Highwater UCC 2011-present

Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator and Co-Chair Music and Worship Ministry, Highwater UCC

Rev. Patricia E. H. Battle,

Association Minister, Central Southeast Ohio Association (CSEOA) UCC

The Joyful Noise, Highwater Children's' Bell Choir, Directed by **Cathy Bero**

Rev. Torie Front, Pastor, St John UCC, Reading, Oh; Pastor Highwater Church, 2007-2009

Highwater Choir, directed by **Brigette Rizzo**

Rev. Herbert Hicks, retired UCC clergy and **Shirley Hicks**, our CSEOA Covenantal Elders

“Soon to be” **Rev. Amanda Conley**

(Field Education Student at Highwater Church and Pulpit supply, 2016-17)

Larry Palur, Executive Director, Licking County Coalition of Care

Kaye Hartman, Volunteer Coordinator, Salvation Army of Newark

Rev. Gale Green, Pastor, First UCC, Marion, Oh; Student Pastor, Highwater UCC, 1999

Pastor Joyce Oyler, Associate Pastor, Highwater UCC

Rev. Ron Hall, retired UCC clergy, Pastor at Highwater UCC 1991-2007

Pianist: Janine Shipley

Organist: Patsy Farmer

Trumpets: Adrienne Anderson and Rev. Torie Front

Liturgist: Debbie Smetts

Acolytes: Joshua and Daniel Bero

Greeters: Bill and Janet Goodman, Mark and Lisa McKimmins, Jack and Nancy Schmidt

A Special Thanks to Elaine Tulloss for organizing and encouraging this Celebration!

“The stone the masons discarded as flawed is now the capstone!

This is GOD’s work.

We rub our eyes—we can hardly believe it!

This is the very day GOD acted—let’s celebrate and be festive!”

Psalm 118:22-24 (MSG)

Announcements and Information

Monday Noon Bible Study - October 23rd. Micah 1-3

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.

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	Stewart Krulikoski & Family	Carla Bell
Sharon Mummey	Theresa Gonda	Niki Trowbridge
Mark Frick	Marge Davis	Shooting Victims and Families
Carl Richards	Norman Burgel	Ellen Alheim
Marsha King	Torie Beaird	Chuck Bishop
Geneve Gerhart	Becky Morrison	Sherry Gibson
Evajeane Greenlun	Rachel Hobson	Brad Breyfogle
	Don Davis	

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 23rd—October 29th

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

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

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