

MORNING WORSHIP

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 23, 2017
Knowing Christ – Loving Neighbor

Greeting
Life and Work of the Community

Prelude
Coming of the Light

Invocation

*Hymn “Abide with Me” #700

*Psalter Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD,
you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

**If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,”

**even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

**See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

*Gloria Patri

#71

Young People’s Time

Anthem

BUMC Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

**Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of your
divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our minds that we may
comprehend the message of your Gospel. Amen.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:12-25

*Hymn

“Spirit of the Living God”

#393

The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon

“Patience”

Pastor Ally

*Hymn

“On Eagles’ Wings”

#143

*During the singing of this hymn, the prayer rail is open to any who feel
led to come. If you would like the pastor to pray with you, indicate this
by offering open hands to receive prayer.*

*Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles’ Creed”

#881

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People

*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Musical

close

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

MUMC #94; BUMC #95

*Offertory Prayer

*The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn

“Hymn of Promise”

#707

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Going Forth of the Light

*Postlude

Recessional

*Please stand as you are able.

Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday

Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

FAIRFIELD CIRCUIT UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

Bible Study: 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at Sam Mack's home; all are welcome.

Save the date! The annual Fairfield Christian Men's Community Cookout is at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, at Bethel UMC.

You're invited to bring family, friends, and neighbors!

Monticello UMC

Scripture verse of the day: Ecclesiastes 7:8

Bethel UMC

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Darlene Glass.

Security for July: Harry James Beckham

The Churches Are in Prayer For:

Monticello UMC—Allen Brock, Matt Burbage, Frank Conder, Noelani Dirnbauer, Sandra Harrison, Carolyn Hinson, George Joseph, Ray Kiser, Kevin Knight, Kenny Martin, Audrey Miles, Will Pope, Tom Reed, Margaret Robinson, Marion Robinson, Ross Robinson family, Sybil Robinson, Teri Schaffer, James Shugart, Nancy Souders family, Betty Tanner, Emily and John Turner

Bethel UMC—Betty Jo Beckham, William Bundrick, Chas Dixon, Emily Dixon, Margaret Gardner, Herb Hobgood, Kendyl Lathan, Ella Kate Leitner, Frankie Lewis, Huley and Sherrill Perry, Margaret Thomas, unity in our county, state, nation, and world

The Fairfield Circuit United Methodist Churches welcome all who enter to worship here. Our prayer is that you find us churches of "open hearts, open minds, open doors." If you are visiting and looking for a church to call your home, this Fairfield Circuit church invites you to prayerfully consider our family of faith. If you are a member of another United Methodist congregation or a baptized member of another denomination, we will be delighted to receive you by transfer of letter. If you have not been baptized, we would rejoice to have you proclaim your faith in Jesus Christ and begin your Christian journey with us. Pastor Ally welcomes all requests to consider membership and is more than happy to visit with you at your invitation.

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