

Welcome!

+8:30 am +++11:00 am

Liturgists: +Stu Whitacre +++Teresa Purses

Greeters: +Alice and Terry Patton +++ Sharon Walters & Carol

WELCOME and ANNOUCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“Let All Things Now Living”* David Cherwien
 Heather Cooper, organ

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Acolyte

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said, “The first shall be the very last, and the servant of all.”

ALL: God, we want to be your servant, and the servant of all!

One: Jesus took a little child, and placed him among his disciples saying to welcome the little children in his name.

ALL: Jesus, we welcome little children in your name, and we welcome you to be among us today!

One: The first shall be the last, and the last shall be first. Let us be like little children - in humility.

ALL: Jesus, allow our hearts to be solely focused on you today and on your heart. May we welcome others and love them unconditionally.

***HYMN OF INTENTION** *“In Christ There Is No East or West”* UMH No. 548

+++CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Kathy Schmucker

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY *“Be Thou My Vision”* Paul Manz
 Heather Cooper, organ

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 4:1-8

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK IN OUR LIVES

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen.**

***HYMN OF CENTERING** *“Jesu, Jesu”* UMH No. 432

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 9:30-37

SERMON *“Child Like”*
 Rev. Cara Stultz Costello

***HYMN OF MISSION** *“Who is the Greatest in the Kingdom”* CW Gillette
 Lyrics are below - sung to the tune of “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*BENEDICTION

***CHRIST’S LIGHT TO THE WORLD** Acolyte

***POSTLUDE** *“Festive Gloria”* Aaron David Miller
 Heather Cooper, organ

Who Is Greatest in the Kingdom?

C. W. Gillette

"Who is greatest in the kingdom? Who among us is the best?"
The disciples were debating: "In God's reign, who will be blest?"
Jesus, had those twelve forgotten? Faithful living has a cost —
And to journey where you'd lead them, they would journey to the
cross.

"Who is greatest in the kingdom?" The disciples heard your call:
"If you want to be the first one, you must be the last of all."
Do not think that high position is a thing that you deserve?
"If you want to be the first, then, be the first to humbly serve."

"Who is greatest in the kingdom? Who will take the throne and reign?"
Christ, you put a child among them, and you told them once again:
"If you give a child a welcome, then you also welcome me."
Faithful service, not ambition, builds up God's community.



“Child Like”

September 23, 2018

Today's altar flowers are given by Beverly Kimble in memory of her husband Herb and her parents, in honor of her children and grandchildren.

Also, in memory of Alan Krigline's birthday, given by his three children.

Worship Services: Sundays at 8:30 am, 9:45 am & 11:00 am

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