

Blessing

*A song to send us on our way Hymn, #367 He Touched Me

*A charge to live and love more fully

Go now to where you find friends and neighbors, as well as family and strangers.

We will share that never-ending love of the Healer of all.

Go now, with that faith which dares to touch the outcast, with hearts that break for the pain of others.

We will share the compassion of the Friend of the broken.

Go now, carrying word and wonder to a weary world, waiting in silence for the songs of hope to sing to all creation.

We will follow the Dryer of tears wherever we are led.

Postlude (Pause to gather thoughts, feelings and possible actions that may result from this time of worship.)

*Christ United Methodist Church
301 West Main Street
Portage, Ohio 43451-0218*

Prayer/Concerns Requests

Don Allen

Richard Angel

Jim Avery & Family

Family of Peggy Biller

Karla Carney Family

Darryl & Linda DeWalt

Mary German

Joanne Hatchor

Arthur Moreland

Evelyn Perez

Jeremy Salaz

Family of Drew Tyson

Earl Wiseman

Linda Loera's Aunt Cokie & Uncle Smoke

Charleston, South Carolina

Family of Wayne Allen

Family of Harold Arp

Troy Bame

Family of Robert Benschoter

John Castner

Mike & Courtney Foore

Betty Hampshire

Lloyd Hill and Family

Rev. Seth Oiler

Joe Perez

Ron Amos

Lois Jean Apgar

Judy Bateson

Jacob Boltz

Greg Deutschman

Michael Fox

Luke Jacob Holliker

Marcia Moore

Diane Palmer



**Don't be
afraid;
just
Believe.
Mark 5:36**

Worship: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Vision Statement: CHRISTIAN SERVANTS UNITED IN MISSION TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

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Christ United Methodist Church

June 28, 2015

5th Sunday after Pentecost

*(this symbol is an invitation to stand if you are able)

Gathering and Preparation

Pastoral Invitation to the Celebration

How have you come to worship today? Expectant or fearful, or both? Do you think that God might touch you today? Will the pastor expect you to touch someone else, beyond the traditional handshake?

Take time to Welcome: Passing the Peace

Prelude....music to help us prepare for worship

The Way of Blessing

* Words about God's Healing

Come among us, Healing God; we wait for you.

We come, hungry for your Word to bless us.

Come among us, Compassionate Christ; we hope in you.

We come, hungry to be filled with the Bread of Heaven.

Come among us, Restoring Spirit; we wait and hope in you.

We come, eager to rest in your peace.

*Prayer of the Day

With you, God of Wholeness, those who work the graveyard shift of life find the dawn of resurrection; those who look for healing are led to the living waters.

Christ our Companion: richer than Gates or Buffet, you chose to become as poor as Mother Teresa, to touch us with hope; you set aside Glory's robe, to wear the servant's towel, so we might touch you and be made whole.

Spirit of Grace: you encircle us with love which never ends; you touch us with grace which mends all brokenness; you pour out mercy, which heals any wound we cause.

*A song of Praise Hymn #263 When Jesus the Healer Passed through Galilee

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Infant son – Luke Jacob Holliker, son of Keith and Beth Holliker

Godparents – Katherine Cherolis and Michael Stratton

Beth's parents – Deb and Bruce Smith, Jim and Cheryl Burris

Keith's mother – Susan Holliker

Keith's father - Robert Holliker

The Way of Letting Go

Gathering Together the Prayers we Bring

We Pray Together We Pray Together for Reconciliation

There is nothing, nothing, which can divide us in life and death from God. So let us lift up to God our worst faults and failings, so we may be touched by the healing power of God. **(PAUSE)** Let us then pray. We want to touch the hem of your garment, O God.

Forgive us for being afraid to touch those who come to us for hope;

We want to love the whole world:

Forgive us for ignoring our neighbor;

We long for peace:

Forgive us for the pain we inflict on our families and friends;

We want to share with those we love and like:

Forgive us for walking past those who need you most.

All: Forgive us, Loving God, for we do not excel in everything you call us to do. Give us grace: to touch those who frighten us; Give us grace to carry the Bread of Life to the hungry; Give us grace to offer the blessings of the kingdom to everyone we meet, even as you have graced us in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. (Silence is kept for us to say prayers of reconciliation)

Listen to the Good News! Hope in God, for God's love has no ending; God fills us with grace and hope, this day, and forever. God hears our voice, and listens to our prayers and responds with forgiveness Thanks be to God,

We Pray in Silence

The Way of Creativity

A Conversation with the Children

“When could you use help?”

Reading of the Sacred Text

Mark 5:21-43,

Scripture Song

Hymn #273 Jesus' Hands were Kind Hands

A Meditation on the Sacred Text

“Open hearts and hands lead to open minds”

The Way of Compassion and Justice Making

Offering ourselves through our presence, gifts, service and witness

***Doxology**

***An Offering Prayer**

From our present abundance, we offer our gifts to you, Generous Heart, so that the hungry might be fed, so that the broken might find healing, and so the grieving might be comforted. Amen.

Sharing Ways to get Connected

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Schedule of Events and Meetings for this Week

Today, June 28, 20159:00 AM..... Worship
.....10:00 AM..... Sunday School
Monday June 29, 20159:00 AM..... Sermon Shaping

Participants in this morning’s Worship Service

Rev. Bruce McDaniel ; Organist - Linda Allen; Pianist - Kathy Bame; Acolyte – Jordan McDaniel;
Liturgist – Alyce Roller; North Greeters –Barbara Loose and Bonnie Schatzke; East Greeters –
Carole Fitzwater and Vicki Allen; Ushers – Eric Myer

Stewardship of Time and Talents, June 21, 2015

General.....\$1,016.00 Hall Use.....\$50.00
Parsonage.....\$75.00 Hospitalization.....\$100.00
Attendance..... 27

Announcements and Reminders

The Portage Park Committee will be holding a **McDonald's Benefit Night on Thursday, July 2, 2015, from 4-7 pm** at the McDonald's on South Main Street in Bowling Green. You can help by coming into the restaurant and visiting with friends of Portage or by going through the drive through. A portion of all sales made in that time period will be raised for club fundraising activities. We hope to see you there.



The annual **4th OF JULY PARADE** will be held this Saturday starting at 11AM. There will be activities at Enright Park following the parade that includes a bake sale, a hot dog lunch, and events for the children. We hope to see you there. Portage Lions Club.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING – SCHOOL KITS The United Methodist Women (UMW) are collecting the following items for school kits: (1) pair of metal scissors with rounded tips; (3) 70 count spiral notebooks; (1) 12 inch ruler; (1) hand held pencil sharpener (1) large eraser (6) new pencils with erasers and (1) box of 24 crayons. School kits to be packed in September. **THANK YOU.**



EYEGLASSES The Portage Lions Club continues to collect old reading and/or prescription **EYEGLASSES** you no longer use. The eyeglasses are cleaned and given to those in need. Please place them in the box located in the Narthex, at CUMC. **THANK YOU.**