

WILL HE FIND FAITH?

Luke 18:8



MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

(* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

PRELUDE:

"You Are My All in All"

Arr. Phillip Keveren

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh, how I love your will, dear Lord. I meditate on your wisdom all day long.

Your teaching makes me wiser each day.

Your instruction helps me become my truest self.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light that shines on my path.

OPENING PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit, and renew us in this hour of celebration. We rejoice that you make us your partners in pursuit of a just and peaceful world. With Jesus, we ask the question, "Will there be faith on earth?" Will we settle for mere beliefs, or will we yield to the deep longing for your will to be done, here and now? Teach us to hope, work, and cry out for your justice and peace to be made real. Walk with us, Jesus, until we joyfully reach that day when all God's children belong to your eternal family.

Amen.

*HYMN: 384

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

vs 1-4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call us, Lord of Life, to a faith that stays in motion. You urge us to grow in wisdom and to be reconciled with all. Yet, we fail to understand that faith is not something fixed. It is not a goal to be achieved, a place where we arrive and then rest on our laurels. Call us anew, dear Christ, to seek you in neighbors who need us. Help us pursue peace with more persistence than those who pursue violence. Grant us an unyielding faith— a faith that transforms our own hearts and the world around us. This we pray in your name, which is Love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

“I will be your God, and you will be my people,” says the Lord. God accepts us and calls us to accept all God’s children. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 31:27-34 (NIV)

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will plant the kingdoms of Israel and Judah with the offspring of people and of animals. Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant,” declares the Lord. “In those days people will no longer say,

‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’

Instead, everyone will die for their own sin; whoever eats sour grapes—their own teeth will be set on edge.

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them, declares the Lord.

“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord.

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’

because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord.

“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 119:97-104 (NIV)

Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies.

I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.

I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.

I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word.

I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (NIV)

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8 (NIV)**

The gospel according to Luke.

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON GOD’S WORD

Pastor Rob Odum

HYMN: 601

“Thy Word is a Lamp”

OFFERING PRAYER

Your promise is written on our hearts, dear God, and your strength is in the work of our hands. We offer you all that we have and all that we are, that your love may be made known throughout your world.

Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Arr. Phillip Keveren

*DOXOLOGY: 94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*AFFIRMATION FROM 1 TIMOTHY 2:5-6, 1:15, 3:16
There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 the glory, forever. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN: 558 "We Are the Church"

*BENEDICTION
God's steadfast love never ceases.
May we never fail to share this love with others.
Go in the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Spirit, now and always.
Amen.

*POSTLUDE: "Ancient of Days" Gary Sandler

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ALL SAINTS DAY
Sunday, November 2nd
If you wish for your loved one that has passed to be included in the All Saints Sunday Memorial please sign their name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex by Oct 26th.



						
October	Liturgists			Ushers		
19th	John Hurley			Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang		
26th	Connie Ziegler			Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang		



Mission Collections:

- Any gently used men's clothing that you no longer use, please bring them in and leave them on the mission cart.
- We also continue to collect backpacks & school supplies as well as toiletry items (soaps, shampoo etc.)
- Please continue to bring gently used bedding, towels, clothes & shoes to be placed on the mission's cart; they are taken to Father Genes about every two weeks. They are also in great need of coats!
- Our aluminum pop top collection continues as well for the Ronald McDonald House.



****Don't forget to continue to put your loose coins in the offering plate! ****

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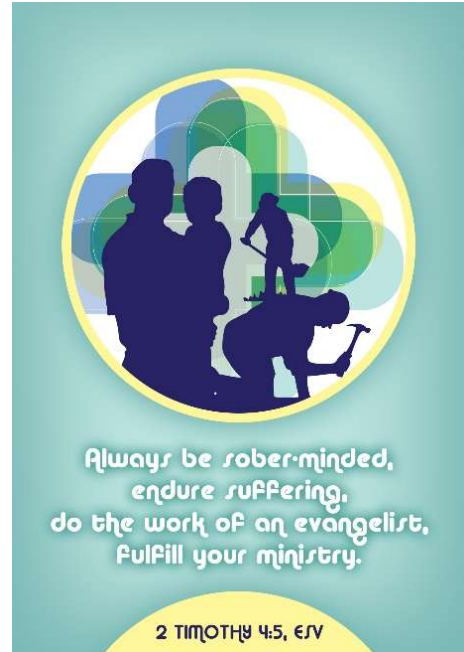
Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm



Blessing of the Quilts

Sunday, November 16th

On 11/16, the quilts made by Sassy Sowers will be blessed during the church service. After that, they will be donated/distributed to agencies in the area that have a need for them. The congregation will have an opportunity to look at them closely after service and purchase any quilts they desire. We will also have a cafe after church that day.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Sunday, 9:15am

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday, 10:30am

CERAMICS: Mondays, 1-9pm

CHANCEL CHOIR: Thursday, 6:30-7:25pm

JOYFUL BELLS: Thursday, 7:30-8:30pm

DINING OUT GROUP: Nov. 8th at 5pm at the Open Flame Restaurant location: 5081 S. 108th St.

SASSY SOWERS: 1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday, 10am-1pm

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Tuesday, 9am at Myers

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Thursday, 8:30am at Myers

QUILT BLESSING: November 16th