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# MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

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(\* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

## PRELUDE:

*"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*

*By John Bacchus Dykes*

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our refuge and our fortress.

**In God, we place our trust.**

When we are weary,

**God lifts us up on wings like eagles.**

Come before the Lord with joy and longing.

**God is our hope and our salvation**

## OPENING PRAYER

Generous Spirit, you call us to share our riches with the poor and disadvantaged, lest we follow self-interest to our ruin and destruction. Teach us to bestow your blessings on those in need, lest we be trapped by selfish desire. Set our hearts on the riches of good works, rather than the allure of earthly treasures. Help us take hold of the life that really is life.

**Amen.**

## \*HYMN: 108

*"God Hath Spoken by the Prophets"*

*vs 1-3*

## PRAYER OF YEARNING

**Merciful God, in our quest for riches and success, we often wander away from your ways and pierce ourselves with many pains. We yearn to be content with what we have, for we brought nothing into this world and take nothing from it when we leave. We long to focus on things that endure: righteousness, godliness, faith, love, and gentleness. Help us fight the good fight, that we might taste the sweetness of your salvation and touch the glory of eternal life in your name.**

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All who love the Lord, God will deliver. All who call on the Lord, God will answer. God satisfies the faithful with long life and the blessings of salvation. **Amen.**

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15 (NIV)**

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. The army of the king of Babylon was then besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was confined in the courtyard of the guard in the royal palace of Judah.

Now Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him there, saying, “Why do you prophesy as you do? You say, ‘This is what the Lord says: I am about to give this city into the hands of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it.’

Jeremiah said, “The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth, because as nearest relative it is your right and duty to buy it.’

“Then, just as the Lord had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of the guard and said, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. Since it is your right to redeem it and possess it, buy it for yourself.’

“I knew that this was the word of the Lord; so I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver. I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales. I took the deed of purchase—the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions, as well as the unsealed copy— and I gave this deed to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel and of the witnesses who had signed the deed and of all the Jews sitting in the courtyard of the guard.

“In their presence I gave Baruch these instructions: ‘This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Take these documents, both the sealed and unsealed copies of the deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so they will last a long time. For this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Houses, fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.’

### **SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: 91:1-6,14-16 (NIV)**

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord,

**“He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”**

Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers,

**and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.**

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

**nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.**

“Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him;

**I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.**

He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

**With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”**

### **EPISTLE: I Timothy 6:6-19 (NIV)**

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. **Amen**

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### **\*GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31 (NIV)**

The gospel according to Luke.

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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## REFLECTIONS ON GOD’S WORD

Pastor Rob Odum

**HYMN: 189**

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

*vs 1-4*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, you protect us from harm and shelter us in your loving arms. Just as you deliver us from evil, may these offerings lead others to find the hope of your salvation. In Jesus’ name, we pray. **Amen.**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:**

*“Hope of the World”*

*By V. Earle Copes*

**\*DOXOLOGY: 94**

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

## **\*AFFIRMATION FROM ROMANS 8:35, 37-39**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

**No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! 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: 2172**

*“We Are Called”*

*vs 1-3*

## **\*BENEDICTION**

Go with the promise of eternal life.

**We will live by faith.**

Go with the promise of heavenly riches.

**We will hold onto God’s promises.**

Go and be rich in good works.

**We will be generous friends and neighbors.**

Go with God’s blessings.

**\*POSTLUDE:**

*“Wonderful Peace”*

*Arr by Mark Hayes*



### **WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

September	Liturgists	Ushers
28th	Connie Ziegler	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang



### **PET BLESSING**

Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> 2pm Blessed Hope will host a Blessing of the Animals for a short outdoor ceremony. *Please make sure they are safely on a leash or in a carrier.*



### **185<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Saturday October 11, 2025

Museum tour: 4-5pm, Dinner: 5:30 pm, program to follow

Tickets \$20 per adult, \$10 per child, 5 & under free, rsvp by Sept 30<sup>th</sup> to 414-545-2440 or [mumcgreenfield@gmail.com](mailto:mumcgreenfield@gmail.com)  
*no tickets available on day of event*



### **SCIENCE CAFE**

Tuesday, October 14th

Dinner Served at 5:30pm

6-7:30pm Discussion of Hip & Knee

Replacement to Treat Chronic Joint Issues  
Location: Our Lord's United Methodist Church  
Contact Pastor Rob if you plan to attend or register online at: <https://is.gd/Sciencecafe>  
*(at least 7 days before the event)*

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Sunday, 9:15

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

**CERAMICS:** Mondays, 1-9pm

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

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

**DINING OUT GROUP:** Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, Benny's Café, 5354 S. 27<sup>th</sup> St, 5pm

**SASSY SOWERS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 10am-1pm

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 9am at Myers

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 8:30am at Myers

**PET BLESSING:** at Blessed Hope on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

**185<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** October 11<sup>th</sup>, 4pm

**Science Café:** October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. See flyer for more information.

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



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to *be rich* in good deeds, and to  
be generous and willing to  
share.”

1 Timothy 6:18