



BIG QUESTIONS

asking big questions about Christianity, faith, and life

Sunday, September 17, 2023

GATHERING & CARILLON PRELUDE

*Prayer candles are available at the communion rail
Please silence your electronic devices
Financial gifts may be made in the wooden offering boxes*

WELCOME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Music of Ministry Joseph M. Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Leader

Children of God, when we face strife, upset, and harm in our midst, we so often turn to God and ask:

How many times should I forgive?

Leader

When Jesus answers that we should forgive again and again and again, we are tempted to repeat the question:

How many times should I forgive?

Leader

Until God turns the question around:
“How many times have I forgiven you?”

Seventy times seven.

Leader

“How many times have I loved you?”

Seventy times seven.

Leader

“How many times has my grace been sufficient for you?”

Seventy times seven.

Leader

Let us learn, then, how to forgive not out of our own power, but out of God’s, who forgives us that we might be free to learn to live with one another well.

AMEN.

ENTRANCE HYMN*

UMH #66

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

* - Please stand as you are able

UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS - The Faith We Sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Loving God, we confess that we struggle to forgive, and we struggle to create space for forgiveness to happen.

We rush to excuse the harmful speech and actions of others instead of honestly naming the hurt we have experienced.

We expect others to pardon our faults without also attending to our own need to repent.

Forgive us, we pray, and free us to joyfully extend mercy and grace to one another, and to receive from you the love and wisdom we need to grow as the community of Christ.

AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Pastor

No matter what befalls us, the Lord walks with us on the path, bringing us courage and hope. No matter what, we belong to the Lord, now and forever. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

AMEN.

GLORIA PATRI*

UMH #70

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 29: 11 - 14

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Pepper Choplin

God Gives Us a Future With Hope

THANKSGIVING & DOXOLOGY*

UMH #94

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 26: 31 - 39

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

UMH #473

Lead Me, Lord

cont.

MESSAGE Reverend Don Ackerman
Does God Have a Purpose For My Life?

CLOSING HYMN* TFWS #2130
The Summons

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE J.S. Bach
If You But Trust in God to Guide You

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Megan Smith
Liturgist

Reverend Don Ackerman
Lead Pastor

The Crossroads Choir
Beth Polen
Director of Music Ministries

Christopher Dazey
Organist & Carillonneur

SUNDAYS AT CROSSROADS

Oatmeal Breakfast — 6:30 am - Wesley Hall
Bible Study — 9:00 am - Wesley Hall
Worship — 10:00 am - Sanctuary
New Vision Lunch — 1:00 pm - Wesley Hall
Men of Tomorrow — 3:00 pm - Youth Room & Gym

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!


9/17 - Jim Lindesmith
9/21 - Edgar March
9/23 - Gregory Radosevic

DOWNTOWN
FRESH MARKET & FREE STORE
120 Cleveland Ave S, Canton, OH 44702
TUESDAY *Worship: 10:30 AM*
TUESDAY & THURSDAY *Coffee Hour: 10 AM*
MARTES & JUEVES *11 AM - 2 PM*
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY *Coffee Hour: 1 PM*
MIERCOLES & VIERNES *2 PM - 5 PM*

HARMONT
FRESH MARKET *Se habla Espanol*
3412 Harmont Ave NE, Canton, OH 44705
TUESDAY & THURSDAY *2 PM - 5 PM*
MARTES & JUEVES
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY *10 AM - 1 PM*
MIERCOLES & VIERNES

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MUSIC NOTES

 To celebrate the return of our choir, we hear two anthems today. The Music of Ministry tells us to sing Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5: 19) in honor of the faith. The text of the second anthem is a paraphrase of today's reading from Jeremiah. For the organ postlude, Bach gives us a driving rhythmic pattern to underscore the sense of urgency found in the text of the hymn (hymnal no. 142)

If you would like to sing with our choir this program year, rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 8:30 am! All voices are welcome!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH PICNIC

Saturday, September 23 - 11:15 am

Simpson United Methodist Church

All Women Welcome

Compassion Delivered

Healthy Food For Terminal Patients

RSVP Karen Zotta - 330-478-0541



THIS WEEK AT CROSSROADS

Wednesday, September 20

Men's Prayer Breakfast - 9:00 am - Wesley Hall
Men of Tomorrow - 4:00 pm - Youth Room & Gym
Re-Entry - 6:00 pm - Wesley Hall
Sisters of Sobriety - 8:00 pm - Conference Room

Thursday, September 21

Dinner Church - 6:00 pm - Harmont

Friday, September 22

Gibbs Food Ministry - 2:00 pm - Wesley Hall

2024 UNITED METHODIST MISSION TRIPS

Discover Mission, Puerto Rico — Jan 5 - 13

Youth/Young Adults, \$2000

Rev. Kathy Dickriede - kdickriede@eocumc.com

Camphor Mission Station, Liberia — Jan 27 - Feb 12

\$3000, Includes Airfare, Room & Board

Ginny Logan - tjvelogan@gmail.com

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