



**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

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

**THE GATHERING & CARILLON PRELUDE**

**THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*Berceuse on* Douglas Wagner  
*Psalm 139: 11 - 12* Text at UMH p. 855

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP\***

*Liturgist*  
Joy comes to those who follow God's ways.  
**We will follow the Lord with joyful hearts!**

*Liturgist*  
Those who follow the Lord are like trees planted by the river, bearing fruit each season.  
**May our lives be fruitful and blessed by God!**

*Liturgist*  
Worship the Lord who leads us to joy and abundance.  
**Let us worship God now and throughout all our days.**

**THE ENTRANCE HYMN\*** UMH #139  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* vss. 1, 3 - 5

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION\***

**Holy God,**  
**we confess that we do not always love our neighbor.**  
**We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred.**  
**We confess that we have been hurt by others.**

**We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us.**  
**We know that nothing is impossible in You.**  
**We come to You,**  
**seeking healing and wholeness for us.**  
**Help us, whenever possible,**  
**to live in peace with others,**  
**to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness.**  
**For Your Son came and lived among us,**  
**was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death.**  
**He rose again,**  
**and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him.**  
**May we walk in his ways. AMEN.**

**THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON\***

*Pastor*  
For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run to, where God cannot find you. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God. Go and live with the love of God.

**AMEN.**

**THE GLORIA PATRI\*** UMH #70

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
& THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philemon 1: 1 - 21

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## THE THANKSGIVING & DOXOLOGY\*

UMH #94

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14: 25 - 33

## THE MESSAGE

The Reverend Don Ackerman

*The Price of Freedom*

## THE CLOSING HYMN\*

UMH #159

*Life High the Cross*

## THE BENEDICTION\*

## THE POSTLUDE

Craig Phillips

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

\* - Please stand as you are able  
UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal

## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Reverend Don Ackerman

*Pastor*

Beth Polen

*Liturgist*

Julie Smith

*Director of Children's Ministries*

Christopher Dazey

*Organist, Pianist & Carillonneur*



Happy  
Birthday

9/4 - Destiny Lewis  
9/5 - Ryan Jeffries, Eric Neff  
9/7 - Diane Schuler  
9/9 - Kate Harmon  
9/11 - Barbara Kestel,  
Noah Ott, Lilly Shoff  
9/13 - Michael Fleischer  
9/14 - James Kestel

## THIS WEEK AT CROSSROADS

### Wednesday, September 10

Men's Prayer Breakfast  
9:00 am - Wesley Hall

### Friday, September 12

Gibbs Food Ministry  
2:00 pm - Education Wing

## Crossroads Community Action

Our Next Meetings:

**Today!**

**& Sunday, September 21**

11:15 am - Wesley Hall  
See Megan Smith for details  
Everyone is welcome!

## Bishop Hee-Soo Jung To Visit Crossroads

**TOMORROW,  
Monday, September 8  
9:00 AM**

Everyone is welcome to be part of the conversation  
and meet our new Ohio Bishop in person!

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*The Crossroads Chronicle Weekly*

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