



## INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- **We encourage you to share requests for prayer.** You may do so by completing the pink form found in the pew rack and placing it in the offering.
- **Trust your children to the care of our dedicated, loving workers!** The nursery rooms are located through the Gathering Area, down the Gallery and through the Dell Room. An usher will be happy to escort you. Our nursery ministry cares for infants and toddlers to age three. Our workers are masked and fully vaccinated for COVID.
- **Worship Bags are available for children ages 3-kindergarten.** These bags are located in the back of the Sanctuary. Please return the bag and supplies to the basket when you are leaving.
- **Restrooms and a coat rack** are located off the Gathering Area, just outside the Sanctuary.
- **Large-print hymnals, Bibles and bulletins** are available from an usher.
- **Personal hearing assistance devices** are available from an usher if you would like to use one.
- **Transportation can be provided to worship.** Call the church office before 12:00 pm on Friday.

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# SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 7, 2022

10:00 am

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

PRELUDE..... *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Arranged by Jason D. Payne

Please use this time to prepare your inward spirit for the worship of God.

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please complete the Friendship Folder and pass it along during the greeting.

PRAYER REQUEST forms are inside the pew holders – please place in the offering plate.

† All who are able, please stand. .... **Bold** print—all respond

†GATHERING SONG ..... *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

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**Come, now is the time to worship. (Repeat)**

**Come, now is the time to give your heart.**

**Come, just as you are to worship.**

**Come, just as you are before your God. Come.**

**One day every tongue will confess you are God.**

**One day every knee will bow.**

**Still the greatest treasure remains for those**

**who gladly choose You now. (Repeat)**

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together to worship, knowing that God is already here among us;

**Knowing that there is nothing that separates us from the presence of our Lord.**

Wherever we are, wherever we go, God is near.

**So let us enter into this service of worship with confidence and hope, knowing that God is already with us and that God stands eager to meet us and bless us with love.**

**Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.  
Will you pray with all your power,  
while we try to preach the word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.  
Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him.  
Will you help the trembling mourners  
who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found.  
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.  
Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;  
Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things  
new.  
Christ will call us home to heaven; at His table we'll sit down.  
Christ will gird himself, and serve us with sweet manna all  
around.**

(Please be seated for prayer)

**CALL TO CONFESSION (Hebrews 10:22)**

Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Dear Lord, we come before you as your children to give you honor and praise. You are the One and Only true God, the Giver of life and the Sustainer of our souls. We are grateful for your grace, how you love us, how you call us to be your hands, heart, and feet in the world. Responding to your great mercy, we need to confess how we have sinned and fallen short of the people you created us to be. We have said and done mean and selfish things, we have hurt others, and we have lived as if the universe revolves around us. We have strayed from our worship of you and gone our own way. We are sorry. Please forgive us. Change our hearts and cause us to repent and turn toward you. Wash us**

**clean and breathe the breath of your Holy Spirit into us. We ask this humbly in Christ's name.**

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God stays with us through all the difficult parts of life. God hears our confession and is with us in our silent prayers. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is God's faithfulness." (Lamentations 3: 22-23). For God's faithfulness and love, we are grateful.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 634..... *To God Be the Glory*  
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**To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain **Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory; great things he has done!**

**Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.** Refrain

†PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those near you.)

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC .....*For Everyone Born*  
David Witt

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star over-head.

Refrain: and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding to share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair. Refrain

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong. Refrain

For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive, in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live. Refrain

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free. Refrain

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 150 ..... *The Message*

**Hallelujah!**

Praise God in his holy house of worship, praise him under the open skies;

**Praise him for his acts of power, praise him for his magnificent greatness;**

Praise with a blast on the trumpet, praise him by strumming soft strings;

**Praise him with castanets and dance, praise him with banjo and flute;**

Praise him with cymbals and a big bass drum, praise him with fiddles and mandolin.

**Let every living, breathing creature praise GOD!**

**Hallelujah!**

GOSPEL LESSON: Hebrews: 10:19-25..... Pew Bible p. 976

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES....."Get Ready! Get Set! Worship!"

Refrain **Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the lord.**  
**(Repeat)**

**Praise God with the sound of the trumpet.**  
**Praise God with the lute and the harp.**  
**Praise God with timbrel and dancing.**  
**Praise God wherever you are.** Refrain

**Praise God with holy cymbals.**  
**Praise God with strings and with pipes.**  
**Praise God with clashing cymbals.**  
**Praise God with all your might.** Refrain

**Praise God in the holy temple.**  
**Praise God for almighty deeds.**  
**Praise God for those bountiful mercies,**  
**for God fulfills our needs.** Refrain

**Praise God on top of the mountains.**  
**Praise God both day and night.**  
**Praise God down in the low valleys.**  
**Praise God because it's all right.** Refrain

SERMON: ..... "Here I Am to Worship"  
"We are a circle, and God is the center;  
a never-ending circle that anyone can enter.  
And all you have to do is love; all you have to do is love."

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ..... *Take My Hand and You'll Never Walk Alone*  
Arranged by William Heavner

†THE DOXOLOGY (Hymnal No. 606) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**In our songs and in our words, we give praise to you, O Lord.  
In our worship, study, fellowship, and service, we bless you.  
Loving God, you breathe life into our mortal bodies; you complete us  
and fill our every need. For all that you have done; for all that you  
have given to us, we worship you. Beautiful Savior, with all that we  
are, and with all that we have, we offer you our thanks and praise,  
our time, talents, and treasure. Receive them and bless us as we give  
ourselves to you, one another, and the world that you love so deeply.  
Through Christ. Amen.**

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup (Please wait to unwrap until invited to partake)

Communion Music

Closing Communion Prayer

## **WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

†HYMN NO. 611.....*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
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**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.  
All thy works with joy surround thee;  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow,  
flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CLOSING RESPONSE .....*Draw the Circle Wide*  
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**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still, let this be our song,  
no one stands alone, standing side by side. (rest/pause)  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.**

†POSTLUDE



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**August 7 – August 14, 2022**

### **TODAY**

#### **“Blessing of the Backpacks”, Communion**

10:00 AM In-Person / Live Stream Summer Worship  
11:30 AM Confirmation Orientation –Bageant Room  
5:30 PM Newcomers’ Class –Fellowship Hall

### **THIS WEEK**

Monday: MOO (Men of Opequon) – 6:00 PM – Chick-fil-A  
MOO (Men of Opequon) – 7:00 PM – Fellowship Hall  
Windsong – 6:00 PM – Sanctuary

Tuesday: Adult English Learner Class – 3:00 PM – Assembly Room  
God-Loving Opequon Women (GLOW) – 6:00 PM –  
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday: Happy Days – 12 Noon – Fellowship Hall  
Choir Practice – 6:00 PM – Sanctuary  
Confirmation Orientation – 7:00 PM – Bageant Room

Thursday: Tai Chi – 10:30 AM – Memorial Sanctuary/Picnic Shelter  
Adult English Learner Class – 3:00 PM – Assembly Room

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

#### **“Circles of Faith” Worship Series: Sharing Good News**

In-Person & Live Stream Summer Worship – 10:00 AM

Scripture: Isaiah 52:7-10, Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon: “Good News Travels Faster”

Senior Outreach Ministry – 11:15 AM

Spring Arbor Worship – 1:30 PM

Service of Ordination & Installation of Associate Pastor,

Julia Hughes Burkley – 4:00 PM – Sanctuary

Celebration Reception Follows – Memorial Sanctuary

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sheryl Witt Trickel	People Bullied	Mary Lou Thomas
Bill Heavner	Debi Hodgson	Grieving Communities -
Carol Treece	Jim & Jeanette	Victims/Families
Mary Ellen	Baccary	Carlene Lemasters
Cunningham	Jeff Jenkins	Brenda & Terry Caldwell
Jane Cunningham	Patricia & Richard	Ukraine
Dan McCoig	Young	Parker Plumb
Steven Rittmeyer	Thomas Shade/Mia	Afghanistan
Flood Victims in	Mazzoccoli	Casey Carr
KY, WV, VA	Al Owens, Sr. "Pops"	Michael Weller
Ruby Louise Dove	Ward Edwards	Ethiopia
Meagan Lockhart	Caregivers	Nancy Kerns
Jack & Carol Treece	Lance & Cindy Weeks	Racial Injustice
Bill Robinson	Pettit Family	Mike Shade
Tim Bullis	Dick & Sandy Widell	Brad Treece
Ellie Lingo	Caroline Hastreiter	Jane Lewis
Bill Burslem	Nadine DeHaven	Doug Koch
Highland Park	Ellen Neff	E.E.C.M.Y.
Margie Ellis	Betty Lou Kelly	Church Mekane Yesus
June & Nathan		
Windle		

## PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Sawyer Phillips, Joshua Blake, Max Crane, Andrew Crane, Thomas Crane, Edison Gomez, Jacob Heavner, Samuel & Julia Phillips, Brandon Michael, Michael White, and their families.

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

10:00

Beadle:	Carole Fox
Bell Ringer:	Mo Mohler
Greeters:	Shannon Brannon, Fran Jeffries
Liturgist:	Lynn Metheny
Livestream:	Rebekah Witt, Joel Witt
Ushers:	Graham Taylor, Steve Bock, Mike & Fran Jeffries

## TODAY'S SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed in memory of Katie Baker by her son, Will Baker and her parents, Bill and Pat Heavner.

## **NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC**

What is the sound of a thousand voices? Many Sundays there are about twenty voices in our sanctuary choir. Now imagine those voices multiplied fifty-fold. The conclusion of this morning's prelude may give us a hint of that glorious praise. Today's offertory pairs a well-known gospel hymn, with a Broadway tune. A variation of the hymn opens the piece, but it is so deeply disguised in the haze of a minor key that it is hard to recognize. But once the familiar opening measures of Rodgers' melody begin it may bring to mind Hammerstein's lyrics, "When you walk through a storm...". Thirty-two measures later the music modulates as a solo trumpet restates the opening hymn, now in its familiar major key. As the hands, feet, and heart of Christ, when we hear someone's plea, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand", we must not fail to answer, "You'll Never Walk Alone".

## **SPECIAL CHOIR NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

Come join our choir as we sing for Julia's Service of Ordination and Installation next Sunday.

We'll have a special choir practice this Wednesday, August 10 at 6:00 pm. Please contact Susan Homan, Music Director, for more information.

## **CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION FOR FAMILIES**

An orientation to share about the upcoming Confirmation year will be held on two occasions to provide for convenience to families. If you have any interest in your 8-9<sup>th</sup> grade young person participating in Confirmation, please attend ONE of these orientation times: The first meeting option TODAY at 11:30am or this Wednesday, August 10 at 7:00pm. The orientation will last one hour and is for parents and potential Confirmation students.

## **ROOTS N SHOOTS**

66.25 pounds were donated this week to the Highland Food Pantry! 35.5 pounds of that were tomatoes and 14.25 pounds were corn! We had a few harvest and work days this past week and are so thankful for those that continue to help in the garden. If you are interested in volunteering with the Roots and Shoots Garden, email [graysonmoyer7@gmail.com](mailto:graysonmoyer7@gmail.com).

## **LOGOS REGISTRATION is OPEN!**

### **Early Bird Discount through August**

Would you like your child or youth to flourish in an encouraging environment? Would you like your child or youth to develop strong, trusting relationships with other adults outside your family? Would you like your child or youth to participate in experiences that make a difference in their lives? We have a GREAT opportunity right here at Opequon that responds to any 'YES' answers to the previous questions! It is our LOGOS Ministry that is about to begin its' 25<sup>th</sup> year at Opequon! All K-12<sup>th</sup> grade young people are invited to participate in this coming LOGOS year with the theme "Running the Race of Faith; 25 years and Going!" Registration is now open with an Early Bird Discount through August 31. Registration is easy and can be done by completing the one-page form in the Gathering Area or going online to [www.opequonchurch.org](http://www.opequonchurch.org).

**MEN OF OPEQUON PICNIC THIS MONTH** The Men of Opequon (MOO) will meet at the Pleasant Valley Chick-fil-A tomorrow night at 6:00 pm. We will then gather at the church (Fellowship Hall) with Pastor Tracie sharing with us about "God's Fingerprint." All men are invited!

### **GLOW: GOD-LOVING OPEQUON WOMEN**

GLOW is Opequon's multi-aged Women's group that meets monthly to build friendships and enjoy heart-warming activities together. Last month we enjoyed thrilling games of BUNCO in the Dell Room as we laughed through it all. GLOW will meet this **Tuesday, August 9 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall** for "TACO BAR NIGHT". Meat and Drinks provided. Contact Carole Witt for any items that may still be needed. Give yourself the treat of an evening with the ladies. All women are invited.

### **HAPPY DAYS GATHERING**

Happy Days (the older adult fellowship group) will meet this Wednesday, August 10 at NOON in the Fellowship Hall. The time will begin with the well-liked covered dish lunch. Rotisserie Chicken and drinks will be provided. Bring a favorite covered dish item to add to the array of delicious food. The guest speaker is Bronwen Boswell from Shenandoah Presbytery. Bronwen is a dynamic and greatly enjoyed speaker.

She will be offering great insight into the work of our Presbytery, and she may even sing a song for us. Come enjoy this monthly social gathering. Sign-up sheets for two local trips coming up this fall will be available at Happy Days. Lastly, we look forward to celebrating all older adults at our annual Older Adult Luncheon on September 7 at 11:30am! Be sure to RSVP to Carole Witt or call the church office (662-1843).

### **OLDER ADULT OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS**

The time is upon us for nominating candidates for our 2022 Older Adult of the Year recognition! Nominations are now open and welcome. Who would you like to nominate for this distinct honor at OPC and **why**? Pick up a form from the Gathering Area table to share your nomination. Please note on the form those who have already been crowned as one of Opequon's Older Adults. Nominations can be emailed to Carole Witt at [dce@opequonchurch.org](mailto:dce@opequonchurch.org), dropped off at the church or turned into the box on the Gathering Area table. Nominations will be received until next Sunday, **August 14**. The session will make the selection of our 2022 Older Adult at their August meeting and the individual chosen will be announced at the September 7 Older Adult Luncheon.

**2022 Church Officers  
THE SESSION—ELDERS**

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# **WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS**

## **Notes on Today's Music**

How did today's music call us to worship?

## **Notes on Today's Prayers**

Where do I need to focus my prayers this week?

## **Notes on Today's Conversation with All Ages**

What is worship?

## **Notes on Today's Scripture and Conversation with All Ages**

- How do you approach worship?
- Why do we worship?
- What do Psalm 150 and Hebrews say about worship?
- What do we offer in worship? What do we receive from worship?
- How can worship be enhanced for you? For our church?