# **Memorial United Methodist Church**

October 2, 2022

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship -

When we feel spiritually homeless, where can we turn for help? **Our help is in the grace of God.** 

When we are imprisoned in our suffering, where can we turn for solace?

#### Our solace is in the mercy of Christ.

When we are trapped in the grip of misfortune, where can we turn for strength?

Our strength is in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Come! Let us worship God, our guide and guardian.

\*Opening Hymn "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" UMH 540

## **Opening Prayer**

Merciful God, though you often feel far from us, you meet us in our need. When our mouths know the taste of bitter tears, you bring us to the feast of your love and mercy. When grief threatens to steal our joy, you remind us to sing of happier times. When adversaries enjoy our misfortune, you rekindle the hope that lies hidden within us. When fear robs us of our courage, you fill us with the daring to begin anew. Be with us in this time of worship, that we may be brought back to life, through the grace of your Son, who walks with us in the journey of faith. Amen.

Hymn "He Who Began a Good Work in You" TFWS 2163

**Prayer of Confession** 

#### Praying together

God of eternal return, in times of bitter loss, we yearn to be called home. How often have we felt like exiles of Israel who sat down by the waters of Babylon to weep at all they had lost? How often have we felt like Paul who was persecuted and locked away for his convictions and beliefs? Yet we cringe at Paul's invitation to join him in suffering for the gospel. We want to pick up our cross and be counted among the faithful, but we can't seem to leave our hurts behind. Help us be the people you call us to be, and give us the courage to follow you anew in the power and strength of your loving Spirit. Amen.

Hymn "Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine" TFWS2266

**Presentation of Tithes and Offering** 

**Bible Lesson with Gramdma** 

Time of Personal Prayer for the concerns of the Heart.

Special Music "Always Remember"

Reading of the Psalm

Message

Service of Holy Communion

\*Hymn "I Know Whom I Have Believed" UMH714

#### **Benediction**

**Dismissal with God's Blessing** 

\* Please Stand If you are Able

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

## Concerns:

Nina Meca	Gene May	Beverly Patton
Carol Moore	Joe Heilman	Cindy Sawyer
Jensen Webb	Nita Hickle	Tallman family
Holly	Larry Truman	Jacob Foster
Kevin Starcher	Christie Springston	
Unspoken Prayers		
The Unchurched of our Community		
Those affected by the recent natural disasters		
Families suffering the loss of loved ones		
Those suffering from Coronavirus and those working on a cure		

To add a concern to the Prayer list - please complete a Prayer card or slip of paper and place it in the Offering Plate.

24 Hour Prayer Line 1-888-388-2683

Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God. John Wesley

#### A Place to Pray

For those times when you need a quiet place to bring your concerns to God and let Him guide you, we have a Prayer Chapel at the back of the Sanctuary. It is available anytime the church is open or by contacting the Pastor.

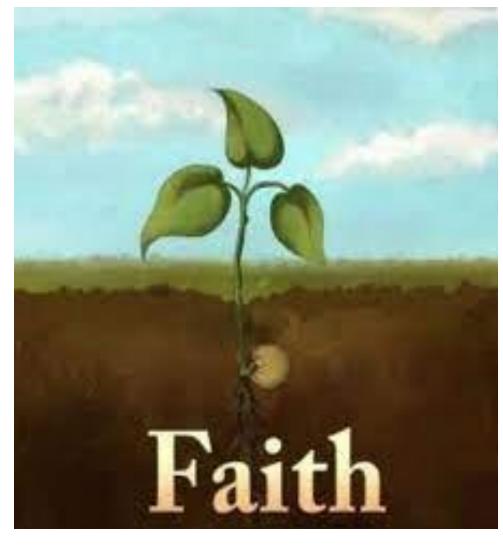


Christians around the world gather this day to share holy communion as one body—a body united in the love and mercy of Christ. We gather with them, rejoicing in our unity in Christ.

On-line/ At Home Worship Website - <u>www.spencermemorialumc.org</u> On FaceBook - Memorial UMC - Spencer On- Youtube - MEMUMC Spencer The Sunday Morning Service will be uploaded that Sunday afternoon. If you missed a Worship Service and want a DVD, contact Phil and let him know which week you want, we have a DVD file of the services.

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