

**August 17, 2025**



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**Our Vision? *“To grow a vibrant church by sharing Christ with the community . . .”***

**Our Mission? *“To invite, inspire, involve, increase . . .”***

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 17, 2025

**MEDITATION MUSIC *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*** by John B. Dykes

**RINGING OF THE BELL** Keith Deig

**WELCOME AND WORDS OF GREETING** Debbie Wells

**PRELUDE “How Great Thou Art”** by Stuart K. Hine

**\*PRAISE SONG #2025 (Black Hymnal) *“As the Deer”***

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  Debbie Wells

LL: The One who commands the clouds calls us to be poured out for others.

**P: We can, by faith, be the waters of peace which quench the fires of hatred.**

LL: The One who creates mercy and hope, longs for a world of fair play and grace.

**P: We can, by faith, let righteousness and justice be our constant companions**.

LL: The One who is with us in every moment composes a love-song for our hearts.

**P: We can, by faith, teach this song to everyone we meet**

**\*OPENING HYMN #432 *“Softly and Tenderly”***

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)** Debbie Wells

**Forgive us, Righteous God. Have mercy when we do not bear the fruit we could. Even though we have not lived our faith to the fullest, may we receive the promises of hope and grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE** Debbie Wells

listen! Can you hear them?

The saints of heaven - those who have gone on before us –

are cheering us on as we run towards the finish line of our faith.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**

**World without end. Amen**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Deborah McBride

Our Lord’s Prayer

**SERVICE OF GIVING**

**Offertory** Debbie Wells

Our offerings take us into the mainstream of God’s work through the church. Jesus said that whatever we do to the least of his brothers and sisters we do to him. May our offerings bring him comfort, relief and joy.

**\*Response No. 382**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:**

**Praise Him all Creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication (in Unison)** Debbie Wells

**God of our ancestors, God of our here and now, your laws are timeless and whose ways empower the church, we bring to you the results of our labors. We would recognize all our moments and days as precious gifts from you. We dedicate ourselves anew to the fulfilling of your will through all you entrust to us, not just through the portion we here return. Bless all that the church seeks to accomplish in Christ’s name.**

**SCRIPTURE – Mark 9: 30-37**  Debbie Wells

**Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time**

**30**They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, **31**because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” **32**But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

**33**They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” **34**But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

**35**Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

**36**He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, **37**“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

**HYMN #212** ***“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”***

**SERMON** **“Jesus and the Child”** Rev. Deborah McBride

**CLOSING HYMN #601** ***“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”***

**BENEDICTION** Rev. Deborah McBride

**BENEDICTION SONG** **“Lord of Life”**

**Lord, of life, Lord of Love, Walk forever beside us.**

**Day by Day, Show the Way, With your Vision to guide us,**

**Striving to Follow Your Will and Way, Nothing can divide us,**

**Lord of Life, Lord of Love, Walk forever beside us.**

**POSTLUDE *“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”***

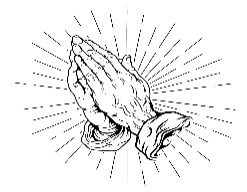
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**Today** **August 24**

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| Lay Leader  Ushers/Greeters:  Pianist/Organist:  Children’s Moments: | Debbie Wells  OPEN  Judy Grebe  Rev. Deborah McBride | Judy Deig  OPEN  Gail Angel  Rev. Jason Emmerson |

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| **ATTENDANCE** | LAST WEEK: 38 LAST YEAR: 53 |



**OUR IMMANUEL UCC PRAYER LIST**

***\*Charles Behrick*** ***\*David Behrick******\*Cherry Chase******\*Janice Jones***

***Ken Willett******David Frye Kenny Meinschein Sam Hall***

***Teresa Topper*** *(Friend of Chris Moers)* ***Tom Howard*** *(Brother of Angela Clark)*

***Kiersten Ferguson-Cremin*** *(Niece of Paula Boarman)*



**VISITORS**

We invite you to sign our Guest Book, located in the Narthex.,

as well as the attendance book in the pews.

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| **TODAY**  **August 17th**  **Jay Makowski Preaches - University United Methodist Church**  ***We welcome***  ***Rev. Deborah McBride***  ***With Lay Leader: Debbie Wells*** | **NEXT SUNDAY**  **August 24th**  Guest Preacher | Chehalem Valley Baptist Church  ***We welcome***  ***Rev. Jason Emmerson***  ***With Lay Leader: Judy Deig*** |





**SUNDAY** **17th** **TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**MONDAY 18th**

**TUESDAY** **19th**

**WEDNESDAY** **20th**

**THURSDAY** **21st** 9:30 a.m. Gentle Exercise Class

**FRIDAY** **22nd** 6:00 p.m. Paint Night

**SATURDAY** **23rd**

**SUNDAY** **24th ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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10:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting



*August 23 – Mellisa Hall August 21 - Duane & Jessica Lawrence*

*August 23 – Andy & Charlene Baldwin*

**Gentle Exercise Class . . . designed for 40+**

Every **Thursday morning at 9:30** **am** in the Fellowship Hall

Breath & Movement 45 mins~

Discussion on creating a positive mindset 15 min~

Led by De Brown, certified Yoga Instructor and Immanuel UCC member!

\*Suggested donation: $5-



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|  | **Tequila's Mexican Restaurant 10915 Baymeadows Road - Order Pickup and ...**  **LUNCH BUNCH AT TEQUILA’S**  Wednesday, August 27th at 12:00 noon  Co-leaders of Lunch Bunch are Betty Schuessler and Ruth Duckworth.  \*Lunch Bunch meets monthly on the last Wednesday of the month  Mark your calendars! |