

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

September 7, 2025

10:30 a.m.

"That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant."

[Exodus 14:30-31, NIV]



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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P: Heavenly Father, in our journey of faith, may we always trust you to lead us in the right path.

L: Caught between Red Sea and the Egyptians, the people were terrified and cried out to the Lord.

P: Lord, in our times of crisis, let us trust you to make a way where none seems possible.

L: By faith the Israelites passed through the Red Sea as on dry land but the Egyptians tried to do so and drowned.

P: By faith, we can also do all things through Christ who gives us strength.

*ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

400

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*The Apostles' Creed

881

*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 13:17-22

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

#301

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

~Joys and Concerns

~General Prayers & Intercession

~The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

895

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" # 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept our tithes and offerings, O Lord, together with our lives, to be used by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, for the expansion of your kingdom, in our local Community, and around the face of the earth, that many shall come to know your Son, Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:23-29

MESSAGE

By Faith – Faith To Do The Impossible
Pastor 'Debo

HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer after Communion: Heavenly Father, thank you for this holy mystery in which you have fed us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses in the world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #127

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

9:30 a.m. Finance meeting

10:00 a.m. Administrative Council meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Mt. Zion GMC Sanctuary)

12:00 p.m. Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, September 13, 2025

7:00 a.m. Weekly Prayer Huddle (see details in announcements)

10:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Team meeting

Sunday, September 14, 2025

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

CELEBRATIONS IN SEPTEMBER 2025

Birthdays

8 Art Dickson

9 Daniel Onabanjo

11 Dorothy Raymond

Anniversaries

MINISTRY TEAM/STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation

Media Team: Daniel Onabanjo & Paul Jassogne

Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer

Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer

Song Leader: Bob Trogus

Pianist: Jackie Howard

Liturgist: Greg Howard

Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
Allegheny West

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1004 West Sixth Avenue

Lancaster, OH 43130

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By Faith: Faith To Do The Impossible

Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

Children's Church (ages 5-13) starts at 10:45 a.m.

Church Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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Magnolia Terrace: Jane Patterson, 56

Edgewood Manor (Lucasville): Alan Fick, C3

LanFair: Mary Chilcote, 313

Luxe: Jim Funkhouser, Eckert Wing, 207A

Primrose: Bill & Doris Shauger, 121

The Ridge: Fred Beougher, 140

Continued Prayers are requested for:

Sharon Byerly, Phyllis Flowers, Ed Gurile, Clara Herrick,
Lloyd & Diann Helber, Eleanor & Bob Kane, Carl & Sharon
Mathias, Carla (Mathias), Vicki Oatney, Michael Parrish, Beth Patton,
Rod Shouldis, Kathy Starner, Don Taylor.

If you have a prayer concern or praise to share, please fill out a green prayer card found in the pew and give it to an usher before the worship service begins. Thank you for allowing us to pray for and with you!

*Please note: Names will be removed from the bulletin prayer list after three Sundays and will only be added if a new request is made.

Weekly Online Prayer Gathering: Please join our weekly online prayer gathering on Saturday mornings from 7:00-7:30am to pray together for our church, local community, our nation, worldwide and personal concerns. Simply dial the Free Conference Call # 425-436-6200 from your phone and when prompted, enter the access code 603577 followed by the # key and you will be able to participate. The gathering is open to members and friends of Mt. Zion GMC and Sixth Avenue GMC and members of the public. Text prayer requests or concerns to Pastor 'Debo at 614-296-1081 ahead of the prayer time. Thanks!

Administrative Council Meeting - Update: As communicated last week, the Administrative Council met as communicated met on Wednesday August 27, 2025. At the meeting, it was decided based on a recommendation from the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) to consolidate the roles of Church Secretary and Custodian. The SPPRC also recommended and the Administrative Council voted and approved that the position should be offered to our current Church Secretary, Lee Ann Whitmer effective September 1, 2025. The leadership would like to appreciate Lee Ann for the great job she has been doing since she included the Custodian duties in her functions at the beginning of July 2025. Please take time to express your appreciation to Lee Ann for her labor of love. In addition and in line with the recommendation of the SPPRC, the leadership will be partnering with the leadership of the Conference to transition to a part-time pastoral appointment effective November 1, 2025. In addition, the leadership reviewed the recommendation made by the Trustees to engage the services of a Realtor to help list the current facility for sale after its appraisal. The Trustees will continue to work with the Realtor to keep this process on track. Please keep your leadership in prayers as they meet and decide on these important matters. Updates will continue to be provided regularly to all members. If you have any questions or concerns about the ongoing situation, please see Paul Jassogne, Chairperson of the Admin. Council, Pastor 'Debo or any other member of leadership. Thanks!

Summer Message Series: As previously communicated, our Summer Message Series, "By Faith" based on **Hebrews Chapter 11** concludes today **Sunday September 7, 2025**. The Sermon for today is entitled "Faith To Do The Impossible" based on the story of Moses and how he led the Israelites out of Egypt based on **Exodus 13:17-22** and **Hebrews 11:23-29**. You can watch past sermons online at <https://www.6thavegmc.org/>

Pastor's Bible Study: This holds on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. As previously communicated, we will be meeting this week at Mt. Zion GMC Sanctuary located at 5495 Lancaster Circleville Rd., Lancaster, OH 43130. We encourage Sixth Avenue GMC members who attend regularly to consider carpooling to the venue. We will continue our study of the Book of Acts of the Apostles with focus on Chapters 10-12 this week. Please read the chapters in advance. The Bible Study is open to all members of the community and our time together is always a blessing and we also spend some time to pray for personal and general prayer requests. Please invite a neighbor or friend and thanks for making time to attend. The plan of rotation of the venue is effective this week and until further notice. We will meet at Sixth Avenue GMC on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and at Mt. Zion GMC on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. More details has been shared with regular attendees. For months with five Wednesdays, we will alternate between both churches.

Mark Your Calendar - Special Rummage Sale at Sixth Avenue GMC on Saturday September 20, 2025: The Sixth Avenue GMC Evangelism Team is planning to hold a Rummage Sale on Saturday September 20, 2025, from 10am to 3pm. If you want to donate anything for the sale, please bring your items to the church no later than September 7th. If you need help getting your items to the Sixth Avenue Church, please call Lee Ann at 740-407-0378 and she will help haul your items to Sixth Avenue GMC. Also, there will be a bake sale during the event. If you would like to bake some goodies for the event, please remember not to use peanuts or similar items for allergy reasons. Please bring all baked goods to the church by September 19th. We will also need people to volunteer to help with prior set up on Friday, September 19th and take down on Saturday, September 20th. Please pick up a flyer and share information about the upcoming event with your family members and friends. Thanks!

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (September 7, 2025 – September 13, 2025):

(Scripture passages are from the New International Version (NIV) Bible unless otherwise indicated)

Sunday September 7 (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 15:1-21; Reflection Verses: Genesis 15:13-14

“Then the Lord said to him, “Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why did God tell Abraham what will happen to his descendants in the future?

Monday September 8

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:1-15; Reflection Verses: Genesis 18:10-12

“Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.” Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why did Sarah laugh when she heard the promise that she would give birth to a son? What impossible situation are you facing that you need to take to the Lord? Do you believe nothing is impossible for God?

Tuesday September 9

Scripture Reading: Exodus 2:1-25; Reflection Verse: Exodus 2:24

“God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: Do you believe that God hears your prayers? What will you pray about today?

Wednesday September 10

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-22; Reflection Verse: Exodus 3:10

“So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What assignment has the Lord given to you? (see **Matthew 28:18-20** for insight)

Thursday September 11

Scripture Reading: Exodus 6:1-12; Reflection Verse: Exodus 6:12

“But Moses said to the Lord, “If the Israelites will not listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me, since I speak with faltering lips?”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: Where do you have doubts about your abilities? Will you trust God to use you like He did Moses despite his excuses?

Friday September 12

Scripture Reading: Exodus 12:31-51; Reflection Verses: Exodus 12:50-51

“All the Israelites did just what the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron. And on that very day the Lord brought the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What promises are you trusting the Lord to fulfil in your life? Do you have doubts?

Saturday September 13

Scripture Reading: Exodus 13:1-22; Reflection Verse: Exodus 13:22

“Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What has God given to guide you on your spiritual journey? (see **Psalms 119:105**)

Exodus 13:17-22

Crossing the Sea

¹⁷ When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." ¹⁸ So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea.^[a] The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle.

¹⁹ Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the Israelites swear an oath. He had said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place."^[b]

²⁰ After leaving Sukkoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. ²¹ By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. ²² Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Hebrews 11:23-29

²³ By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of

Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

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***The Apostles' Creed**

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

Amazing God, we pray that through the Holy Spirit your preferred future for Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church will be made known to us. We ask that you use us to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our friends, family, and community. Give us the courage to follow the leading of your Holy Spirit wherever that may take us. Open our eyes so that we may see the new things you are already doing among us. AMEN