

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

September 8, 2024

10:30 a.m.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God demonstrated His great love for us by sending Jesus to die for us while we were still sinners.

P: *Loving God, thank you for making us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions.*

L: Our salvation from beginning to end is a gift of grace so that no one can boast before God.

P: *As God's handiwork created in Christ Jesus, we will embrace the good works God prepared in advance for us to do.*

*ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

452

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

*Affirmation from 1st Timothy

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*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

365

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

~Joys and Concerns

~General Prayers & Intercession

~The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Doxology

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" # 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

"In Christ Alone" Dana Shouldis, piano
(Townsend and Getty)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 8:1-13

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo
Saved By Grace Through Faith

*CLOSING HYMN

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"To God Be the Glory"

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Sunday, September 8, 2024

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

11:00 a.m. Trustees Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Chapel)

Saturday, September 14, 2024

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

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024

Birthdays

8 Art Dickson
9 Daniel Onabanjo
11 Dottie Raymond
15 Nicole Layne
16 Paul Jassogne
17 Bruce Goff
25 Autumn Brunney
25 Tonya Rowland
26 Mark Brunney
26 Clara Herrick
27 Donna Dickson
27 Charles Shafer
28 Kathy Shafer



Anniversaries

26 Paul & Dotty Jassogne



MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation
Media Team: Phyllis Flowers & Paul Jassogne
Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer
Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer
Custodian: Jeff Byerly
Guest Pianist: Dana Shouldis
Liturgist: Kathy Shafer
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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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

Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo

Pastor's cell: 614-296-1081

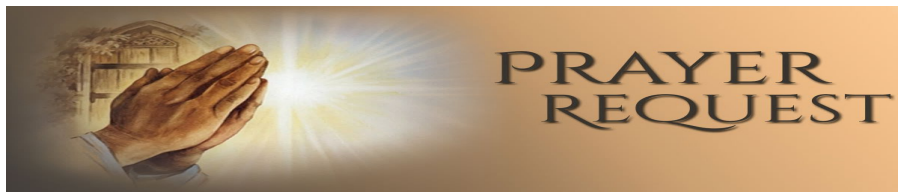
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Bennington Glen: Jane Patterson

Edgewood Manor (Lucasville): Alan Fick, C3

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Lloyd & Diann Helber, Mykel Henderly, Dixie Hoskinson, Joan Irwin,
Billy Jeffery, Elizabeth Jones, Jill Jubach, Eleanor & Bob Kane,
Marilyn Lawson, Carl & Sharon Mathias, Vicki Oatney,
Michael Parrish, Beth Patton, Maliah Radigan,
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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (September 8, 2024 – September 14, 2024):

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

Sunday September 8

Scripture Reading Matthew 8:1-13; Reflection Verses: Matthew 8:2-3

“A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Do you believe that Jesus is willing to care for your deepest need? What is stopping you from approaching Him even now as the man with leprosy did?

Monday September 9

Scripture Reading Matthew 9:1-13; Reflection Verse: Matthew 9:2

“Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Who can you bring to Jesus in simple faith today? Will you take that step of faith?

Tuesday September 10

Scripture Reading Matthew 9:18-34; Reflection Verses: Matthew 9:20-22

“Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.” Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed at that moment.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What can we learn from the story of the woman healed by Jesus? To what did Jesus attribute her healing?

Wednesday September 11

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:1-10; Reflection Verses: Ephesians 2:8-10

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How are we saved? What have we been saved through grace to accomplish?

Thursday September 12

Scripture Reading: Romans 10:1-17; Reflection Verse: Romans 10:17

“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Do you have saving faith? Have you heard the joyful sound that Jesus saves?

Friday September 13

Scripture Reading: John 20:24-31; Reflection Verse: John 20:28-29

“Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What do you believe about Jesus? Who can you share your faith in Jesus with?

Saturday September 14

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-14; Reflection Verse: John 14:6

“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Do you believe Jesus that He alone is the way, and the truth and the life? Why?

Ephesians 2:1-10

Made Alive in Christ

2 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh^[a] and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Matthew 8:1-13

Jesus Heals a Man With Leprosy

8 When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. ² A man with leprosy^[a] came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

³ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. ⁴ Then Jesus said to him, “See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”

The Faith of the Centurion

⁵ When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. ⁶ “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.”

⁷ Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?"

⁸ The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. ¹¹ I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹² But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

¹³ Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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***Affirmation from 1st Timothy**

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Leader:

There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,
Who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

People:

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:

**That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,
and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit,
seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.
Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.**