

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

October 5, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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[2 Timothy 1:5, NIV]



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

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*ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

600

"Wonderful Words of Life"

*The Apostles' Creed

881

*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

#618

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

Luke 17:5-10

MESSAGE

Degrees of Faith – Genuine Faith
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 "I Know Whom I Have Believed" #714

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

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

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

Saturday, October 11, 2025

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

Sunday, October 12, 2025

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



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
Allegheny West

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1004 West Sixth Avenue

Lancaster, OH 43130

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CELEBRATIONS IN OCTOBER 2025

Birthdays

Anniversaries

8 Bruce & Lura Goff



DEGREES OF FAITH

Degrees of Faith: Genuine Faith

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

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

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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!

Update on Future Plans for Sixth Avenue GMC: The Administrative Council is committed to carrying all members and friends of the Church along in this season of transition. The leadership is very appreciative of the support from members and friends of Sixth Avenue GMC for our beloved Community of Faith. The Administrative Council and the Trustees held an emergency leadership meeting on Tuesday November 30, 2025 to discuss some matters that came up after the listing of the property for sale. One of the potential buyers that have inspected had some important questions that needed to be jointly addressed by the leadership team. As we continue to have interested individuals and groups inspect our property, please continue to pray that that even after the sale is finalized, the new owners of the property which means a lot to members will be guided by the Holy Spirit on the best way to use the beautiful facility to serve the furtherance of God's Kingdom here on earth. The Administrative Council is also diligently working to identify the most suitable location that the Sixth Avenue GMC faith community would be able to relocate to on completion of the sale process – there are at least four suitable options at this time but no final decision has been made yet. Updates will continue to be provided from time to time to members through the bulletin and a congregation wide letter will only be issued when the need arises. Let us continue to lift up the Church leadership and this process in our thoughts and prayers as they follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. The leadership will also continue to engage our Presiding Elder, Rev. John Alice and Allegheny West Conference Leadership in discussions regarding our plan to move to a part-time pastoral appointment with effect from November 1, 2025. Pastor 'Debo will continue to serve as the Pastor of our beloved Community of faith till the end of October 31, 2025. **The next scheduled meeting of the Administrative Council will be on Tuesday October 14 at 11:00am.** In the interim, if you have any questions or concerns about the ongoing process, please see Paul Jassogne, Chairperson of the Admin. Council, Patti Crist Chairperson of the Trustees, Pastor 'Debo or any other member of leadership. Thanks!

Pastor's Bible Study: This holds on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. **We will be meeting this Wednesday October 8 here at the Sanctuary of Mt. Zion GMC, 5495 Lancaster Circleville Rd., Lancaster, OH 43130.** We will continue our study of the Book of Acts of the Apostles with focus on **Chapters 21-22** this week. This week's reading will focus on Paul's trip to Jerusalem after his Third Missionary, his arrest and the preparation for his defense before the Sanhedrin. Please read the chapters in advance. We have been enjoying our time together during this weekly Bible Study which is open to all members of the community and this time of fellowship is always a blessing and affords the opportunity to 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 weekly rotation of the venue will continue as previously communicated. We will meet at Sixth Avenue GMC on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and at Mt. Zion GMC on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. For months with five Wednesdays, we will alternate between both churches. **For instance, we will meet at Sixth Avenue on 10/29/25.**

2025 Charge Conference – Mark Your Calendar: We are pleased to confirm that the 2025 Charge Conference of the Lancaster Charge (comprising Mt. Zion GMC and Sixth Avenue GMC) will be held on **Wednesday, October 22, 2025**, at 7:30pm. The Presiding Elder of the Zanesville Circuit, Rev. John Alice has authorized Rev. Karen Walters to preside at the Charge Conference. We will be designating this annual gathering as a Church Conference to give all members who attend the opportunity to have voice and vote. Please keep this important meeting in your thoughts and prayers. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor 'Debo. Thanks!

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (October 5, 2025 – October 11, 2025):

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

Sunday October 5 (Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 8:1-13; Reflection Verse: Matthew 8:10

“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.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why did Jesus describe the Centurions’ faith as “great faith”? How would you describe your faith in Jesus? How can you grow or strengthen your faith in Jesus?

Monday October 6

Scripture Reading: Matthew 8:14-34; Reflection Verses: Matthew 8:24-26

“Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!” He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How would Jesus describe your faith? When have you trusted Jesus in a “storm”?

Tuesday October 7

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:18-34; Reflection Verse: Matthew 9:22

“Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed at that moment.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What did Jesus credit for the woman’s healing? What are you trusting Jesus for?

Wednesday October 8

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:13-21; Reflection Verses: Matthew 14:16-18

“Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered. “Bring them here to me,” he said.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What is something that appears humanly insignificant that you need to surrender to Jesus in trust and confidence that He can multiply it for His purposes? What is holding you back?

Thursday October 9

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-36; Reflection Verse: Matthew 14:31

“Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him [Peter]. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: When have you doubted Jesus? Are you doubting Him now?

Friday October 10

Scripture Reading: Matthew 15:21-28; Reflection Verse: Matthew 15:28

“Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What qualified the woman’s faith as “great faith”? Does the size of our faith matter?

Saturday October 11

Scripture Reading: Matthew 15:29-39; Reflection Verses: Matthew 15:33-34

“His disciples answered, “Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?” “How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked. “Seven,” they replied, “and a few small fish.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What impossible situation do you need to invite Jesus into? (see **Ephesians 3:20-21**)

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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

2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanksgiving

³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

Appeal for Loyalty to Paul and the Gospel

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

¹³ What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Luke 17:5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

⁶ He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

⁷ "Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? ⁸ Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"