

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

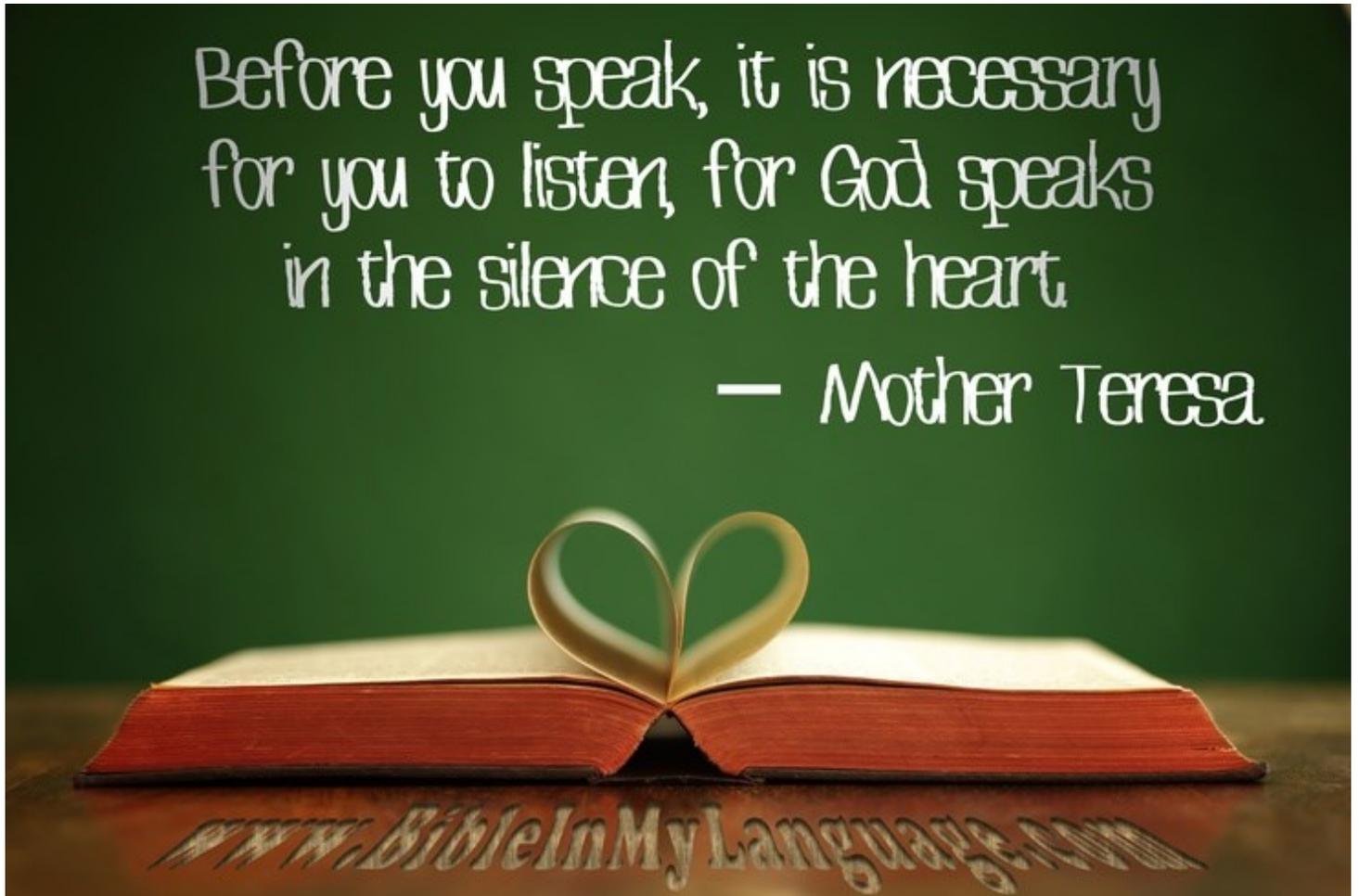
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August 29, 2021

"Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ, will be an active family of faith in North Central Licking County, dedicated to building awareness of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through meaningful worship, diverse service, and genuine fellowship." - Mission Statement

Before you speak, it is necessary
for you to listen, for God speaks
in the silence of the heart.

— Mother Teresa



"The first duty of love is to listen."

-Paul Tillich (1886-1965), German theologian and philosopher

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor
Jackie Parrill, Moderator
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor
Congregation, Ministers All
Pianist: Cathy Bero
Organist: Patsy Farmer
Praise Music: Mary Miller and Susie Hatch

Pastor Scott (c) 614 - 226 -1314





Highwater Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 29, 2021

9:30a Service * = *stand if you are able*

Words of Praise

Prelude / Ringing of the Bell

People Need the Lord

McHugh/Nelson

Welcome / Announcements

Praise Music

Call to Worship:

Leader: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

People: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

People: love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

Leader: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

People: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

Prayer of Invocation

Old Testament Text

Psalm 15 (NRSV)

O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? ²Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; ³who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; ⁴in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; ⁵who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! People: Thanks be to God!

* 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.

Gospel Text

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (NRSV)

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Morning Prayers

Candle Dedication: Happy Birthday to Galen Gault, Karen Holt, Sawyer Simon and Jack Schmidt

Sharing of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Think About His Love

Harrah/Tornquist

* **Doxology**

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

Offertory Prayer

* **Hymn**

New Testament Text

James 1:17-27 (NRSV)

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Sermon

Rev. Scott Schieber

* **Blessing/Benediction Response**

Let There Be Peace On Earth

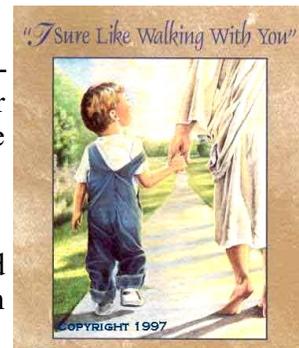
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally, let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

If you have children...

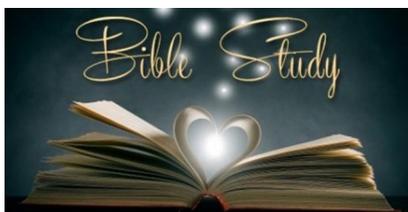
-Newborn – pre-school A Cry Room is available for your use during the worship service. It is located above the Sanctuary. You can use the stairs located through the door directly to the left as you exit the main doors of the Sanctuary. You can hear and see the service from this room.

If you are visiting...

Welcome! We pray that you'll find our worship service meaningful and uplifting, and our congregation welcoming and friendly. We know that coming to a new church can be a little uncomfortable. If we can assist you in any way, please let us know!



If you have a child that is in 4th-7th grade
Please reach out to Pastor Scott
A class is being formed now and we
would love to have your child involved.



September 13th—November 29th

Mondays at Noon and Wednesdays at 7p

The study will follow the book

Making Sense of the Bible by Adam Hamilton.

We will be discussing about 3 chapters at each study.

Participate In-person or via zoom .



**Blood Drive
Highwater Church**

Gymnasium
1213 Dutch Lane Road
Newark, OH 43055

**Sunday, September 26, 2021
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org,
sponsor code: HighwaterChurch.



Rally Sunday

September 12th

Sunday School at 10:30a

Join us in Worship at:

8:30a and 10:30a

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ Prayer List

Prayer Concerns within our Family of Faith:

Betty Nash Bob Tucker Dave Nash Tom Siegel Becky Wright Marcie Williams
Donna Shipley Laurie Garno Jim Farmer Dick & Gayle Gibson Joy Smith Nancy Schmidt

(The Prayer List is now available in the Narthex)

Prayers for Our Greater Church Family: *(This list to start over every month)*

John Stout	Stewart Krulikowski & Family
Sharon Mummey	Theresa Gonda
Mark Frick	Christine Schmidt
Marsha King	Jim McGuire
Judy Schmoll	
Chrissy King	



Continued prayers for all the troops that protect and serve this country and prayers of comfort for their families as they wait for their safe return. Chase Lasko, Jared Grace, Nate Comer