

# **Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ**

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## **July 25th, 2021**

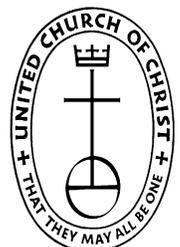
*“Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ, will be an active family of faith in North Central Licking County, dedicated to building awareness of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through meaningful worship, diverse service, and genuine fellowship.” - Mission Statement*



“Generosity is not in giving me that which I need more than you do, but it is in giving me that which you need more than I do.”

— Kahlil Gibran, *Sand and Foam*

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor  
Jackie Parrill, Moderator  
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor  
Congregation, Ministers All  
**Pianist: Cathy Bero**  
**Praise Music: Mary Miller**  
**Liturgist: Debbie Smetts**





# Highwater Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**July 25th, 2021**

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

## Words of Praise

**Prelude / Ringing of the Bell**

*Old Irish Blessing*

**Denes Agay**

**Welcome / Announcements**

**Praise Music**

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: The foolish say, "There is no God! We are alone, on our own."

**People: We gather to declare the glory of God in our lives.**

Leader: The foolish say, "It is your life; you are accountable to no one."

**People: We gather, strengthened by the Spirit, trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts.**

Leader: The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine; I owe nothing to anyone."

**People: We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve others in love.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Old Testament Text**

**Psalm 145:10-18 (NRSV)**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you. <sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, <sup>12</sup> to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. <sup>14</sup> The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. <sup>16</sup> You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. <sup>17</sup> The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. <sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

**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.**

**New Testament Text**

**Ephesians 3:14-21 (NRSV)**

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

## Morning Prayers

**Candle Dedication:** *Happy Birthday to Christine Ramsey, Kate Shipley and Dick Gibson*

## Sharing of our Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

*Here I Am to Worship*

**Hughes**

#### \* 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

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

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### Gospel Text

**John 6:1-21 (NRSV)**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." <sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. <sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

### Sermon

*Miracles*

**Rev. Dr. William Nirote**

#### \* Blessing/Benediction Response

*Let There Be Peace On Earth*

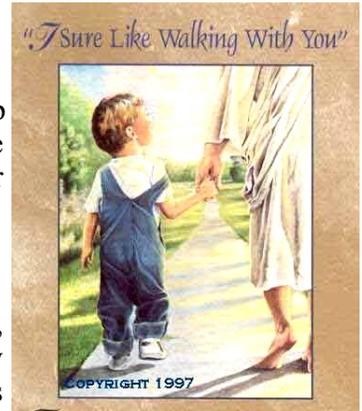
**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally, let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

### ***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!



**We welcome Rev. Dr. William Nirote to the pulpit this morning.  
We thank him for sharing the message with us while  
Pastor Scott is on vacation.**

#### **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  
Judy Grace Kathy Preston Cindy Campbell Nellie Wright

##### **(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	
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



**Pastor Scott will be on Vacation July 19-30  
If emergency Pastoral Care is needed call Pastor Scott**

**Pastor Scott (c) 614 - 226 -1314**



**Help is Needed!  
Summer Mission  
Opportunity for all Ages**

Pack Lunches at the  
Salvation Army on  
Tuesdays.

For more details and to sign up to help,  
please see the binder.



**Celebrating a Birthday this  
week:**

- 7-25 Christine Ramsey
- 7-26 Dick Gibson
- 7-31 Kate Shipley

# Highwater Hog Roast And Auction

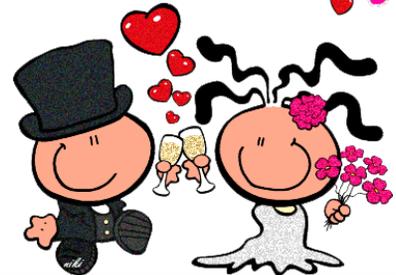
**Saturday, October 9th**  
Get the Word OUT!  
More Details and Sign up sheets  
coming soon!



Pastor Scott will be sharing in the  
retirement worship service of his  
mentor and friend Rev. Jill Dunlap  
on August 8th in Baltimore, Ohio.

In his absence we will enjoy a  
hymn sing Sunday .  
Looking forward to hearing every-  
one's voice raised in praise!  
Be ready to share your favorite  
choices.

*Happy  
Anniversary*



**Happy Anniversary to:  
Mark & Lenae Marston**



**Highwater to be Depot for  
Church World Services  
First Week in September**

We are accepting donations now to  
build our Disaster/Hygiene Kits  
It takes \$75 to fill each bucket.  
It would be wonderful to reach a  
goal of 25 buckets!

Please put your donation in a  
separate envelope marked  
Hygiene/Disaster Kit  
Thank you in advance for your  
Support in this mission!

