

# **Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ**

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**June 13th, 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*



“Hope unbelieved is always considered nonsense. But hope believed is history in the process of being changed.”

-Jim Wallis, *The Soul of Politics*

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





# Highwater Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**June 13th, 2021**

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

## Words of Praise

**Prelude / Ringing of the Bell**

*Be Still My Soul*

**Sibelius**

**Welcome / Announcements**

**Praise Music**

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Called to be branches in Christ's body,

**People: we yearn to be connected to the vine.**

Leader: Called to be mustard bushes offering shade to God's creatures,

**People: we search for places to plant the seeds of faith.**

Leader: Called to be growing with God in the midst of this world's painful questions,

**People: we seek God's nurturing presence.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Old Testament Text**

**Psalm 20 (NRSV)**

The LORD answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you! <sup>2</sup> May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion. <sup>3</sup> May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. <sup>4</sup> May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans. <sup>5</sup> May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions. <sup>6</sup> Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand. <sup>7</sup> Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God. <sup>8</sup> They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright. <sup>9</sup> Give victory to the king, O LORD; answer us when we call.

**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 4:26-34 (NRSV)**

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." <sup>30</sup> He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." <sup>33</sup> With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup> he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

## Morning Prayers

**Candle Dedication:** *Happy Birthday to Bill Hoskinson and Dick Hoar*

## Sharing of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*A Quiet Reflection*

**Boesinger**

### \* 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:

*Trust and Obey*

**# 349 Gray**

## Old Testament Text

**I Samuel 15:34-16:13 (NRSV)**

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. <sup>35</sup> Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. **16** The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup> Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup> He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Sermon

**Rev. Scott Schieber**

Postlude

Blessing

# Congregational Meeting



**Sunday, June 27th**  
Following the 9:30a  
Worship Service

Items on the Agenda for approval:  
Proposed Giving Goal for remainder of 2021  
Approval of elected officers:  
Jack Schmidt as Treasurer and  
Jackie Parrill as Moderator  
Sabbatical Proposal



**Blood Drive**  
**Sunday, July 11th**  
**8a-12p**

Sign up at  
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=HighwaterChurch>

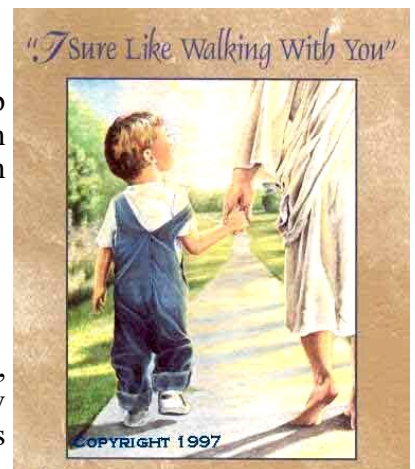
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## ***If you have children...***

-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!



## Announcements and Information

**Monday Noon Bible Study - On Summer Recess**

### **Summer Mission Opportunities for all Ages**

- ◆ Pack Lunches at the Salvation Army on Tuesdays, June 15th - August 3rd.
- ◆ Serve Lunch at Miller Park in Utica Week of July 5-9

*Sign up in the binder in the narthex if you would like to help..*



[Print Registration Form Here](#)

**VBS will be June 28-30, 2021  
from 9-11a**

**4yrs old through entering 5th grade  
snacks will be served.**

**Registration Forms are available in  
the Narthex**



### **Picnic/Brunch**

Save the date to gather together for food, fellowship and family fun!

**Sunday, June 27th**

Following the Congregational Meeting Food will be served in being considerate of avoiding multiple hands having access.

Details coming soon on possible donated menu items.

### **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

#### **(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 Krulikoski & 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

# This Week at Highwater, June 13th - June 19th

Sunday 13	Monday 14	Tuesday 15	Wednesday 16	Thursday 17	Friday 18	Saturday 19
<b>8:30a Eileen Preston Celebration of Life</b>  <b>9:30a Worship Service</b>	Pastor Scott Available		Pastor Scott Available   <b>Happy Anniversary</b> Virgil & Susie Hatch	Pastor Scott Available   <b>Happy Anniversary</b> Brad & Stacey Atherton	Pastor Scott Available   <b>Happy Anniversary</b> Dave & Pat Hoar   <b>Happy Birthday</b> Bill Hoskinson	 <b>Happy Birthday</b> Dick Hoar

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

***Did You Know*** that the concept of sabbatical is rooted in the biblical concept of “Sabbath” which God modeled (Genesis 2:1-4a) and commanded (Exodus 20:8-11). In Leviticus 25:1-7, the Lord says that after the sixth year the people were not supposed to sow the fields or harvest a crop. The land was allowed to rest, and therefore, so were the people. Sabbaticals have often been used in church and academia to provide a time of rest, recovery, renewal and re-education for the individual staff member. At Highwater, we believe that our pastor should model God’s design for Sabbath rest. We believe that a time of sabbatical is important both in the sharpening and renewal of the pastor and for the health and strength of the Church. The purpose of a sabbatical is for the pursuit of activities approved by the council of the church. The intent of a sabbatical is to further the ministry objectives of the church, to enhance the personal ministry of the pastor, and to provide for physical, spiritual and relational renewal and refreshment.

**Pastor Scott has some scheduling information to share.**  
**He will be out of town on the days noted but can be called in case of an emergency.**  
**Following is his schedule for June:**  
 June 15 (Tuesday, so I’ll work Friday)  
 June 24 (Thursday, so I’ll work Friday)  
 June 26 (Saturday)