

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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May 16th, 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



Worship with us in the Sanctuary at 8:30a and 10:30a through May 23rd.
Please follow your emails and check out Facebook and the website for any changes.
Being mindful of the safety of all those in our church family, at all times during our in-person worship, masks will be required and social distancing will be respected.

Thank You

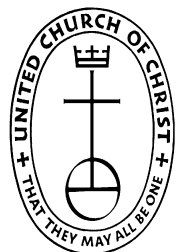
Summer Schedule Begins Sunday May 30th 9:30a Service ONLY.



"Meditation is often a matter of arguing with oneself, reasoning oneself out of moods of doubt and unbelief into a clear apprehension of God's power and grace."

*-J.I. Packer, *Knowing God**

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor
Jackie Parrill, Moderator
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor
Congregation, Ministers All
Piano 8:30: Laura Laughlin **Organist 10:30:** Patsy Farmer
Praise Music 10:30: Mary Miller





May 16th, 2021 Communion Sunday

8:30a.m. & 10:30a.m. Service

* = stand if you are able † = 10:30 a.m. service only †† = 8:30 a.m. service only

Words of Praise

Prelude/Ringing of Bell †† *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* **Converse**
 † *I Love to Tell the Story* **Hanley/Fletcher**

Welcome/Announcements

* **Hymn** *May Jesus Christ Be Praised vs 1,3,4,6* **Page # 87 (Gray)**

Call To Worship

Leader: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

People: **God's ways are just and merciful.**

Leader: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

People: **In all that they do, they prosper.**

Leader: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

People: **Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice.**

Prayer of Invocation

Old Testament Text

Psalm 1 (NRSV)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; ²but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

1 John 5:9-13 (NRSV)

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰ Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Morning Prayers

Candle Dedication: Happy Birthday to Ed Hoskinson

Sharing of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory	††	<i>I Surrender</i>	Weeden
	†	<i>Great Is the Lord</i>	Michael and Deborah Smith

* 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

Praise Music	†	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i>	Hoffman/Showalter
		<i>I Know Who Holds Tomorrow</i>	Stanphil

Gospel Text

John 17:9-16 (NRSV)

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sermon

Rev. Scott Schieber

Postlude	††	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>	Traditional
	†	<i>The Cares Chorus</i>	Willard

Benediction

Announcements and Information

In-person Sunday School dates have been set for :
May 23 (God Bless America).
(Sunday School will take place during the 10:30a Worship Service outdoors weather permitting)



**VBS will be June 28-30, 2021
from 9-11a
4yrs old through entering 5th grade
snacks will be served.**



**Sundays
Beginning May 30th
9:30a ONLY**



**Come to Camp
It's LIVE!**

Register and find out more at
HEARTLANDUCC.ORG/OUTDOOR-MINISTRIES

**WISH—Thursday, May 27th
1:30p at Elaine Smith's
10871 Licking Valley Rd
Frazeyburg 43822**
Please reply to Elaine if you
plan to attend. (740-504-2696)
Join Us for Tea/Coffee Scones
Women's Fellowship and Fun!!



**Monday Noon Bible Study Through May
24th
We will meet in-person.**



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

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	Doug Snyder and Family
Judy Schmoll	Jason Hover and Family
Chrissy King	Kay Wightman



For all those who have been there on the front lines during this uncertain time and who will continue to be there through this pandemic.

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