

# **Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ**

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## **October 18th, 2020**

*“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*



“I believe a grave mistake is to present Christianity as something charming and popular with no offense in it.”

-Dorothy Sayers, *The Whimsical Christian*

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor  
Mae Pound, Moderator  
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor  
Congregation, Ministers All  
**Pianist:** Sue Steele





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*10:30 a.m. service \* stand if you are able*

## **Ringling of the Bell**

### **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

*Hallelujah*

**by Leonard Cohen**

### **Call to worship**

**Leader:** Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord our God and King! Glorious and powerful is the God of all creation!

**People:** **In reverent awe, we gather to worship our God.**

**Leader:** The Lord our God is King and the Just Judge of all things for all eternity, all people and all places.

**People:** **In reverent awe, we gather to praise our God.**

**Leader:** The Lord our God is King and the Forgiving God! 'Fairness' and 'Justice' are the names of our God.

**People:** **In reverent awe, we gather to worship God, within the light of God's holiness, justice, mercy and love.**

### **Prayer of Invocation**

### **Old Testament Text**

**Psalm 99 (NRSV)**

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! <sup>2</sup>The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. <sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! <sup>4</sup>Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. <sup>5</sup>Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! <sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them. <sup>7</sup>He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them. <sup>8</sup>O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. <sup>9</sup>Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord!

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

## **New Testament Text**

## **I Thessalonians 1:1-10 (NRSV)**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

## **Morning Prayers**

*Candle Dedication: Happy Birthday to Chris Storts*

*Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: 2nd Congregational, Marietta*

## **Sharing of our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*He*

**Words by Richard Mullen and Music by Jack Richards**

## **Offertory Prayer**

## **Gospel Text**

## **Matthew 16:21-28 (NRSV)**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

## **Sermon**

**Rev. Scott Schieber**

## **Postlude**

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

**Words and Music by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson**

## **Benediction**

## Announcements and Information

**Monday Noon Bible Studies** - October 19th, Acts 7 & 8.

**I Spy** - It's on Facebook. If people want to participate in iSpy but do not have Facebook then they can text me and I will send out the iSpy clues to them via text and they can text me their photos for entries to win the prize for the month. Text Amy Gartner at 740-624-0232

**Bingo zoom** - October 22nd and November 12th at 7 pm. Please email or call Amy Gartner for details and links. [amysgartner@gmail.com](mailto:amysgartner@gmail.com) or call 740.624.0232

### **The Crew is Planning In-Person Gatherings.....**

We will have an in person socially distanced/mask wearing meeting on **November 19th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. A holiday activity is planned.** Please RSVP to Amy or on Facebook. [amysgartner@gmail.com](mailto:amysgartner@gmail.com) or call 740.624.0232

### **Highwater Secret Senders**

Sign up now! But Beginning in November we will start doing a Secret Sender! Do you miss your friends from church? They miss you! If you wish to sign up to be a Secret Sender please contact Amy Gartner, [amysgartner@gmail.com](mailto:amysgartner@gmail.com) or call 740.624.0232, to match you up with another person in the congregation. What we are asking is that you secretly send something to the person you are matched with each month (or more than one time per month if you choose) to tell them you miss them or to give them some encouragement or a pick me up. Ideas of things to send would be a card, a small homemade item, a coffee gift card, etc. Remember it is a secret so simply sign the gift From: Your Highwater Secret Sender. This will take place for the next six month then in April around Easter we will reveal who our secret senders are.

**Serving Salvation Army** - Sunday, November 1st. Please call Tracy Storts if interested in helping. 740-501-1249

### **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 Gibson Mary Miller Carol Hoar

#### **Prayers for our Shut-in:**

Goldie Campbell

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

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|---------------|------------------------------|
| John Stout    | Carol & Bill King            |
| Sharon Mummey | Stewart Krulikowski & Family |
| Mark Frick    | Theresa Gonda                |
| Marsha King   | Jesse Buchanan               |
| Judy Schmoll  | Christine Schmidt            |
| Chrissy King  |                              |



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