

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

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OUTDOOR WORSHIP SCHEDULE - Bring lawnchair/blanket & water bottle. In case of inclement weather, worship will be in sanctuary.

September 22 - 10:00a Bible Study, 6:30p Bible Study

September 23 - 9:00a Women’s Fellowship Meeting, 5:30p Youth Gathering

September 25 - 7:00p Drive-In Movie Night in First UCC parking lot

September 27 - 9:00a Sunday School; 10:00a Worship at North Shelter, City Park

October 4 - 10:00a World Communion Sunday with Ecumenical Worship at North Shelter, Tipton City Park with our neighboring churches

October 11 and onward - 10:00a Worship in the church sanctuary

The Tipton Senior Center is looking for people to help with **Meals on Wheels**. Call Mary Agne 319-899-3009 or email mary.agne@hotmail.com, if you are willing.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020, Ten O’clock

September 27 - North Shelter, Tipton City Park

PRELUDE**WELCOME AND CELEBRATIONS****OPENING PRAYER****CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)**

L: I will exalt you, my God the King;

P: I will praise your name for ever and ever.

L: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

P: His greatness no one can fathom.

L: The Lord is good to all;

P: He has compassion on all he has made.

HYMN #459 vs 1 & 3 “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

1. Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount; I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unfailing love.
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you. Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I’ve known: Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

PASSING THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you

P: And also with you

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 every shall be:
 World without end, Amen. Amen.

FIRST READING

JOHN 15:10-12

If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

SERMON

"A Joyful Life"

HYMN #31 vs 1 & 3

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

REFRAIN

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings. REFRAIN
3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. REFRAIN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: In Your Mercy,

P: Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray together the prayer our Lord taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

HYMN

vs. 1, 3, & 6

"This Is My Father's World"

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears, all nature sings, and round me rings, the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and tress, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.
3. This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world; the battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and Heav'n be one.
6. This is my Father's world. I walk a desert lone. In a bush ablaze to my wondering gaze God makes His glory known. This is my Father's world, a wanderer I may roam, whate'er my lot, it matters not, my heart is still at home.

BENEDICTION

"Take the Peace"

May the Lord be with you as you greet this day,
and be in your heart as you go on your way.
Take the Peace of God to every place you're in;
and may the Lord be with you until we meet again.

POSTLUDE