

OLD
TESTAMENT
LESSONS

DEUTERONOMY:
A Foundation With Purpose



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Poage Landing Days

September 17, 2023

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

There's A Wideness In God's Mercy

(Wilbur Held)

Call to Worship

Heather Whitman

Leader: Let us worship our Creator, the God of love who preserves and sustains us.

People: We are loved with an everlasting love.

Leader: Give us, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag down; give us an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; give us an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.

All: Bestow upon us O Lord our God, understanding to know You, diligence to seek You, wisdom to find You, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace You, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

† **Hymn of Praise**

#435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

† **Call of Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

God of great love, we clearly remember the times when we have thought You to be less than loving. We recall with pain the dark times in our lives when we could not see Your light; nor did we seek it. We remember with remorse the occasions when we did not recognize the small pleasures of our abundant life. We confess that we have been quick to criticize and hasty to condemn. Forgive us for all that has come before and grant us grace to go forward in Your forgiving love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Lisa Stevens

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 6:4–9 (NRSV)

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

My Song Forever Shall Record

My song forever shall record the tender mercies of the Lord;
 Your faithful love will I proclaim,
 and every age shall know Your name.

I sing of mercies that endure, forever firm, forever sure,
 a strong support that never dies,
 established changeless in the skies.

Almighty God, Your lofty throne has justice for its cornerstone,
 and shining bright before Your face are
 truth and love and boundless grace.

With blessing is the nation crowned
 whose people know the joyful sound;
 they in the light, O Lord, shall live,
 the light Your face and favor give.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 22:34–40 (NRSV)

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked Him a question to test Him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ!

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon*Rev. Bill Pollack****DEUTERONOMY: A Foundation With Purpose***✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠† **Hymn of Response**

#63

The Lord is God

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor thanks and praise!
 To God, the Maker of all things and giver of our days.

With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might
O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.

At night or day, at home, away, together and apart;
O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor thanks and praise!
To God, the Maker of all things and giver of our days.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come. We follow Christ, who comes to us from God and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives and calls us to join in His ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all creation, and He bids us to die and rise with Him in the service of the healing of the world. We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the body of Christ, God's holy universal church. We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things, it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering—Clean Start

† **Doxology**

#606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#765 (2x)

May the God of Hope Go With Us

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Postlude

Max Jackson

Now Let Us Rejoice, You Christians All

(Ernst Pepping)

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *J.T. Norris*

Liturgist: *Heather Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 66

General Offering: \$1,148.00

Rent for Building: \$150.00

Online Giving: \$745.00

Total Offering: \$2,043.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, September 17

Morning Worship, 9 a.m.

Monday, September 18

Sew Blessed CANCELLED

Tuesday, September 19

Finance Ministry Team, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 20

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

Dress A Girl Around the World

Sunday, September 24 will be a special day in the life of our congregation. Rev. Phillip Lotspeich, our General Presbyter of the Transylvania Presbytery, will be present in our morning worship.

Rev. Lotspeich is representing our Presbytery which has graciously given \$2,000 for a Peace Grant which has helped our Sew Blessed ministry provide 62 dresses (to date) to *Dress-a-Girl Around the World*.



Happy Birthday Max!

Please join us on **Sunday, September 24** as we celebrate the birthday of our own Max Jackson. There will be a reception immediately following Morning Worship in the Narthex. There will be a basket for cards.

Tri-State Prayer Circle

When: Sunday, September 24, 6 p.m.

Where: Central Park, Ashland

Who: All people are welcome.

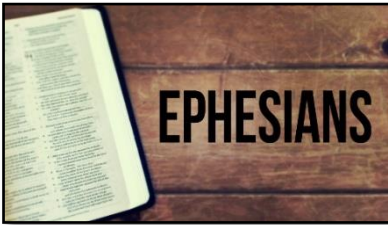


Please come and join with others in this prayer for in numbers God can make anything possible as we show His love.

“Faith the size of a mustard seed . . . can move a mountain.”

Matthew 17:20

(If you need additional information, please see Heather Shay.)



Sunday Morning Study

You are invited and encouraged to join the Sunday Morning Study. We will begin a new study in the book of Ephesians beginning **Sunday, October 15 at 9:18 a.m.** Join us!



This coming Advent, we are going to publish our devotional booklets with your help. We would welcome you to submit a brief devotional thought centered around the theme “The Best News Ever!” This will include a scripture, brief devotional about a special remembrance of a Christmas past, and a closing prayer. The deadline for submission is **October 29**. If you need help, Pastor Bill will be there for you! Email your devotion to: ashlandpresbyterian@yahoo.com. So, start thinking, start writing and start preparing for Advent 2023.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending September 15, 2023

Puillip Chang (online request)
Martha Gesling (Madison Park Rehabilitation, #300)
Jerry Hall (Geri Willis' brother)
Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Week ending September 8, 2023

Kyle Call (Pastor Bill & Nanette)
Gretchen Dillon
Annie & Bob Miller
Tim Shepard (Bonnie Pettijohn's son)
Karen Wells (Cathy Wilson)
Kim Whitman

Week ending September 1, 2023

Family of Becky Ferguson (Pastor Bill & Nanette)
Ellen Sharp

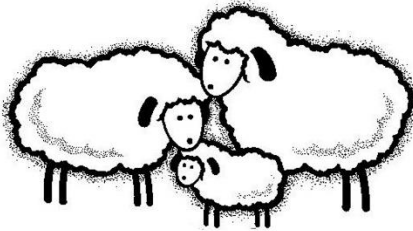
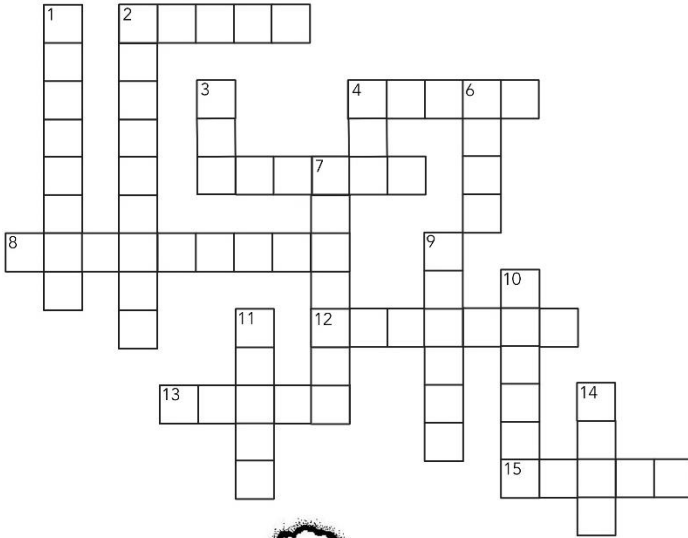
Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Kenny McGill, Jacob Mollette (Christy & Glen Thomas' son), Derek Payne, Nancy Payne, Janet Winans, Ann & Jim Wiseman

Morning Pointe: Carolyn Graber

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, Dayton, OH, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

Puzzle!



ACROSS

2. cause of Job's trouble
4. twinkling, heavenly lights
6. the Shuhite, a friend (2:11)
8. creature of the deep (41:1)
12. the Temanite, a friend (2:11)
13. sores
15. Job had 7,000

DOWN

1. the One who ever lives (19:25)
2. affliction
3. had seven sons
4. ocean
5. precipitation
7. Job had 500
9. the Naamathite, a friend (2:11)
10. Job had 3,000
11. Job's fourth friend (32:2)
12. Job had 500 yoke

Sermon Notes

today is: _____

sermon title: _____

key verses: _____

Notes

worship songs:

Prayers

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2024	2025	2026
<i>Lee McCloud</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>
<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>
<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>
		*2nd term of service

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>TBD</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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