

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

September 1, 2024

10:30 a.m.

"For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:6-7)



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***OPENING HYMN**

514

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

***THE APOSTLES CREED**

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881

***Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 4:1-8, 16-18

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"Lord, Speak to Me"

463

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

~**Joys and Concerns**

~**The Lord's Prayer** (in unison)

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***Doxology** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" # 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

TFWS 2129

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
(Congregation)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21-28

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo

Courage Driven by Our Convictions - Apostle Paul

HOLY COMMUNION (see screen for Liturgy)

***CLOSING HYMN**

701

"When We All Get to Heaven"

***SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Sunday, September 1, 2024

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Chapel)

Saturday, September 7, 2024

7:00 a.m. Weekly Prayer Huddle (see details in announcements)

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024

Birthdays

4 Orion Thress
3 Sharon Mathias
8 Art Dickson
9 Daniel Onabanjo
11 Dottie Raymond
15 Nicole Layne
16 Paul Jassogne
17 Bruce Goff
25 Autumn Brunney
25 Tonya Rowland
26 Mark Brunney
26 Clara Herrick
27 Donna Dickson
27 Charles Shafer
28 Kathy Shafer

Anniversaries

26 Paul & Dotty Jassogne



MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation
Media Team: Phyllis Flowers & Paul Jassogne
Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer
Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer
Custodian: Jeff Byerly
Pianist: Jackie Howard
Liturgist: Greg Howard
Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
Allegheny West

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

1004 West Sixth Avenue

Lancaster, OH 43130

September 1, 2024

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Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

Children's Church (ages 5-13) starts at 10:45 a.m.

Church Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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LanFair: Mary Chilcote, 313

Luxe: Jim Robertson (Billie's brother), Sheridan Hall, 306
Jim Funkhouser, Eckert Wing, 207A

Main Street Terrace: Marilyn Lawson, 36

Primrose: Bill & Doris Shauger, 121

The Ridge: Fred Beougher, 140
Barb Cook, 103

Continued prayers are requested for:

Amanda Baker, Dave Bash, Sharon Byerly, Barbara Cook, John Cook, Ken Cook, Dorothy Dunn, Tommy Eblin, Walt Fawcett, Sharon Funkhouser, Ed Gurile, Clara Herrick, Cindy, Lloyd & Diann Helber, Mykel Henderly, Dixie Hoskinson, Joan Irwin, Billy Jeffery, Elizabeth Jones, Jill Jubach, Eleanor & Bob Kane, Marilyn Lawson, Carl & Sharon Mathias, Vicki Oatney, Beth Patton, Mark & Donna Shouldis, Rod Shouldis, Kathy Starner, Don Taylor, Kara Whitmer-Beatty, Greg & Sandie White.

If you have a prayer concern or praise to share, please fill out a green prayer card found in the pew and give it to an usher before the worship service begins. Thank you for allowing us to pray for and with you!

Pastor's Bible Study: This holds on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. We started the study of the First Epistle (Letter) of John last week and covered chapters 1-3. The authorship is ascribed to John, the disciple "whom Jesus loved" who also wrote the Gospel of John named after him. The original recipients of the letter were the believers in western Asian Minor, now part of modern Turkey and John wrote to assure these believers of the certainty of their faith and to also refute heretical doctrines teaching that Jesus was not fully human and fully divine. John wrote to his readers to "test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world." (see **1 John 4:1**). John was part of the inner circle of apostles/disciples along with Peter and James his older brother. The warnings in the letter as with all warnings in Scripture continue to be relevant for us as we contend for the faith. We will do well to pay careful attention to his warnings. We will cover chapters 4-5 and possibly the Second and Third Letters by John this week - please read the chapters in advance. This Bible Study is open to all members of the community. In addition to the joy of worship and fellowship on Sundays, our time together during Bible Study is always a blessing. We spend some time to pray at the end of the Bible Study for personal and general prayer requests. Please invite a neighbor or friend and thanks for making time to attend.

Summer Message Series: We conclude our **Summer Message Series, "Courage Driven by Our Convictions"** as we explore the biblical story of courageous transformation exemplified by Apostle Paul who through the grace of God was changed from being a "blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man" to a proclaimer of the Good News of Jesus Christ. In this Message Series, we have taken a deeper dive into the lives of some of the courageous men and women, ordinary human characters like us whose stories are captured in the Bible who through the courage of their convictions were used by God to do supernatural exploits. Courage borne out of our convictions is the confidence to act in accordance with one's beliefs. It is also the determination to do what we believe is right regardless of whether others approve or agree with us. This Message Series which started on Sunday July 14th concludes today September 1st.

AWAKEN – Lay Equipping Weekend – You can still register for this special event by the Discipleship Team of the Allegheny West Provisional Annual Conference from **Friday September 6 to Saturday September 7** at Cornerstone Global Methodist Church, 207 S. Court Street, Marysville, OH 43040. This event is designed for individuals and teams who want to grow in their spiritual leadership, and **Awaken** is also the first component of our Certified Lay Ministry training. The rest of the training will be completed through four daylong equipping sessions focused on congregational care, teaching the Bible, being Global Methodist, and missions/evangelism. The cost is \$50 and will include snacks, breakfast and lunch. At the September Awaken event, more information will be shared for the additional sessions for those interested. If anyone feels led to attend this equipping event, please contact Pastor 'Debo to learn more. Thanks!

Global Methodist Church (GMC) Convening Conference – 40 Day Prayer Guide Now Available: We are excited that the Convening General Conference will hold next month, September 20-26 in San Jose, Costa Rica. A lot of preparation is being made for a successful time of holy conferencing for the approximately 350 delegates that will represent the Provisional Annual Conferences and Districts from all across the world. The Convening Conference Prayer Committee has prepared a 40 Day Prayer Guide for every Global Methodist to use from Wednesday August 7 to Sunday September 15. Limited copies of the 40 Day Prayer Guide are available for those interested. Please pick up your copy from the Information Stand in the Narthex. We encourage everyone to please take the time to be engaged in this time of prayer (and fasting after consultation with your medical care team) for a successful gathering. If you have any questions about the Convening General Conference, please contact Pastor 'Debo who is one of the elected delegates that will be representing the Allegheny West Provision Annual Conference at the global gathering. Thanks!

Weekly Online Prayer Gathering: Please join our weekly online prayer gathering on Saturday mornings from **7:00-7:30am** to pray together for our church, local community, our nation, worldwide and personal concerns. Simply dial the Free Conference Call # **425-436-6200** from your phone and when prompted, enter the access code **603577** followed by the # key and you will be able to participate.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (September 1, 2024 – September 7, 2024):

(Scripture passages are from the New International Version (NIV) Bible unless otherwise indicated)

Sunday September 1

Scripture Reading Acts 9:1-19; Reflection Verses: Acts 9:4-6

“He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why is persecution of believers rightly considered a persecution of Jesus? Have you ever experienced persecution for being a follower of Jesus Christ? What was the experience like and how did you respond?

Monday September 2

Scripture Reading Acts 9:20-31; Reflection Verse: Acts 9:21

“All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How did you become a follower of Jesus? Who shared the Good News with you?

Tuesday September 3

Scripture Reading Acts 11:19-30, Acts 12:25; Reflection Verses: Acts 11:25-26

“Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why do you think the disciples were called Christians? Are you a Christian disciple?

Wednesday September 4

Scripture Reading Acts 13:1-12; Reflection Verses: Acts 13:2-3

“While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Do you sense of the Lord calling you to do something special for Him?

Thursday September 5

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:16-40; Reflection Verse: Acts 16:31

“The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Do you know how to lead someone to Christ using the Word of God?

Friday September 6

Scripture Reading: Acts 20:13-38; Reflection Verse: Acts 20:24

“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What is your aim as a follower of Jesus Christ? What can we learn from Paul?

Saturday September 7

Scripture Reading: Galatians 1:1-24; Reflection Verses: Galatians 1:23-24

“The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” And they praised God because of me.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What changes have others commended in you as a follower of Jesus?

2 Timothy 4:1-8

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: **2** Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. **3** For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **4** They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. **5** But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. **7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **8** Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:16-18

16 At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. **17** But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. **18** The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus Predicts His Death

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

²⁸ "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST
(ORDINARY TIME OR KINGDOMTIDE)**

The pastor stands behind the Lord's table.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. *The pastor may lift hands and keep them raised.*

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,

and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day

when justice shall roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The pastor may lower hands.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The pastor may raise hands.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

At his ascension you exalted him
to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

The pastor may hold hands, palms down, over the bread, or touch the bread, or lift the bread.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,

gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

The pastor may hold hands, palms down, over the cup, or touch the cup, or lift the cup.

When the supper was over he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The pastor may raise hands.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor may hold hands, palms down, over the bread and cup.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

The pastor may raise hands.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,

until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,

all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God),
now and for ever.

Amen.