## **GATHERING**

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the attendance sheet in the red pad and add today's date at the top, then pass it Down your row. If you are a guest, we invite you to include your address.

Thank you for silencing your cell phones during the service.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS (Children may go to Kingdom Kids) PRELUDE

# **OFFERING OUR WORSHIP**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

- L: Holy God, untamed by the names we give you,
- P: Come and meet us.
- L: God of creation, whose hands shaped mud into your likeness,
- P: Come and meet us.
- L: Persistent God, touching and molding us still,
- P: Come and meet us.
- L: Tender God, who is forming us into a sign of the new community,
- P: We are here to meet you.

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN NO. 292 "What Wondrous Love is This"

OFFERTORY OFFERING

\*THE DOXOLOGY No.95 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

CHORAL ANTHEM "Be Thou my Vision"

HYMN NO. 347 "The Spirit"

## **RECEIVING GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE Mark 4:26-34

SERMON "Small Beginnings" Gloria Loughman

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 308 "Thine Be the Glory"

**BENEDICTION** 

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able

#### **Prayer List**

- Bill Barndollar
   Baya Biylar
- Reva Bixler
- Carol Brandt (Donna Hounshell's sister– in -law)
- Charles Brant (son of Bridget & George Diez)
- Jeff Ďavis
- Tom & Avalon Evans
- Tammy Fisher (Dick Fisher's daughter in-law)
- Jerod Fulmer
- Phil & Meda Giffin
- Eric Grove
- Dawn Kershner
- Jane & David Lawrence
- Lorena McConnell (Pat & Wayne Bells grand-daughter)
- Tonya Moore (Nick & Nate's mom)
- Ron & Marge Ridenour
- Tara Sauer (Jenny Motley's niece)
- Liz Schlauch (Jenny Motley's neighbor)
- Nan Shaw
- Sandra Smith (Dawn Kershner's mother)
- Ruth Strohminger
- Kathy Taylor (Helen Taylor's daughter)
- Dick Thomas
- Bob Wagenhals
- Bruce Walker (Ginny Carlson's son)
- Phyllis Zahn

Our condolences to the friends and family of Rev. Lyle Hinkle.

#### This Week at Ontario UMC...

Today9:15 amAdult S.S.
10:15 am Worship followed by
fellowship time
Tues., 2/27 5:30 pmDinner and a movie
Wed. 2/28 7:00 pmChoir
Thurs, 3/1 11:00 am Bulletin Items due
Sun 3/4 9:15 am Adult S.S.
10:15 am Worship followed by
fellowship time
6:00 pm Youth group

#### ~~ WELCOME. VISITORS ~~

A warm OUMC greeting to all our visitors!

Please visit the Welcome Center
for a small gift, and join us in Giffin Hall
after the service for refreshments and fellowship.

Write prayer joys, concerns and announcements in the Welcome Center pad to be shared during worship.

Hearing devices and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available at the Ushers Table.

Children's Worship Activity Bags are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please return them to the rack after the service.

The altar flowers are given this morning by Shirley Wright in memory of Walt Wright.

O God, we seek you; indeed, we thirst for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So we will bless you and call on your name. Welcome to worship, where God quenches our spiritual thirst. Bulletin items are due in the church office each Thursday morning no later than 11 am.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 27th. We will begin a new "Dinner and a Move" series. Join us as we eat soup, watch the "Shack" and talk about God. See you at 5:30 pm.

Betty Coon will be 90 years old on March 2, 2018. Please consider sending her a card to wish her Happy Birthday. She loves to receive mail. Her address is Betty Coon, P.O. Box 62, Ontario, OH 44862.

Lost items: If anyone knows of the whereabouts of a pair of 3 foot high, gold-painted decorative orbs, previously used to decorate the high mantle near the front of the altar area, please contact Kathy Strunk, Worship Team chairperson, or return them to the church office. Thank you.

Today we welcome Gloria Loughman to the pulpit.

Even in the depths of winter, we are warmed by your love, O God, and by the love of your people. Thank you.

Last Week~~~ Worship Attendance	100
Current Expense Giving	\$4,398.50
Special Funds Building Fund	562.00 275.00
R & R	350.00

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Peggy L. Welch, Pastor Karen Wagenhals, Visitation Pastor

### Serving Today~~

Liturgist: Mary Ann Stotts

Music Director: Bob Wagenhals
Organist: Millie Keith
Accompanist: Bernice Holeman
Nursery: Sound Technician: Robey Bolen

Power Point: Sue Wills, John Grove
Usher: Mary Ann Stotts, Carl Crider, Ken Starbuck
Kingdom Kids: Janet Bixler, Sharon Urschel
Table Hosts: Kathy Strunk
Acolyte: Aiden Metcalfe

The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground...



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