

10:00 AM

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 17th, 2025

17 Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself. 18 Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

Psalm 80:17-18

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 9)
L: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
P: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
L: I will be glad and exult in you;
P: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMNS

“To God Be The Glory”
“By Faith”

No. 56

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, You have called us to be people of peace, but we confess how quickly we divide, how easily we hold grudges, and how slowly we seek healing. You offer us grace upon grace, yet we are slow to extend that grace to others. We choose comfort over transformation, and pride over reconciliation. We resist the transforming work of Your grace. Forgive us, Lord. Uproot what is broken within us, and renew us by Your Spirit. Help us live as people marked by Your peace, so that no one misses the grace of God. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.
(Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.
P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Heal Our Land”

By: Les Freehling & Ken Mossgrove

*OFFERING RESPONSE:

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:35-45

ANTHEM

“People Need the Lord”

By: Les Freehling & Ken Mossgrove

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:46-52

SERMON

“What Do You Want Me To Do For You?”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 562

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.



Ushers: Elders

Greeters: JD Franklin & Vincent Statzer

Welcome Desk: Susan Mossgrove

Fellowship Hour: Bonnie Fiel

Liturgist: Colton Franklin

Childcare: Sarah Murtha

<u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u>		
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
	12 PM	Community Lunch @ St Andrews
Tuesday:	12-5 PM	Blood Drive @ Meridian Fire Hall
	1 PM	Quilting
Sunday:	6:30-7:30 PM	Youth Group
	11 AM	Worship

HYGIENE KITS- We will be collecting items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand towels, soap, shampoo, conditioner, combs, & deodorant) for 200 hygiene kits for Convoy of Hope. There is a signup sheet with more info. Please place all items in the bin in the rear narthex by Sept 14th.

CHOIR & HAND BELLS-Anyone interested in joining the choir or hand bell choir please see Debbe Picerno. Choir practice will resume on Wed. August 27th at 6:30 PM.

BLOOD DRIVE- Tuesday, August 19th from 12-5 at Meridian Fire Hall. Please signup at redcrossblood.org if you are able to donate.

COLLEGE OF ELDERS- Anyone who has ever served as an elder at Meridian is invited to join our discussion and discernment process on Aug 28th at 6:30 PM in Parker Hall.

MEALS ON WHEELS- We will be collecting again on Aug 24th. Please have your dessert wrapped, labeled, & freezer ready. This helps provide 40 people lunch, 5 days a week!

CONFIRMATION CLASS- This fall during the Sunday School hour for all 5th graders and older who are ready to take the next step in their faith journey. This class is a chance to explore what it means to follow Jesus, confirm your baptism, and become a full member of the church. Those who complete the class and approved by the Session will be welcomed into membership on Sun, Dec 14. Sign up in the Fellowship Room, see Mike Barton for more info.

COMMUNION CLASS- Kids entering 2nd grade and older, who have not yet attended, are invited to signup for our fall Communion class following worship for 4 weeks beginning Sept 7th. See Laura Franklin with any questions.

LIFEWISE ACADEMY- Will be coming to Butler Area School District and teach bible study during the school day. They are starting a fund drive to hire and train a program manager, teachers, & volunteers. LifeWise will match the first \$1500 raised between now and Aug 25. Go to www.lifewise.org/butlerareasdpa to donate or send a check to LIFEWISE Lockbox 4327 Columbus, OH 43260-4327 with Butler Area SD PA in the memo line.

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