

10:00 AM

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

*17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*

1 Timothy 6:17

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 150)  
L: Praise the Lord.  
P: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.  
L: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.  
P: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.  
ALL: Praise the Lord.

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMNS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”  
“He Will Hold Me Fast”

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\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Father, we come before you with humble hearts, confessing to you the ways we have fallen short – in thought, word and deed. We admit that we turn from your ways, chase after our own desires and longings and ignore the needs of others. Have mercy upon us. Forgive us for the pride that blinds us, the anger that can overtake us, and the reluctance to speak in love when we should. Cleanse our hearts and restore us back to your grace. We thank you, Lord, for the cross, your gift of redemption, and the hope of new life. All of this we pray in Christ’s name.  
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

\*OFFERING RESPONSE:

“Doxology”

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 8

ANTHEM

“Glorious Day”

By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 2:5-18

SERMON

“He Became Like Us”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*HYMN

“”Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me”

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

\*Those who are able please stand.

*The chancel flowers today are in loving memory of Roger Rettig, presented by Nancy Rettig, The Hitchcock Family, & The Werth Family.*

Ushers: Elders

Welcome Desk: Cindy Musko

Liturgist: Cora Murtha

Greeters: Tarr Family

Fellowship Hour: Lori McCann

Childcare: Autumn Moore

<u><b>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</b></u>		
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>12 PM</b>	<b>Community Lunch @ St. Andrew's</b>
	<b>6-8 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group @ Heather Zeigler's</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	<b>Quilting</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Grief Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>6-8 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group @ The Hilliard's</b>

**CLUB 35-** Will meet next Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 PM at the church. Please see Pastor Mike or Laura to sign up.

**HYGIENE KITS-** Please signup if you are able to pack kits on Sunday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> following worship. Lunch we be a soup cook off. There is a signup sheet if you would like to participate.

**TRUNK OR TREAT-** We need volunteers for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 PM. We need people to help with setup, cleanup, parking, kitchen, and donating cookies. Also, those who would like to bring a decorated car and pass out candy! Sign up in the fellowship room.

**DISCOVERY NIGHT-**The elders will be hosting a discovery night for anyone who may be interested in joining the church or learning more about Meridian on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM. Dinner will be provided, please sign up in the fellowship room.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL INTEREST-** Following worship on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:20, we will meet in the sanctuary to discuss the possibility of an adult Sunday school class. If you have ideas, questions, or are simply interested in participating, please plan to attend. We'd love your input!

**ADULT MISSION TRIP-** We have a sign up sheet in the fellowship room for anyone would like more information on our adult mission trip on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**GRIEF FELLOWSHIP HOUR-** Will meet on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

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