

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

9:30 AM

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Gathering

Welcome

Procession

Prelude

Lois Hunter

\*Call to Worship

One: O come before the Lord with thanksgiving and praise. Rejoicing in God always, with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.

**All: We come, gladly and with deepest humility, ready to receive blessing and to be made a blessing to all those with whom we have contact or relationship.**

One: Prepare your hearts for what the Lord has for you, forgiving grace, the cleaning out of the old making way for the new, and in being filled up to overflowing with God's Holy Spirit for the days ahead.

**All: We are ready, and we pray that the Lord will keep us open and eager at all times to receive what we need and to be used to fulfill God's purposes for our lives.**

One: Pause now to receive God's blessing and having received it, to wait for further instructions in performing that holy will.

**All: We are waiting before the Lord and will continue to wait until we receive and are filled.**

**One:** The Lord bless you and continue to fill you to overflowing.

**All: Amen!**

\*Opening Hymn

\*Opening Prayer

**As morning breaks we look to you: we look to you, O Lord, to be our strength this day. Your love is better than life; our lips will speak your praise; we will bless you all our lives; in your name we will lift up our hands. Our souls shall be filled as with a banquet; our mouths shall praise you with joy. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Special Music

Scripture Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

\*Hymn

Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon *Understanding God and Understanding Humanity*

Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn

\*Blessing and Benediction

\*Recessional

Postlude

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**We invite you to keep the following people in your prayers:**

Joan Alsever, Family of Maryann Ayd, Family of Paulette Ayd, Miriam Baker, Tammy Baskaran, Bob Reed's cousin Lydia, Bruce Beckman, Chris Billings, Rob Brandt, Michael Brick, family of Michael Britt, Libby Bowerman, Amanda Buckley, Roy Callahan, Family of Dave Calloway, Family of Chris Davis, Steve Dawson, Family of Bill Dietz, Anna Doynov, Susan Getty, Tim Eichhorn, Pat Finley, Taliyah Fitzgerald, Family of Baby Graham Geschke, family of Stanley Gill, Lynn Gibbons, Family of Karen Goles, Brenda and Georges Guerrier, Lynah Guile, Mark Hardy, Theresa Hermann, Jim Hobson, Ellie Hunter, Lois Hunter, Mike Jackson, Family of Dean Jestes, Jan Lambert, Billy Lewis, Ed Massey, Family of Bill McKinnis, Mary Michael, Craig Moore, Kathy Moore, Dennis Mullineaux, Kathy Mullins, Family of Pete Murdza, Mark Nicholson, John Norris, Gail Phillips Smith and Miles Smith, Michael Smith, Theresa Schmitt and the Mullins children, Larry and Jackie Paulus, Bob Reed, Family of Doris Rhinehart, Dana Rosendahl, Russell Rueling, Bob Russel, Family of Ed Scott, Julie Shachochis, Pat Sievers, Jean Steigleman, Beth Spicher, Bob Spicher, Bob Smith, Lisa Summers, family of Terry Thompson, Sharon Truedel, Don Weinberg, Family of Harding Wescott, Dana Wheeler, Bud Whitehead, family of Jamie Whitehead, family of Mary Francis Whitehead, Gertie Williams, JoEllen Williams, Family of Reds Williams, Tom Wimsatt, Diane Withers, Family of Larry Wright, Jimmy Wylie, Family of Tony Zile

**Long-term prayer concerns:** Karyn Brandel, Jerry Fowler, Shirly Graham, Richard Giffin, Carrie Harrison, Robin Jones, Barbara Maury, Anna Catherine Miller, Dustin Summers, Ryan Whitehead and his family

**Thank you** to our Greeters and Ushers – Pam and Mark Poertner

**Thank you** to our Liturgist – Tom Weldon

**Bible Study this Week**

- Sunday School – immediately following the service of worship.
- Emory – Tuesday at 10 AM
- Gary Memorial – Monday at 10 AM; Wednesday 6:30PM

**Upcoming**

October 7 – 10-11:30 – forms due in to ARENA on or before September 28  
Tuesday October 31 – 4-6 PM – Trick or Treat on Main St. Ellicott City

Welcome to  
Emory United Methodist Church  
September 24, 2023

