

September 29, 2024: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

~~ *GATHERING BEFORE GOD* ~~

**GREETINGS ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ JOYS ~ CONCERNS
~ GOD MOMENTS ~ CELEBRATION SUNDAY ~**

† **HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"** UMH #139
The Light of Christ Enters

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

**Wise Lord of all time and space,
Open our ears to Your word, awaken our hearts to Your
love, and renew our souls in Your presence;
That we may learn to trust more deeply in Your timing
and instructions. Amen.**

~~ *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD* ~~

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 124 UMH #846

CHORAL HYMN "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" TFWS #2146

EPISTLE LESSON: James 5:13-20

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:38-50

CHILDREN'S TIME

† **HYMN "Make Me a Servant"** TFWS #2176

INTERACTIVE MESSAGE "For Such a Time"

~~ *RESPONDING IN THE SPIRIT* ~~

**A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE KOREAN METHODIST
CHURCH** UMH #884

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

† **Doxology** UMH #95

OFFERTORY / PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16

~~ *SENDING FORTH* ~~
The Light of Christ Leads Us into the World

† **HYMN** “The Servant Song” TFWS #2222

† **BENEDICTION**

† Postlude “Go Forth for God” UMH #670

† *Standing as you are able to the glory of God*

Lectionary scriptures for Oct 6 (20th Sun after Pentecost):

Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12;

Mark 10:2-16

Thank you for joining us for worship.

~~ *ANNOUNCEMENTS* ~~

TODAY:

- 9:00 am Worship – Georgetown UMC
- 10:30 am Worship – South Otselic UMC
- noon(ish) South Otselic UMC PPRC

WEEKLY / BIWEEKLY / MONTHLY:

- † **Pastor in the office** – Wed 11 am to 2 pm, Thurs 1-4 pm
- † **Youth Group** – 2nd & 3rd Sunday, noon to 2 pm, So.Ot.
- † **Administrative Board** – Georgetown, 3rd Sunday 8 am;
South Otselic, 4th Sunday 11:45(ish) am;
- † **Food Pantry** – 3rd Thursday each month 3-6 pm
Special requests call Kevin Grewe 607-337-8941
- † **Sunshine Shop** Thu/Fri 10 am-4 pm; Sat 9 am-noon
– Next open Oct 3-5, Oct 17-19, Nov 7-9, Nov 21-23
– For emergency clothing, call 315-653-7490.
- † **60+ dinners** – biweekly, South Otselic UMC, 5 pm;
upcoming Oct 4, Oct 18, Nov 8, Nov 22

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- † Trunk or Treat – South Otselic UMC Oct 26, 6-7 pm
Georgetown UMC Oct 31, 5-7 pm
- † Rummage Sale – Nov 7-9, South Otselic UMC

† Charge Conference – likely Nov, dates/times TBD

PRAYER LIST: (Short Term):

From 9/22 – Paul Carson, Janet Coye, Paul Davis, family of Lee Dusell

From 8/18 – Doris Genter, Robin Jackson, Bob Kolvik-Campbell, George Lott, Will Koornstra, Carol Sheldon

From 9/8 – Wilson & Ed Carson, Dan Faulkner, Dayna MacKenzie, Taylor & Walter Williams, Carl Johnson & family, family of fatal toddler MVA

From 9/1 – Nikko Baker, David Boyer, fire victims in Taylor, fire departments, teachers/faculty/staff, students, parents

(Long Term): Jonna Bartlett, David Boyer, Richard Bishop, Paul Carson, Ron Colasudo, Kaity Davis, Linda Excell, Doris Genter, Ted Gargas, Roger Hakes, Chuck Hathaway, Patti Lamandia, Diane MacGregor, Cassandra & Christopher Marquard, Maverick Mesko, Aaron Miller, Phil Mudge, Mitch Mullenax, Jenny Naber, Elaine Perkins, John & Carole Roalef, Kate Robinson, Matt & Annette Sheldon, Cathy Silver, Normajean Stark, Kenneth Sullivan, Angela (Graves) Szlamczynski, Kay Thorpe, David Wentworth, Jason Wentworth

Travel mercies for family and friends

Our men and women in the military

World leaders, our country, & the need for peace

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:

October: 7-Laura Davis, Denise Gavin, Emily Spear;
23-Trevor Newton; 28-Madelynne Newton

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Psalm 124

(UMH #846)

- ¹ If it had not been the Lord who was on our side --
let Israel now say --
- ² **if it had not been the Lord who was on our
side, when foes rose up against us,**
- ³ **then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;**
- ⁴ then the flood would have swept us away, the
torrent would have gone over us;
- ⁵ **then the raging waters would have gone over
us.**
- ⁶ Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey
to their teeth!
- ⁷ **We have escaped as a bird from the snare of
the fowlers;**
the snare is broken, and we have escaped!
- ⁸ **Our help is in the name of the Lord who made
heaven and earth.**

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

(NRSV)

- ¹ So the king and Haman went in to feast with
Queen Esther.
- ² On the second day, as they were drinking wine,
the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition,
Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is
your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it
shall be fulfilled."
- ³ Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won
your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my
life be given me -- that is my petition -- and the lives
of my people -- that is my request.

⁴ For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king."

⁵ Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?"

⁶ Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

⁹ Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that."

¹⁰ So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

²⁰ Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far,

²¹ enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year,

²² as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

James 5:13-20

(NRSV)

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.

¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another,

²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Mark 9:38-50

(NRSV)

³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us."

³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us.

⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴² "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea.

⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.

⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,

⁴⁸ where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹ "For everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."