


There is neither Jew nor Greek,
there is neither bond nor free, there
is neither male nor female: for ye
are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28

ONE *in* CHRIST *Jesus*



Sunday Worship
West Barre United Methodist Church
September 3, 2023

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude

Announcements

***Hymn “O Church of God, United” UMH #547**

Bringing in the Light (acolytes)

***Call To Worship**

Leader: As children of God, let us live a life worthy of the calling we have received.

People: Let us be completely humble and gentle; patient, bearing with one another in love. And let us make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace

Leader: For there is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to one hope when we were called.

People: One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

***Unison Prayer**

Lord Jesus we pray this morning that you will continue to unify us in our church and with each other. Lord let us strive to be one, even as You and the Father are one.

Lord, make us one in our hearts, one in our willingness, and one in our ministry to the world. In a world so often divided, grant us Your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Faith Declaration:

This is my Bible. Every word in it is true. The truth shall set me free, and the truth will keep me free. I choose to be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only, and to faithfully respond to the call of Jesus Christ.

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 35:20-29, 36:3-5

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Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

***Hymn "Higher Ground"**

Bulletin Insert

Choir Anthem

The Apostles Creed

Morning Meditation

"Together We Can"

A Service of Word and Table

UMH #12

***Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**

UMH #557

Sharing God's Light with the World (acolytes)

Sharing God's Light with the World (acolytes)

Benediction:

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*Sending Forth

Disperse in Mission

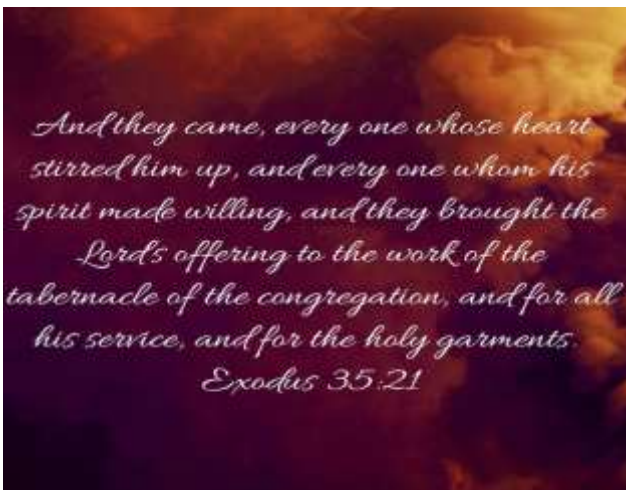
*Note for visitors: **Bold text is spoken in unison**, *congregation standing as able. Please sign our visitor log before you leave, we'd love to be in touch with you!

To access our website, type: westbarreumc.org

We are also on Facebook, type: West Barre UMC

Pastor Jim is normally in the church office Tuesdays and Wednesdays, unless he is visiting, has a meeting, or has other appointments. He is available on his cell phone if he is not here in the office. (716) 523-7542.

***Go! And make disciples
for the transformation of the world!***



Assisting in Worship

	Today 9/3	Next Sunday 9/3
Preaching:	Rev. James Heiler	Rev. James Heiler
Greeters/Ushers:	Ed & Diana Pask	Karen Markle
Liturgist:	Jim Peglow	Jim Peglow
Organist:	Naomi Caldwell	Naomi Caldwell
Choir Director:	Hugh Dudley	Hugh Dudley
Altar Flowers:	Ed & Diana Pask	Karen Markle

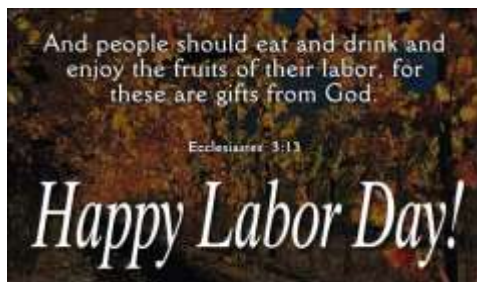
Announcements:

Tuesday (29th): 7 pm Women's Bible Study

Looking ahead:

Sunday (10th): 9 am Choir
September (12th): 6:30 pm Ad-Council
September (24th): 7 pm Women's Bible Study

August Monthly Mission: Care a Van



Donations for the West Barre Store are welcomed. Please contact Ruth Miller (716-474-4331)

Financial Statement:

August 27, 2023		\$ 8,388.00
Giving to Date:		\$69,790.00
Included:		
Care-A-Van	\$ 525.00	\$ 983.00
Disaffiliation:	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,545.00
Community Action (Music nights)		\$ 1,026.00
Auction (\$308 food)		\$ 5,582.00

The Ad-Council elected to give the congregation an opportunity to give to the disaffiliation payment which is currently of \$61,969.00. The collection will be on September 10th or mark your donation disaffiliation payment anytime. Whatever is given, will offset the amount taken from investments accounts

Birthday's this week:

- 3 ~ Lillian Mathes
- 9 ~ Chris Markle



O Church of God, United

1. O church of God, u - nit - ed to serve one
 2. From ev - ery land and na - tion the or - dered
 3. Though creeds and tongues may dif - fer, they speak, O
 4. May thy great prayer be an - swered that we may

com - mon Lord, pro - claim to all one mes - sage, with
 ranks ap - pear; to serve one val - iant lead - er they
 Christ, of thee; and in thy lov - ing spir - it we
 all be one, close bound, by love u - nit - ed in

hearts in glad ac - cord. Christ ev - er goes be -
 come from far and near. They chant their one con -
 shall one peo - ple be. Lord, may our faith - ful
 thee, God's bless - ed Son: to bring a sin - gle

fore us; we fol - low day by day with
 fes - sion, they praise one liv - ing Lord, and
 ser - vice and sin - gle - ness of aim pro -
 wit - ness, to make the path - way bright, that

strong and ea - ger foot - steps a - long the up - ward way.
 place their sure de - pen - dence up - on his sav - ing word.
 claim to all the pow - er of thy re - deem - ing name.
 souls which grope in dark - ness may find the one true light.

Higher Ground

Johnson Oatman, Jr., 1856-1922

Charles H. Gabriel, 1856-1932



1. I'm press-ing on the up-ward way. New heights I'm gain - ing ev - 'ry day,
2. My heart has no de-sire to stay Where doubts a - rise and fears dis-may.
3. I want to live a - bove the world, Tho' Sa - tan's darts at me are hurled;
4. I want to scale the ut-most height, And catch a gleam of glo - ry bright;



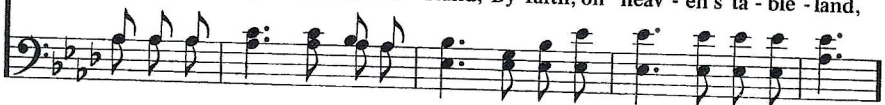
Still pray-ing as I on - ward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on high-er ground."
 Tho' some may dwell where these a - bound, My prayer, my aim, is high-er ground.
 For faith has caught the joy - ful sound, The song of saints on high-er ground.
 But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found, "Lord, lead me on to high-er ground."



REFRAIN



Lord, lift me up and let me stand, By faith, on heav - en's ta - ble - land,



A high-er plane than I have found. Lord, plant my feet on high-er ground.



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I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence

Leader to people:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Leader and people:

Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

All exchange signs and words of God's peace

OFFERING

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

The pastor takes the bread and cup, and the bread and wine are prepared for the meal.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world, the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, with the Holy Spirit in your hold church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

HYMN OR SONG

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

GOING FORTH

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual
 4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782
 MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

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We Are the Church

Refrain (Unison)

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -

WORDS: Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh, 1972
 MUSIC: Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh, 1972

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