

October 15, 2023
20th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

Opening Music		Nancy Plote, Organist
Welcome & Announcements		Pastor Jeremiah
Prelude Music		
Lighting of the Altar Candles		Acolyte(s)
Choir Introit	“Teach Me Your Way, O Lord”	Chancel Choir
Call to Worship / Opening Prayer		Ruth Hueber, Liturgist

All: God, we thank You that what is “true,” “honorable,” “excellent,” and more, are all around us. We thank You God, that you give us these things to bless us, to bless others, and to be our guiding principles in life. God, in this time of worship today, may we see the good around us, may we hold it close, and may we be inspired and guided by those we love. And as we love You more, may we go out to love all other people more, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

*Opening Hymn	“Rejoice, the Lord is King”	UMH#716
Prayer of Confession	Confession & Assurance (based on Exodus 32: 1-14; Philippians 4: 1-9, Matthew 22: 1-14)	Liturgist

Liturgist: God pours blessings upon us, even as we choose to go our own way. God is present and seeks to bring healing and wholeness to all. Therefore, I invite you to confess all that would separate you from God or one another. Let us pray.

All: Loving God we confess: We have fashioned idols of our own desire or worshiped the temples of our own tradition. Lord, have mercy. We have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice, or failed to extend the invitation to others. Christ, have mercy. We have adorned ourselves with worry, rather than joy, or failed to be gentle, knowing you are near. Lord, have mercy. (adapted from a prayer written by Rev. Dr. Bob Gross)

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here
below: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise
Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Children’s Time

Choir Anthem

“I’ll Fly Away”

Chancel Choir

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation

“Take Time to Be Holy”

UMH#395

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

Liturgist

Message

Finding that which Holds

Pastor Jeremiah

*Closing Hymn

“My Life Flows On”

TFWS#2212

Benediction & Blessing

Parting Hymn

“God Be with You till We Meet Again”

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels, guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet;

till we meet till we meet God be with you till we meet again.

As the Light of Christ is Carried Out

Acolyte

*Go in Peace & Love to Serve God and Neighbor

CHURCH CALENDAR - October 2023

Vicke's Hours M-W-Th 8-Noon

Sunday, October 15	20 th Sunday after Pentecost/ Coffee Time 10:30 a.m. Greeters: Frank & Kitty Jouris
Monday, October 16	Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
PASTOR OUT OF TOWN –	WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18TH, 19TH, 20TH, RETURNS SAT. OCT. 21ST
Wednesday, October 18	NO Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 19	Today's Sisters 9:30 a.m. at Oak Crest
Sunday, October 22	21 st Sunday after Pentecost Coffee Time 10:30 a.m. – Hope Willrett & Gene Hickey Liturgist: Jacque Fucilla Greeter: Marcia Hueber Kid's Sunday School after Worship at Noon

When in church, remember to sign the green Attendance Book and pass it around.

If you have an offering, please place it in the wooden church box on the table in the narthex. Thank you.



FALL SUPPER: Saturday, November 4th

DRIVE THRU ONLY

4:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M. – SEE JACQUE & JODI FOR TICKETS
AND IF YOU CAN HELP (include Family & Friends), LET THEM KNOW.
Deadline for tickets 10/27/23

CHURCH CONFERENCE – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

7:00 P.M. at GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Reports due by **11/13** to Vicke.

On the table in the Narthex are copies of the School Supply list for Malta Elementary School kids, copies of the Midwest Mission "Top Needs" Supply list, September/October Upper Rooms, and October Newsletter.

"CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND" If you wish to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund, please mark your check accordingly and send your donations to Nancy Plote, 411 S. Malta Rd, Malta, IL 60150

HELP MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER / URGENT NEEDS!

Liquid Laundry Detergent 32-64 oz. - Colored Pencil - 12 Pack - Liquid Household Cleaner 16-40 Oz. - Scissors - Student Size - Liquid Dish Soap 14-32 Oz. - Bleached Lumber to make desks - Blankets – Can be gently used - Rulers 12” long with metric - Toothpaste – 2.5 oz. or larger.

The Midwest Mission Distribution Center will also accept any MMDC Kits, treadle sewing machines, gently used tools, new or slightly used medical supplies and equipment.

They will also accept a financial contribution. Send checks to Midwest Mission Distribution Center at 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558. Check out their web page: umcnic.org/2022MissionChallenge

SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY (SPECIAL NEED: TOILET PAPER) ! You are welcome to bring Non-Perishable food anytime throughout the year for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Place it in the box in the narthex marked “FOOD PANTRY”. The Salvation Army appreciates all you give.

HELPING OUR KIDS at Malta Elementary School Special needs: Children’s Underwear & Socks

The school supplies needed are: boxes of crayons with 24 colors, glue sticks, boxes of #2 pencils, boxes of Kleenex, 3 ring binders, plastic school folders, black dry erase markers, scissors (for younger and older children), and boxes of regular colored markers (I believe they come in boxes of 8 colors). Also, a donation of a new stocking hat, pair of gloves, or mittens would be wonderful (hand- made mittens and hats are also okay), as long as they are new.



1	BRIAN FUCILLA
3	NORMA HOPKINS GERALD MCARTOR
5	RODNEY HUEBER
7	MARY LOU HUEBER
10	ELISA JO PIQUETT
11	MARCIA HUEBER
14	TIM CARTER
16	JACOB MCARTOR
17	PAUL BUTLER
22	BRAD GARRETT
25	STEVE SANDBERG



TODAY, Old Fashion Hymn Sing 5:00 p.m.
at Sycamore UMC

Tuesday, November 7th
Pork Chop Dinner 4:30-6:30 p.m.
at Grace UMC – Maple Park, IL.