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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
November 8, 2026 - 11:15 a.m.
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S HOUSE!
We are so glad to have you with us this morning! There is an extended time of praise and worship at the beginning of the service, and we want you to worship your Lord as you feel comfortable. All forms of worship are acceptable, such as singing, clapping, standing, sitting, kneeling, and dancing. Please worship your God in a way that draws you closer to Him!

Sarah Campbell has served in ministry in the Columbus area for more than 20 years. She began at First United Methodist Church in Columbus in 2004 in children's ministry, later expanding her work to include youth and family ministry and eventually serving as associate pastor. From 2021-2025, Sarah served as senior pastor of Scipio United Methodist Church.

Sarah lives in Columbus with her husband, Mark, and their dog, Lucy. They have two adult daughters, Maia and Emma. She is grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside the

WORSHIP & PRAISE

GREETINGS

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

You may either stand or kneel.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his

authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER:

C: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24 *see back of bulletin*

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SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *see back of bulletin*

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TIME OF OPEN PRAYER

OFFERING

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you

Please share the PEACE of the Lord with one another.



GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:1-13 *see back of bulletin*

After the reading of the Gospel:

P: The Word of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: **Pastor Sarah Campbell**



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APOSTLES' CREED:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

HOLY COMMUNION:



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Please stand as you are able

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift – in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION:

P. The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

C. Amen.

SENDING WORSHIP & PRAISE

SERVING FIRST TODAY

Greeters, Communion Assistants, Candle-lighting, Audio/Visual:
The Wymans, Dave Stocks, Annette Hull, The Easts, Mike Langevin

WOUNDED HEALER PRAISE BAND

Erika East, Annette Hull, Jennifer & Mike Langevin



Today's altar flowers are offered by Jenny Boggs in honor of her daughter-in-law Brooke's birthday and by the Strickers to the Glory of God.

Thank you for worshiping with us!