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Weekly Prayer List

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Steve & Jan Yahnke



Happy Birthday

Brenda Ambe
Shirley Olson



Big Shout Out

to Brenda Ambe for faithfully bringing
the teachings of Jesus and His great
love to our children! She will see you
again in the fall for Connect Club!

If you have any pastoral care needs (in the hospital, illness, home care, etc.)
or know of someone who does, please inform the church office ~ 451-4734.
(The hospital does not call the church).

To watch from home, "Like" our Facebook page, and watch the service live
at 9:00 a.m. on **Facebook Live**.

Also available 24-7 on www.owatonnalive.com
and click on the picture of United Methodist Church.

Welcome to all visitors. When you are signing your name and address on the registration
pad, **please** include your phone number ~ especially if you are new to our community.

May 25th, 2025



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We are called to . . .

Gather in Christ's Name,

Grow in God's Love,

Serve All People.

The Order of Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 25th, 2025-9:00a.m.

- Prelude *When Morning Gilds the Skies* arr. Dale Wood
- † Welcome and Announcements
- Centering Words
- Centering Hymn *Arise, Shine!* Black #2005
- * Call to Worship:
Leader: In the beginning, the voice that whispered us into being still whispers, saying...
People: Let there be light!
L: In the wilderness, the voice that fed us from the heavens still feeds us. saying...
P: Let there be light!
L: In the story we share with this God of mystery and amazing love, the voice calls to us each and every morning, saying...
P: Let there be light!
- * Opening Prayer
God of the stars and galaxies, God of the seed and Earth, we thank you that you continue to come to us, to amaze us, to laugh with us, to cry with us, to comfort us, and to show us that your love shines through us and your creation, bringing light to a darkened world. May this beauty and peace be reflected in this sacred circle. In the name of the Christ-presence, we pray. Amen.
Written by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement
- * Passing the Peace
- * Hymn of Praise *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* Red #697
- Prayer of Confession:
Lord, you know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We dare not to hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are. We are not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared. Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN. ~All pray in silence~

- Words of Assurance
- Special Music *Patriotic Medley* arr. Mary Hitzeman
Steve Yahnke, Soloist
- Children's Message
- New Testament Revelation 21:1-10, 22:1-5
- * Hymn of Response *You Who Are Thirsty* Black #2132
- Gospel Reading John 14:23-29
L: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us:
P: Thanks be to God, Amen!
- Message "The Tree of Life" Pastor Lisa Vick
- Hymn of Response *Come, We That Love the Lord* Red #732
- Joys and Concerns
- Pastoral Prayer
- The Lord's Prayer Screen
- Offering
- * Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* Red #95
- * Offering Prayer
- * Closing Hymn *America the Beautiful* Red #696
- * Benediction
- Postlude *Sortie on "National Hymn"* arr. Lani Smith
- * Please stand as you are able.
† Welcome to all visitors. Everyone please sign and pass the attendance register, and please join us for a social time after the service. Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.