

We are alive in Christ.
We love God,
we care for one another,
and we help people here
and around the world.

Sunday, July 9, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Greg Culver

Prayer Focus for the Week

Heavenly Father, the law
teaches us the need for
salvation, but our faith
allows us to receive
salvation.

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Bold print indicates congregation.
*Indicates please stand as able.

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

***Call to Worship**

Holy Risen One, we gather this day and we
come as we are: fragile yet faithful,
broken yet devoted. Accept all we bring
before You today.

Accept our worship, we pray.

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Lord of us all, Creator of us all, Savior of us
all, we all gather as one. We come to You,
united through Your Son, Jesus Christ,
through whom we become one family.

**Forgive us when we try to draw the lines.
Forgive us when we dare to determine
who is "in" and who is "out."**

As we worship You this day, may You open
our eyes, ears and hearts to fully
understand just what Your Son has done
for us all.

In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

***Hymn: 550 Christ, from Whom All Blessings
Flow (verses 1, 2)**

Order of Celebration of New Appointment

Dear friends, we officially welcome Rev.
Gregory Paul Culver, who has been
appointed to serve as our pastor. We
believe that he is well qualified and has
been prayerfully appointed by our bishop,
Rev. David Bard.

Pastor Greg, you have been sent to live

among us as a bearer of the Word of God; a minister of the Sacraments; and a sustainer of the love, order, and discipleship of the people of God.

Pastor Greg: Today I affirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness, will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold Pastor Greg in these ministries?

We affirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger **who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.**

Let us pray: Eternal God, strengthen and sustain our ministries together, with Greg as our pastor. Give him and us patience, courage, and wisdom so to care for one another that together we may follow Jesus Christ, living together in love, and offering our gifts and talents in Your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, You still call us to go into Your service and spread the message of the salvation of Your Son. Bless richly, we pray, Your servant's -- Pastor Greg's -- entrance into our fellowship. Fill him with the power of Your Holy Spirit and let him find with us an open door for the Word.

We also pray for Your Church on earth. Equip us all with a spirit of willingness, that we with courage can witness about You by the profession of our mouths and through our way of living. Grant us all to partake in Your strength and joy, so that we can enter into the anxiety and suffering of the world, to be radiating and make alive that hope which Christ alone gives.

All this we dare pray of You; for You are to us the Father of mercy and the God of all grace; You are the Son, the Savior and the Redeemer; You are the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Helper, and the Giver of Life. Blessed be You. **Amen.**

Lord God, bless the ministries of Your Church. We thank You for the variety of gifts You have bestowed upon us. Draw us together in one Spirit, that each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body. May Your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness, and may we be doers of Your Word and not hearers only. As we who have died and risen in Christ in baptism gather at His table and then scatter into the world, may we be one in service to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The pastor then kneels for the laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

The congregation unites in the blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Pastor Greg: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Children's Time

Sermon: "Christ-Clothes"

***Hymn:** 557 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Prayer for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

***Doxology:** 94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

As we bring our gifts together as one, may we together as one, use all we have and give to serve the one, true God. Amen.

***Hymn:** 548 In Christ There Is No East or West

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson

Mary Evelyn Bell

David Bretz

Alice Dibble

Barb Griner

Pat McClelland

Iris McGahan

Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen Parsons

Char Rice

Marv & Kitty Starbuck

Al Thomas

Mina Willett

For Lost Loved Ones

Carol Berkey

Virginia Caswell

Al Hosner

Jesse Miller (Betty Gruber's brother)

In Service to Our Country

Matt Kohler

Jeff Kudary

Ryan Miller

Walker Polsinelli

Tyler Smith

Richie Steinacker

Nathan Stevens

For Hope and Healing

Andrew's friends

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Kathy Hale (Ken Franklin's sister's friend)

Jeff Johnson's puppy

Clarence Kohler (Norm's brother)

Tyler Lynch

Fred Nelson

Emily Pope (Fred and JoDee Nelson's daughter)

Larry and LaVon Rolfe

Henry Stamm

Lily Stamm

Trisha and family (Amy Moberley's friend)

Vicki Worthington

Coming Deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due Saturday, July 15, by 2:00.

Sew What Now God will not meet during the month of July.

Attention: United Methodist Women

Your revised calendar of events is available at the Welcome Center. Please pick up your copy on Sunday.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

July 9:

July 16:

This Week

Sunday, July 9

9:30 a.m. PIT CREW, Room 118

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, July 10

No activities scheduled

Tuesday, July 11

7:00 p.m. *Pastor Parish Relations meeting in the Library*

7:00 p.m. *Trustees meeting in the Taylor Room*

Wednesday, July 12

10:30 a.m. *Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room*

1:00 p.m. *Caring Ministries meeting in the Library*

5:00 p.m. *Helix (MS Youth), Rm 107*

Thursday, July 13

UMW Mission U at Albion College

6:00 p.m. *RAW (HS Youth), FLC*

Friday, July 14

UMW Mission U at Albion College

10:00 a.m. *Knit & Stitch 2gether, Rm 219*

Saturday, July 15

UMW Mission U at Albion College

7:00 a.m. *Loaves & Fishes, FLC*

3:00 p.m. *Al Hosner Memorial Service in the Sanctuary*

Coming Events

Monday, July 17

7:00 p.m. *Finance Committee meeting in the Library*

Tuesday, July 18

6:30 p.m. *Personnel Committee meeting in the Library*

Thursday, July 20

9:30 a.m. *Susanna Wesley in the Taylor Room*

Tuesday-Friday, August 15-18

9:00 a.m. *Vacation Bible School (till noon)*

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

7/9 Kathryn Starbuck

7/10 Alexander Ensing

7/12 Ben Hambright

McClintock Read

7/13 Raina Willoughby

7/15 Matt Luegge

Anniversaries

7/9 Bob & Nancy Harper

7/15 Timothy & Fiona Dibble

July 2 attendance: 10:00 a.m. = 149



**Tuesday-Friday
August 15-18**

9:00 to noon

The best week of the summer!

- New friends • Amazing experiments
- Creative games • Lip-smacking snacks
- Surprising adventures • Incredible music

