



Order of Worship

November 22, 2020 at 9:00 am

Prelude "Thanks Be to God" Janet Gobel, piano; Dianne Perry, organ

Announcements - Pastor Danny

Call To Worship - Psalm 106:1

Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" No. 694 vs. 1, 2, & 4

Opening Prayer - Pastor Danny

Scripture: Daniel 1:1-15 Pastor Danny

Message: "Better" Pastor Rob

Special Music "Tune My Heart to Sing Thy Grace" AUMC Small Ensemble

Commission New Stephen's Ministry Leaders

Offering Prayer/Lord's Prayer Pastor Danny

Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 420

Benediction/Sending Forth - Pastor Rob

Postlude Epilogue on "We Gather Together" - John Barr



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10:45 am

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Opening Song

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Worship Song

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Postlude





Our Church Family

Nikki Ford Kathy Albers Pat Schafhauser
Joyce Webb The O'Maley family

Continued Healing & Grace

Elsa Jones, Dan Kachele, Ray Welty, Kathleen Searcy, Diana Trees, Lois Jordan, Lené Davis, Lois Hutton, Ron Barber, Ruth Eggleton, Evan Heck, Ken Ford, & Jack Lazaro

Our Extended Families & Friends

Father of Sonia Barnes; Christa - friend of Joanne Barrick; Dawn - sister of Kim Vorpe; Dimitri - friend of the Van Duyn family; Kathy - neighbor of Valerie Van Duyn; The Scott family - friends of Vicky Tyler; Jane - friend of Linda Dobbs; Shannon - friend of Kelly Lane

Continued Healing & Grace Extended Families & Friends

Lori - sister-in-law of Valerie Van Duyn; Sophia - granddaughter of Brad & Susan Spice; Autumn - sister-in-law of Jennifer Anderson; Melissa - friend of Patty Boardman; Alyssa - granddaughter of Bob & Joyce Thompson; Richard & Agatha - brother-in-law and sister of Betty Kinder; Rick, Roger, Ken & Jim - friends of Joanne Barrick; Brycen - grandson of Mike & Carol Johnson; Linda - sister-in-law of David & P. Z. Sinclair and Suzanne Conger; Gary - cousin of Patsy Porter; Rheagan - great granddaughter of Phyllis Green; Julia - daughter-in-law of Bill & Kim Wegeng; Miles - grandson of Deane & Nancy Duncan; Gladys - mother of Lisa Dick

Those Serving Our Country in the Military

This week's military persons of the week are:

Ben McGee Ashley Rogers Justin Rogers

Our Card Ministry: Lois Jordan



***Hope & Comfort Moments** beginning Monday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm on Livestream and Facebook.

***Wesley's Treehouse** will again have a mini-Christmas session that will allow children to make gifts for loved ones. We meet every Thursday between December 3rd - December 17th from 4:15 - 5:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Masks are required and children will need to follow social distancing guidelines. Open to children 5 years old - 4th grade. Register here:

<https://wesleys-treehouse-christmas-2020-session-avon-united-methodist.pushpayevents.com/booking/attendees/new>

***Family, faith, friends, food...** We are thankful for much in our lives, not just at this time of year, but always. The Endowment Committee would like to thank you all for your many donations to the Endowment Fund and for your support throughout the year. We pray that you all have a blessed holiday season.

*The **food pantry has a shortage of canned stew, chili, cereal, crackers, and peanut butter.** If you are able to help, you can drop off donations to the church office during office hours: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

*Since we aren't able to gather on Sundays for the time being, we have taken all of the **Project A.N.G.E.L.** tags off of the tree and they are in the office. We have about 20 tags left! If you would like to purchase for the Angel Tree, call the office and we will let you know what we have available and get you all set. All items are due back to the church no later than November 30th. You may drop them off at the office and we will attach your tag to your gift and take it down to the tree for you.

***Make a difference this holiday.** Shop for gifts at: smile.amazon.com/ch/35-1577412 to generate donations for Avon United Methodist Church.

YOUR FAITH JOURNEY

let's do life together

Daniel 1 reveals that the king of the Babylonians and his army overthrew the king of Judah and the city of Jerusalem about 600 years before Jesus was born. During that time some of the young Jewish men who were part of the royal family and nobility of Judah, including Daniel, were taken to Babylon to become trained to serve King Nebuchadnezzar. While in exile, the faith of their childhood was tested.

We too are enduring a season of our faith being tested. Sunday morning worship services have recently transitioned to entirely online, so we are temporarily not meeting in the Sanctuary or Chapel for worship services. We are limited in how we stay connected with family members, friends, and fellow believers during this time of isolation and restrictions. Many are suffering mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually because of the ongoing strains, disappointments, grief, and uncertainties of this year and the pandemic we are living through. In times like these our daily habits either enable us to be spiritually nourished, emotionally healthy, physically fit, and mentally sound, or the lack of those habits prevents us from maintaining our health and wellness. Ultimately, it's hard to care for and love others if you are not taking care of yourself. You can't give what you don't have.

You are encouraged to set aside time to **Worship** God on Sundays, while also living as a worshiper throughout the week. You're also encouraged to stay **Connected** with other sisters or brothers in Christ through ongoing communication and care. And utilize **Habits** that enable you to be healthy emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually. Those habits should include prayer, studying scripture, fasting (denying yourself something), resting and recreation, along with doing things to nourish your heart, mind, and body.

This week, **use this *Your Faith Journey Guide*** to help you love God, yourself, and others daily (Mark 12:29-31).

Sunday (11/22)

Heart (life is better together) - Who are you going to contact today?

I'm going to reach out to _____ today.

Soul (holy habits are helpful) - Join others for the AUMC **traditional worship service at 9:00 am** online via Livestream or Facebook Live. You could also join others for the AUMC **contemporary worship service at 10:45 am** online. **Offer yourself** and the worship hour as an offering to God. Focus on the **Presence** of the Holy Spirit with you. **Listen** for the message the Lord wants to reveal to you.

Today I'm offering God _____.

During the worship service God revealed _____

_____.

Mind (disciples are students) - Jesus taught that the greatest of all the 613 commandments within

the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) are to **Love God and Love Others as you Love Yourself** (Matthew 22:34-40). Spend some time thinking about what it means to love God, love yourself, and love others. **Does your life reveal that you love God, yourself, and others? If not, what needs to change?**

Strength (physical health matters) - To love God with "all your strength" you have to care for your body. **Try eating foods that are good for your body and mind**, including drinking plenty of water each day. **Move your body** by walking, doing yard work, participate in physical activities, or exercise to maintain or improve your physical health. And make sure to **get the daily and weekly rest your body needs** as well.

**Today I am going to _____
to care for my body.**

Monday (11/23)

Heart (relationships) - **Today I am going to _____ to love others.**

Soul (holy habits) - **Read Daniel 1** and **pray** for God to reveal a word, phrase, or verse that is specifically for you for today.

Mind (disciples are students) - **Be transformed by the renewing of your mind** (Romans 12:2).

Today I am going to _____ to renew my mind.

(You could read part of a book, an article, or a poem that helps you to learn something new or think in a different way. You could listen to a Podcast, watch a video, or participate in an online class. Perhaps you would prefer to challenge your mind by using a puzzle, completing a word search, or playing a game.)

Strength (physical health) - **Today I am going to _____
to care for my body.**

Tuesday (11/24)

Heart (relationships) - **Today I'm going to reach out to _____.**

Soul (holy habits) - **Read Daniel 2:1-23** and **pray** in response to what you read.

Mind (disciples are students) - **Today I'm going to _____
to learn and grow.**

Strength (physical health) - **Today I'm going to _____
to care for my body.**

Wednesday (11/25)

Heart (relationships) - **Today I am going to _____ to love others.**

Soul (holy habits) - **Read Daniel 2:24-49** and **pray** for God to reveal a word, phrase, or verse that is specifically for you for today.

Mind (disciples are students) - **Today I am going to _____
to feed and renew my mind.**

Strength (physical health) - **Today I am going to** _____
to care for my body.

Thursday (11/26)

Heart (relationships) - **Today I'm going to reach out to** _____.

Soul (holy habits) - **Read Daniel 3:1-18 and Psalm 106:1**, then **pray** in response to what you read. Consider writing down things you are thankful for today:

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Mind (disciples are students) - **Today I'm going to** _____
to learn and grow.

Strength (physical health) - **Today I'm going to** _____
to care for my body.

Friday (11/27)

Heart (relationships) - **Today I am going to** _____ **to love others.**

Soul (holy habits) - **Read Daniel 3:19-30** and **pray** for the Lord to reveal a word, phrase, or verse that is specifically for you for today.

Mind (disciples are students) - **Today I am going to** _____
to renew my mind.

Strength (physical health) - **Today I am going to** _____
to care for my body.

Saturday (11/28)

Heart (relationships) - **Today I'm going to** _____
to help myself to be healthy emotionally.

Soul (holy habits) - **Read Daniel 6**, then **pray** in response to what you read.

How did you see, hear, or encounter God during this past week? Who needs to hear about your experience sometime in the coming days?

Mind (disciples are students) - **Today I'm going to allow my mind to rest from** _____.

Strength (physical health) - **Today I'm going to rest and/or enjoy recreation.**