

GATHERING MUSIC

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INTROIT

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: If it were not for the LORD who is on our side, when our enemies are abound,
P: Then over us would have gone the raging waters of anger and deceit.

L: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
P: Who made heaven and earth! Praise be to God!

† HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* UMH #110

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, we realize you do not call us to be successful in the marketplace; you call us to be faithful as disciples of Jesus. You do not call us to achievement in work, but to responsible living. You do not call us to make a great fortune, but to labor for your reign. Guide us into greater understanding of your priorities, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

¹ So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. ² On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” ³ Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. ⁴ For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace, but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” ⁵ Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” ⁶ Esther said, “A foe and an enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. ⁹ Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very pole that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on

that.” ¹⁰ So they hung Haman on the pole that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. ²⁰ Mordecai recorded these things and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, ²¹ enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, ²² as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday, that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

CHILDREN’S TIME

† HYMN *We Gather Together* UMH #131

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON James 5:13-16

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

MESSAGE *“A Prayer Life Is Vital”* Rev. David Magruder

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed, Ecumenical Version* UMH #882

† GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

† HYMN *They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* UMH #398

† BENEDICTION

† *Stand as you are able*



COVERED DISH DINNER &



TODAY at 5:30 pm

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Fried Chicken will be provided.

Following the dinner, we will play a game of Family Feud where all the questions are Halloween Themed!

Lectionary for October 2024

<u>Oct. 6</u>	<u>Oct. 13</u>	<u>Oct. 20</u>	<u>Oct. 27</u>
Job 1:1; 2:1-10	Job 23:1-9, 16-17	Job 38:1-7	Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalms 26	Psalms 22:1-15	Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35	Psalms 34; 1-8
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Hebrews 4:12-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:2-16	Mark 10:17-31	Mark 10:35-45	Mark 10:46-52

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