Prelude "Now Thank We All Our God (Cruger) Pastor Barbara Cooper Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship Eleanor Blystone

Leader: In the midst of difficulty, the Lord sets a table of rejoicing for us.

People: Though the world seems focused on turmoil, yet will we praise

God!

Leader: Our lives should be witnesses to God's goodness and power.

People: Our hearts should encompass compassion and service to God's

people.

Leader: Help us to be your workers and witnesses in today's world, O Lord.

People: Enable us to be faithful and strong for you.

*Opening Hymn "We Gather Together" 131 UMH

*Opening Prayer Eleanor Blystone

One: O God of promises, you remind us again and again that you are present with your people. When our hearts are broken,

All: You are here.

One: When we wait in worry to hear about a diagnosis,

All: You are here.

One: When we lose the ones we love,

All: You are here.

One: Where anyone is hungry or thirsty,

All: You are here.

One: When we feel like strangers,

All: You are here.

One: Where anyone is sick or in need of care and company,

All: You are here.

One: When people are in prison,

All: You are here.

One: When anyone needs clothing,

All: You are here.

One: Loving God, You are here with us when we suffer. Empower us to be with others as they suffer, our neighbors both near and far. You are here, God, in the midst of suffering—and we want to be where you are.

All: Amen.

Children's Moments

Cilla Landrigan

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves Me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves

me! The Bible tells me so.

The Lord's Prayer: 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. Amen.

Scripture Reading Psalm 107:1-3 Eleanor Blystone

Philippians 4:4-7

Hymn "Give Thanks" 2036 TFWS

Joys & ConcernsEleanor BlystoneMorning PrayerPastor Barbara Cooper

Thanking God with Our Offerings

Offertory "Simple Gifts" (arr. Hammer) Pastor Barbara Cooper

*Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Sermon Pastor Rick Jones

*Closing Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" 694 UMH

*Benediction

Postlude "He Is Exalted" (Paris) Pastor Barbara Cooper *Indicates standing. If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated.

Participating in Worship Today:

Lead Pastor Pastor Rick Jones
Keyboard Pastor Barbara Cooper
Liturgist Eleanor Blystone
Children's Message Cilla Landrigan

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We are a North Star Congregation of the West OH Conference. We Welcome all those looking for a new church family.

Weekly at OUMC:

worship music lyrics: Sundays: 9:30am Coffee House discussion

Mondays: 6:30pm Christian Craft Circle

Wednesdays: 7pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays: 5:45 pm Bible Study temporarily on hiatus Everyone is welcome to attend any of these small groups





Christmas Eve Service Vanco Online Giving: December 24, 6 pm





Lakewoods Meal Saturday, December 20



Winter James Bags Please donate: peanut butter crackers water bottles

Nurture Team Fellowship Lunch December 7 Appetizers/Favorite Cookies



Church Conference Wednesday, December 3, 6 pm In the sanctuary Decisions about 2026 are finalized and reported at this meeting



Hanging of the Greens November 23 Today!! after worship Help us to decorate the church for Advent



November 23, 2025 10:30am Worship



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Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by proclaiming the good news of God's grace.

> Worship with Us online or in person every Sunday at 10:30 am. www.oakwoodumcdayton.org 206 Hadley Avenue

Thoughts from your Lay Leader

Your Leadership Team would like to update all of you on the progress we've made on the Accessibility Project and the associated Accessibility Capital Campaign fundraising. We now have an operational chairlift system that can be accessed from all three levels of the building, located at the Hadley Avenue side entrance. A wheel-chair compatible ramp has been installed from the Hadley Avenue sidewalk to the entrance level floor, eliminating steps to this entrance. A railing has also been installed along the ramp. In addition, your Trustee Chairperson, Jay Messaros, is planning for installation of an automatic door opener for the Hadley side entrance.

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One aspect of accessibility that we are now considering is that of hearing impairment assistance. We are aware of several in our congregation (including myself!) who have hearing loss in varying degrees, and the Lead Team would like to survey the congregation members and church service attendees to find out how many folks would be interested in devices that would improve hearing during church services.

There are several devices and systems that can be obtained, depending on whether or not you use hearing aids, what type of hearing aids you have, whether or not your hearing aids can be programmed to your cell phone, etc. Your lead team needs your input, so please contact any Lead Team member or your pastor, and let us know what might work best for you if you think you could benefit from hearing impairment assistance. If you know of other organizations and/or Churches that employ hearing impairment improvements, we'd like to hear from you, and if you have suggestions, we'd like to hear those as well.

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