



A NATIONAL CELEBRATION!  
SEPTEMBER 17

## *Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

September 17, 2023 10:30 am Order of Worship

Prelude: *Prelude*, J. S. Bach

Dr. Larisa Soboleva, Music Director

Greeting

Call to Worship

Worship Leader

Leader: We gather our voices and spirits in praise.

**People: O God, quiet our souls so we may listen.**

Leader: We seek within our heart Your call on our lives.

**People: O God, quiet our minds so we may ponder Your words.**

Leader: We long to join together in person;

**People: However, we know You are with all of us now. O God, unite us together as one in worship of You.**

Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #89

congregation may sing\*

Opening Prayer

Worship Leader

**Loving heavenly Father, it is by your mercy that we are redeemed. Help us always to remember that you have forgiven and accepted us only because of Christ, and not because of ourselves or anything that we have done. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Scripture: Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Worship Leader

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

Sermon: *It's Not A Math Problem*

Rev. Stephen K. Perrine

Offertory: *Wayfaring Stranger*, Traditional American Spiritual arr. M. Hayes

Doxology hymnal #95

congregation may sing\*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *Freely, Freely* #389

congregation may sing\*

Announcements

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude: *Day by Day*, M. Hayes

\*stand if able

#### Announcements

**The South Rockwood UMC building was damaged from a recent tornado** and Good Shepherd will donate \$500 toward repairs. If you wish to add your donation, please make checks payable to South Rockwood UMC by today, September 17, 2023.

September 2023 outreach/mission project **collecting school supplies** for Julie Bard's 1<sup>st</sup> graders. List of items/sign-up sheet at back of sanctuary. Ends September 24, 2023.

**Back to Church Today, September 17, 2023** at 12:30 pm includes a catered hot brunch and vision discussion/strategy. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Women's book study** begins Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 2:00 pm in the Good Shepherd lounge with *Sensible Shoes* by Sharon Garlough Brown led by Jean Mackey. A story about four women as they are drawn into a spiritual formation journey at a retreat center.

**Women's breakfast** is Thursday September 21, 2023 at 9:30 am at Leon's Family Dining at 23830 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.

**Thursday Bible Study** resumes September 21, 2023 at 4:00 pm with Rev. Steve Perrine in person and on Zoom.

**Friday, September 22, 2023 5:30-7:30 pm Movie Night** *Woodlawn*, a gifted high school football player must learn to embrace his talent and his faith as he battles racial tensions on and off the field with refreshments in the lounge. See sign-up sheet.

**Charge Conference**, Tuesday, October 3, 2023 with SPRC at 3:30 pm and charge conference follows at 4:15 pm in the sanctuary or on Zoom.

Bring your pets to a **Blessing of the Animals** service **Sunday, October 8, 2023** at 3:00 pm in the parking lot.

**Friday, October 27, 2023, 6:00-7:00 pm** join us for **Trunk or Treat** in the church parking lot to pass out candy to trick or treaters. Decorate your car and/or come in costume! Please see sign-up sheet to donate candy or participate that evening.

**Food Pantry** needs are toilet paper and cereal. These are standard monthly needs, so any donations of these items are greatly appreciated. but please, no moisture cream/lotion.

**September Engage Mission** is Red Bird Community Health Center #773724, check payable to Good Shepherd UMC.