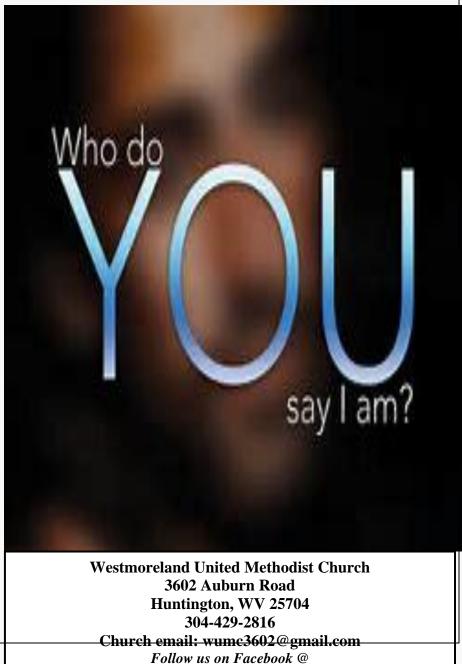
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14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023



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WESTMORELAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **Reverend Dr. Thom Malcolm, Pastor** Pastor's Phone: 304-654-9440 September 10, 2023 PRELUDE **"FILL MY CUP LORD"** GARY MAYNARD LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 148:VV. 1&13 UMH 61, 62 LEADER: PRAISE THE LORD! PRAISE THE LORD! PRAISE THE LORD FROM THE HEAVENS, PRAISE IN THE HEIGHTS! **PEOPLE: LET THEM PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD, WHOSE NAME** ALONE IS EXALTED, WHOSE GLORY IS ABOVE EARTH AND HEAVEN. *HYMN "JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE" **UMH 89** PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION UNISON Help us, O Lord our God to hear the wonder and the fullness of your love as revealed in your Word, your Living Word, today. Amen *RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 149 **UMH 828** * DOXOLOGY **UMH 95** THE OLD TESTAMENT READING EXODUS 12:1-14 SHARING OUR PRAISES & CONCERNS (PLEASE USE YOUR PRAYER CARD AND PUT IN PRAYER BASKET) PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER SPECIAL MUSIC "BECAUSE HE LOVED ME" **DEBBIE & GARY MAYNARD OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER: ALMIGHTY GOD, GIVER OF** EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT, TEACH US TO RENDER TO YOU ALL THAT WE HAVE AND ALL THAT WE ARE, THAT WE MAY PRAISE NOT WITH OUR LIPS ONLY, BUT WITH WHOLE LIVES, TURNING THE DUTIES, THE SORROWS, AND THE JOYS OF ALL OUR DAYS INTO A LIVING SACRIFICE TO YOU, THROUGH OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST AMEN

*GLORIA PATRI

EPISTLE READING

ROMANS 13:8-14

HYMN "LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING" UMH 384

PRAYER OF CONFESSION BOOK OF WORSHIP #488

LEADER: WE CONFESS THAT THE CIRCLE OF LOVE IS REPEATEDLY BROKEN BECAUSE OF OUR SIN OF EXCLUSION. WE CREATE SEPARATE CIRCLES: THE INNER CIRCLE AND THE OUTER CIRCLE, THE CIRCLE OF POWER AND THE CIRCLE OF DESPAIR, THE CIRCLE OF PRIVILEGE AND THE CIRCLE OF DEPRIVATION.

PEOPLE: FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AS WE FORGIVE ALL WHO HAVE SINNED AGAINST US.

LEADER: WE CONFESS THAT THE CIRCLE OF LOVE IS BROKEN WHENEVER THERE IS ALIENATION, WHENEVER THERE IS MISUNDERSTANDING, WHENEVER THERE IS INSENSITIVITY OR A HARDENING OF THE HEART. WE CONFESS THAT THE CIRCLE OF LOVE IS BROKEN WHENEVER WE CANNOT SEE EYE TO EYE, WHENEVER WE CANNOT LINK HAND TO HAND, WHENEVER WE CANNOT LIVE HEART TO HEART AND AFFIRM OUR DIFFERENCES. THROUGH GOD'S GRACE WE ARE FORGIVEN BY THE MERCY OF OUR CREATOR, THROUGH THE LOVE OF THE CHRIST, AND IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT. LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD! **PEOPLE: GLORY TO GOD! AMEN.**

*GOSPEL READIN	G	MATTH Stephanie Mal	EW 14:22-33 COLM, RLLP	
SERMON "THE BIG OWE"		Rev. Thom Malcolm		
*HYMN	"Here I Am, L	ORD"	UMH 593	
*THE LEADING OF THE LIGHT				
*BENEDICTION				
Postlude		GARY	Y MAYNARD	

*Please stand if you are able.

UMH 70

Announcements

Tuesday & Thursday9:30amExercise ClassThursday, Sept. 14Set up for Concert Reception

Trayer List

Please update prayer requests within 3 weeks, via prayer card or a call to the office.

Pam Baker Jacob Ball Dawn Baumgardner Mike Black Sonny Branham Beth Carson Jill & Jim Combs Bob Cox Judy Given Jimmy Green Loretta Hetzer

Remember those not able to join us for church: Jim & Barbara Christain, Betty Craig, Donna & Dave Davis, Joy Fetty, Ruth Kelley, Loretta Hetzer, Patricia Morgan, Jim Reed, Harold Sowards, Dan & Shirley Webster, Marge Wheeler

Office Hours: Pastor Thom Malcolm Wed/ Thurs 1:30-4:00			
Secretary: Donna Rumbaug Cell: 304-633-3680	h Wed/Thurs 2:30-4:30		
<i>Cell: 304-633-3680</i> <i>Interim Music Director:</i>	Gary Maynard		
Pianist:	Gary Maynard		
Liturgist:	Ann Wheeler		

Please note that information for the bulletin needs to be in the church office by Wednesdays at 1:30pm.