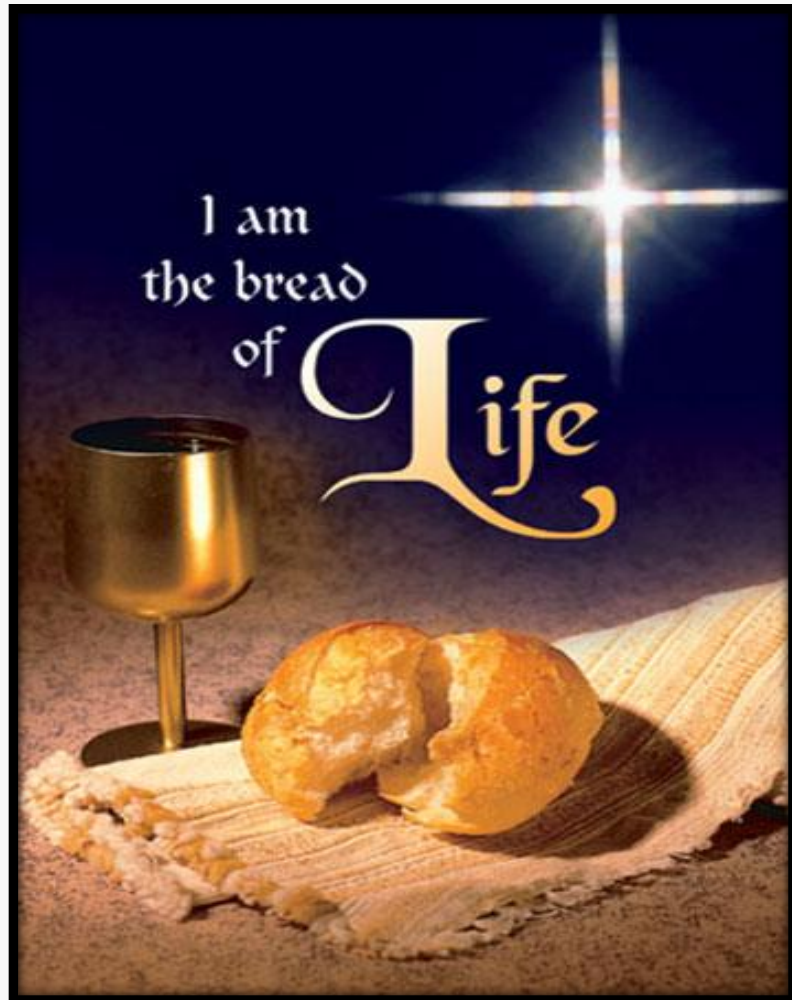


18th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023



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PRELUDE *"OH, HOW HE LOVES YOU AND ME"*
GARY MAYNARD

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come! Now is the time to worship!

People: We come to worship God who loves us.

Leader: When the Israelites grumbled and quarreled when there was no water to drink, God miraculously produced water to show them God's faithfulness and love.

People: When we question and accuse God, God responds by showing us love.

Leader: When the chief priests and elders questioned Jesus' authority, Jesus answered them with a story about the righteousness of doing God's will instead of paying lip service to God's will.

People: When we test and interrogate God, God responds by pointing us back to love.

Leader: By answering our quarreling and questioning with love, God teaches us how to love God, neighbor, self, and all creations.

People: When we love as God loves, we respond to testing and accusing by living the faith and sharing God's love.

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People: We come to worship God who loves us for the long haul.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2023)

***HYMN** *"PRECIOUS NAME"* **UMH 536**

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:** **UNISON**
Open our hearts, Lord to the leading of your Spirit this day and every day. Open our minds to the wonder of your love and help us to always reach out to others in your Name this day and every day. Amen.

***RESPONSIVE READING** *PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16* **SEE INSERT**

***GLORIA PATRI** **UMH 70**

JEWISH BIBLE READING **EXODUS 17:1-7**

SHARING OUR PRAISES & CONCERNS
(PLEASE USE YOUR PRAYER CARD AND PUT IN PRAYER BASKET)

PASTORAL PRAYER

***OFFERING / DOXOLOGY &
OFFERTORY PRAYER** **UMH 95**

EPISTLE READING **PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13**

***HYMN** *“FAIREST LORD JESUS”* **UMH 189**

***GOSPEL READING** **MATTHEW 21:23-32**

SERMON *“A TALE OF TWO SONS”* **PASTOR THOM MALCOLM**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION – THE EUCHARIST

THE INVITATION **UMH 12**

CONFESSION AND PARDON **UMH 12**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **UMH 13**

RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

THE PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

***HYMN &** *“TRUST AND OBEY”* **UMH 467**
THE LEADING OF THE LIGHT

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** **GARY MAYNARD**

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In the original Greek language of the New Testament, the word we read in English as “power” is dunamis. This is where we get the word dynamite. This Greek word describes the supernatural power only God can provide in and through us. It was God’s dunamis power, scripture reports, that resurrected Jesus from the dead. In fact, the word dunamis is used more than one hundred twenty times from the book of Matthew through Revelation. [Dynamite Prayer by Rosario Picardo and Sue Nilson Kibbey]

Imagine the possibilities when churches across WV join in prayer. Let’s stop playing it safe and tap into God’s unlimited power together to open new doors of ministry potential and transform our lives and our communities.

Please join us for Sunday School beginning on Sunday, October 15 at 10:00am as we experience together the power of prayer. Books will be provided for all that participate in this learning and spiritual opportunity.

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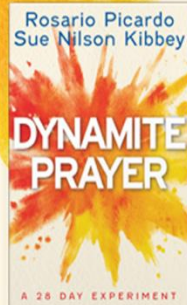
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starts

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**DYNAMITE PRAYER IS TO
EXPECT WHAT YOU COULD
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ASKED, OR IMAGINED.**



God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7, NKJV

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Month of October

Tuesdays & Thursdays	9:30am	Exercise Class
Tuesdays	5:00pm	Choir Practice
Tuesday, Oct. 3	6:00pm	Women's Circle
Thursday, Oct. 5	8:00am	AED Training
Monday, Oct. 9	6:00pm	Educ/Outreach/ Missions
Sunday, Oct. 15	10:00am	Sunday School Starts
Monday, Oct. 17	6:00pm	Finance Committee
Sunday, Oct. 29	5:00pm	Trunk or Treat (Cars Ready)

AED & CPR TRAINING

On *Thursday, October 5 @ 8:00am*, the church will host training on our newly installed AED equipment and CPR. Please inform Donna Wolfe if you plan to attend. Class size is limited, and another class will be scheduled.

TRUNK or TREAT

Our church will host Trunk or Treat for our community on *Sunday, October 29th*. Cars need to be ready at the church by 5:00pm and the event will start at 5:30pm. Batman and the Batmobile and Cinderella will make special appearances to meet and take photographs with the children. We want to have a full parking lot of decorated cars. Please inform Ann Wheeler if you plan to participate in this community outreach activity.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

If you have forms to complete for Charge Conference, please complete and return to Sheree Downey by *Sunday, October 15* to meet District deadline.