



BACK-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY - WELCOME!

Sunday, September 17, 2023 11:00 am Worship

PRELUDE Rhosymedre, by V. Williams Mark Tryon, organist

*OPENING HYMN Higher Ground #399

*GATHERING PRAYER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: I am the church; you are the church.

P: We are the church together.

L: We depend on our seniors and long-time members to remember where we came from and where we have been.

P: We are the church together.

L: We depend on our children to retell our sacred stories as they grow.

P: We are the church together.

L: We depend on our youth and young adults to ask us why we do things this way and to suggest something new.

P: We are the church together.

L: We need each other to be the church.

P: We are the church together.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Creator of us all, we sometimes forget:

P: We forget that we are not alone. We forget that you made us. We forget that we have had help along the way. We forget to ask for what we need.

L: Comforting God, remind us that you are present.

P: You have prepared a place for us. There is no fear that is too great or can overcome us.

L: Suffering Savior, we confess that in our own struggle to survive,

P: We have ignored others. We have forgotten that they too have the right to survive. Make us mindful. Make us compassionate. Help us to see you in one another.

L: In your name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI #622

PRESENTATION OF 1st and 4th GRADE BIBLES (Insert)

ANTHEM "Shout to the Lord" Worship Choir

SCRIPTURE 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (pg.966)

(Follow along in your pew Bible or use the Bible app on your smart phone.)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Be Rich" Rev. Dr. David Anderson

PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(You are invited to stand if you are in need of prayer this morning.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

ALL: 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 debts as

we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but

deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power

and the glory forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Jireh"* Praise Band

BACK-TO-CHURCH PRESENTATION

INVITATION TO GIVE *(Please place offering & prayer cards in offering plates.)*

OFFERTORY *Whiter Than Snow* arr. Anna Laura Page

*DOXOLOGY #625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN *The Family of God* #282 (sing twice)

*BENEDICTION

L: Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE *Toccata* by Douglas E. Wagner

**(Indicates standing as you are able.)*

HIGHER GROUND

1. I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day,
Still praying as I'm onward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on higher
ground."

*Refrain: Lord, lift me up and let me stand by faith on heaven's
table land; a higher plane than I have found – Lord, plant my feet
on higher ground.*

2. My heart has no desire to stay where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Tho some may dwell where these abound, my prayer, my aim, is
higher ground. *Refrain*

3. I want to live above the world, tho Satan's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound, the song of saints on higher
ground. *Refrain*

4. I want to scale the utmost height and catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till heaven I've found, "Lord, lead me on to higher
ground." *Refrain*

THE FAMILY OF GOD

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family, the family of God.

(sing twice)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, Sunday, September 17, 2023

11:00 a.m. Back to Church Sunday! Sanctuary, 1st & 4th grade Bibles
Pot luck luncheon in Fellowship Hall following worship.

3:00 p.m. Community Choir Concert, Sanctuary, \$7

6:00 Youth Gathering, youth room

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

9:00 a.m. Bible Study, Lounge

10:00 Quilting

6:30 p.m. Invest Team meeting, Media Room

8:00 A.A., Small dining room

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

6:00 p.m. Constitution Banquet, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 21, 2023

10:00 a.m. Care and Community Team meeting, Lounge

7:00 p.m. Worship Choir

Friday, September 22, 2023

10:00 a.m. Staff meeting

Saturday, September 23, 2023

6:00 p.m. REVIVAL NIGHT! Come and join us in the parking lot.

Next Sunday, September 24, 2023

8:00 a.m. Chapel Worship

9:00 Adult Class, "Beatitudes" in the Media Room

10:00 Sanctuary Worship

10:00 Middle School Youth, Youth room

10:00 & 11:15 Kidsville for Pre-K to 5th graders

11:15 The Table Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall

2:00 p.m. Constitution Day Parade

6:00 High School Youth, Youth room

EXPERIENCE: Worship

Ushers/Greeters for September: 8am Jim Jackson; 10am Al and Gail Gress, Dan MacIntyre, Bob and Lori Meadows

Altar Flowers are given today by Sandy Kohler in loving memory of Jim and loved ones.

REVIVAL NIGHT: Saturday, September 23, 6-8pm, join us in the parking lot for live worship, a food truck, preaching, fire pits, s'mores, and a night of open fellowship to the community! Please bring your own lawn chair.

GO: Evangelism

Share your experience on-line:

-Check in at Paradise Church on Facebook, post a picture on our page; "like" Paradise Church; make a comment; forward our posts on your page.

-Follow Paradise Church on Instagram (paradise_ucc)

NATIONAL COFFEE DAY: Stop by Paradise Church drive-thru area on Friday, September 29th beginning at 8am for a free cup of coffee compliments of The Band of Brothers here at Paradise Church.

THE GREAT BIKE GIVE-AWAY: Children 4-10 who attend a Kidsville Class (10am or 11:15am) in Sept/Oct receives a raffle ticket to win a bike Nov.5!

INVEST: Discipleship

MAILING OFFERINGS: You can mail in your offering through the postal service: 619 E. Main Street, Louisville OH 44641. Thank you!

ON-LINE GIVING: through our church website paradisearchurch.org

CONNECT: Fellowship

Bible Study: Tuesday mornings at 9am. All are welcome to come on any Tuesday. They are studying "The Chosen."

Theresa's office hours: Tuesdays 8am-4pm; Wednesdays and Thursdays are 8am-noon; Fridays 8am - 2 or 3pm. CLOSED on Mondays.

Louisville Community Seniors Group: Thursday, September 28: doors open at 11am, lunch (\$7) at 11:30am and program at noon.

QUARTER AUCTION: Saturday, October 7: 1:00 p.m. auction begins

Fall Craft Show: Saturday, October 21 from 9am-3pm.

REACH: Ministry

2nd Mile Offering for September: Neighbors In Need thru the UCC

September COLLECTION NEEDS: Bring to the displays or the containers by door #7: ****Operation Christmas Child:** small games

****Louisville Community Cupboard:** applesauce

PARADISE MISSION STATEMENT

Paradise United Church of Christ seeks to provide a window through which the warmth and wisdom of Jesus can be clearly seen by everyone. We seek to embody the love of Jesus Christ through worship, spiritual growth, Christian education and service to God and His community.



At the intersection
of **faith & real life.**

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