

Next Sunday:September 22, 2024
 Liturgist: Annette Demchuk Psalm 54

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory and honor of God, by Annette Demchuk in honor of her mother's birthday.

We still have more plates! Don't forget to pick up your paper plates for the "Lunch Bunch" food drive for Respond Now. As always, your contributions are greatly appreciated; we couldn't do this without YOU! Thank-you!

Remember, it's never too early! As you know, the submission deadline for the Newsletter is the 25th of each month. However, it's never too early to submit your articles! As a matter of fact, the sooner the better; as it allows us adequate preparation time. Thank-you for adhering to this request.

There are still quite a few openings. Thank-you to those who have volunteered to read the liturgy; however, we still have quite a few slots to fill. If you are interested in reading the liturgy on Sunday, please add your name to the list. You will find a quarterly schedule on the back table. We thank you in advance for your willingness to serve in this capacity.

If you would be so kind, we ask that you please state your name before sharing a "joy or concern." This will allow those listening online, to know who is speaking. Thank-you for your consideration to this request.

Next Sunday, September 22, there will be a Mission Ministry Meeting, following Worship Service.

Special Prayer Requests: In upholding our commitment as members and friends to one another, we ask you to keep the following member families and friends in your prayers this week:

Joan Bleck	Calvin & Mae Brandon	Norman Brewster
Mary Bucek	Dick & Ginny Burd	Jane Burghardt
Max Geldean	Jacque Klippenstein	Elmer & Anna Washington

<i>September 15, 2024-September 22, 2024</i>					
Today	Worship Service	9:30 am	Wednesday	SSP Meeting	1:00 pm
	Fundraising Mtg.	10:45 am	Thursday	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
	Faith Development	10:45 am	Saturday	Council Meeting	9:00 am
Monday	Elisabeth Circle	1:00 pm		Saturday Morning	
Tuesday	Bible Study	10:00 am		Manna	
	Pastor/Chair/			(Men's Group)	10:30 am
	Vice Chair Meeting	12:00 pm	Sunday	Worship Service	9:30 am
	Property Meeting	1:00 pm		Mission Ministry	10:30 am

Abundant Grace UCC
 September 15, 2024
 9:30 am Worship Service
 18200 Dixie Hwy, Homewood IL, 60430



Pastor.....Rev. Keitric Emory
 Choir Director.....Ronisha Penner
 Organist/Pianist.....Leon Dubose Sr.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

PRELUDE *"Spirit of the Living God"*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, and CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Hinde

+HYMN #72 (vs.1) *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* Runyan

+PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION (in unison)

Precious Lord, we confess that accountability can be discomfoting, and we avoid discomfort. We seek the good enough, convenient, and easy over the good, possible, and hard. Hold us accountable to the gospel. Hold us accountable to our claim and commitment to follow you. Hold us accountable to your will. Help us to receive your grace, and liberate us from shame, in order to embrace accountability as a loving act of community. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen!

+PASSING OF PEACE

Greet one another with Christ's peace.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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!

WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERING

OFFERING SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC *"Oh Give Thanks"*

+DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Eternal loving God, may these gifts honor your name and your generous Spirit, alive within us. We thank you for the opportunity and privilege of contributing to your kingdom and our world. May our generous offerings bear fruit to nurture our community, our neighbors, and all creation. We offer this prayer in the holy and righteous name of Jesus Christ. AMEN, AMEN, AND AMEN!

SPECIAL MUSIC *"With All My Heart"*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READING Scripture: Psalm 19 (p.387)

SERMON *"God Keeps on Giving"* Rev. Keitric L. Emory

INVITATION

+CLOSING HYMN #559 (vs.1) *"Here I Am, Lord"* Schutte

+THE COMMISSION

Go into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; help the afflicted; honor all. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit.

+CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #749 *"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"*

"The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace, and give you peace. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious; the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you."

+CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE *"Above All"*

+Those who are able, please stand.

There are Hearing Assistance devices on the back table of the Sanctuary if you have trouble hearing the service. Please return them before you leave for future uses.