

The liturgical color is green, signifying life and growth
in the Christian Church, it is the eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Now Pray We to the Holy Spirit"
Amy Bender, organ Buxtehude

WELCOME Paul Montgomery, Liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

If we come into this place with the hope of growing deeper,
with the hope of connecting, with the hope of glimpsing God,
and if all of those things take place, and our spirits are moved,
and we know God is near, and we feel more than lucky for the gift of faith,
and then the service comes to an end, and it's time for us to leave,
and we ask ourselves, "Where do we go from here?"
Then I would say to you, "Go out into the world to love and to share and to learn,
but come back soon, because this is the beginning.
This is only the beginning.
So come on in. Fill your cup here. Be present here. God is here."
Let us worship Holy God.

***OPENING HYMN** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH #57

OPENING PRAYER

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

ANTHEM	9:00	"Inception" Canticle Bells	Jason W. Krug
	11:00	"Like a River In My Soul" Chancel Choir	Tim Osiek

KIN-DOM SIGNS

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your offering in the Offering Box at the entrance of the Sanctuary or give online using the link on the back of the bulletin

OFFERTORY	9:00	"Be Thou My Vision"	arr. Sandy Mullaney
	11:00	"Let Me Listen"	Dan Forrest

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

***DOXOLOGY #94**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION - TRUTH TELLING
Holy God, We are naturals when it comes to stalling out.
We reach a certain point in the relationship, in the conversation, in our faith, and then we stall. We buy property on the top of the plateau and build a house there, destined to never dig deeper or climb higher. Forgive us for giving up on the things that matter. Forgive us for confusing the plateau with the mountain top. Forgive us for taking the easy way out instead of doing the hard work of curiosity, relationship-building, vulnerability, and connection. Inspire us to see new paths for where we can go from here. With hope and honesty we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENSS
Family of faith, We are works in progress, but we are works in progress designed, created, and claimed by God. No matter what you have done or left undone this week, today is a fresh start. Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
God is with me on the mountain top, and God is with me on the plateau. I am loved, claimed, and forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
We believe that God is a conversationalist, drawing close to us and asking, "What do you need? Where does it hurt? Who do you long to be?" We see this conversational God in Jesus Christ, God's own flesh, who walked the earth speaking with the poor, the hungry, the lonely, and the outcast. Therefore, we believe that our call as people of faith is to continue this holy conversation with those who look and think like us, as well as with those who share little in common with us. We believe that through these conversations, we are able to catch a glimpse of the Kin-dom of God, so we continue the conversation in hope. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER
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.

HYMN OF CENTERING	"In Christ There Is No East or West"	UMH #548
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SCRIPTUREActs 10

MESSAGEI've Been Meaning to Ask...Where Do We Go From Here?Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

HOLY COMMUNION - THE GREAT THANKSGIVINGUMH 17

*HYMN OF MISSION“I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord”UMH #617

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written by Brian Wren (born 1936) a noted British Hymn writer. The hymn was written to illustrate the presence of Christ in Holy Communion. He begins with the individualistic “I Come” and moves to the inclusive “We’ll Go” to signify the unity we have as Followers of Christ. Wren used a tune from the hymn collection Southern Harmony as his music. This tune was harmonized by Dr. Charles Webb. Dr. Webb (born 1933) is the retired Dean of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. He also has served as the church organist at the First United Methodist Church in Bloomington, Indiana for 62 years, retiring in 2021. He is now Organist Emeritus.

*FAITH IN ACTION

*BENEDICTION

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**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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POSTLUDE"Postlude"Anton Bruckner



Pulpit Flowers are presented by the family of Shirley Coffin
In Loving Memory of Shirley,
who passed on Friday, September 15, 2023

October 27 is open for Flower dedications.
For flowers please call Kathy Fellows: 440-477-4485

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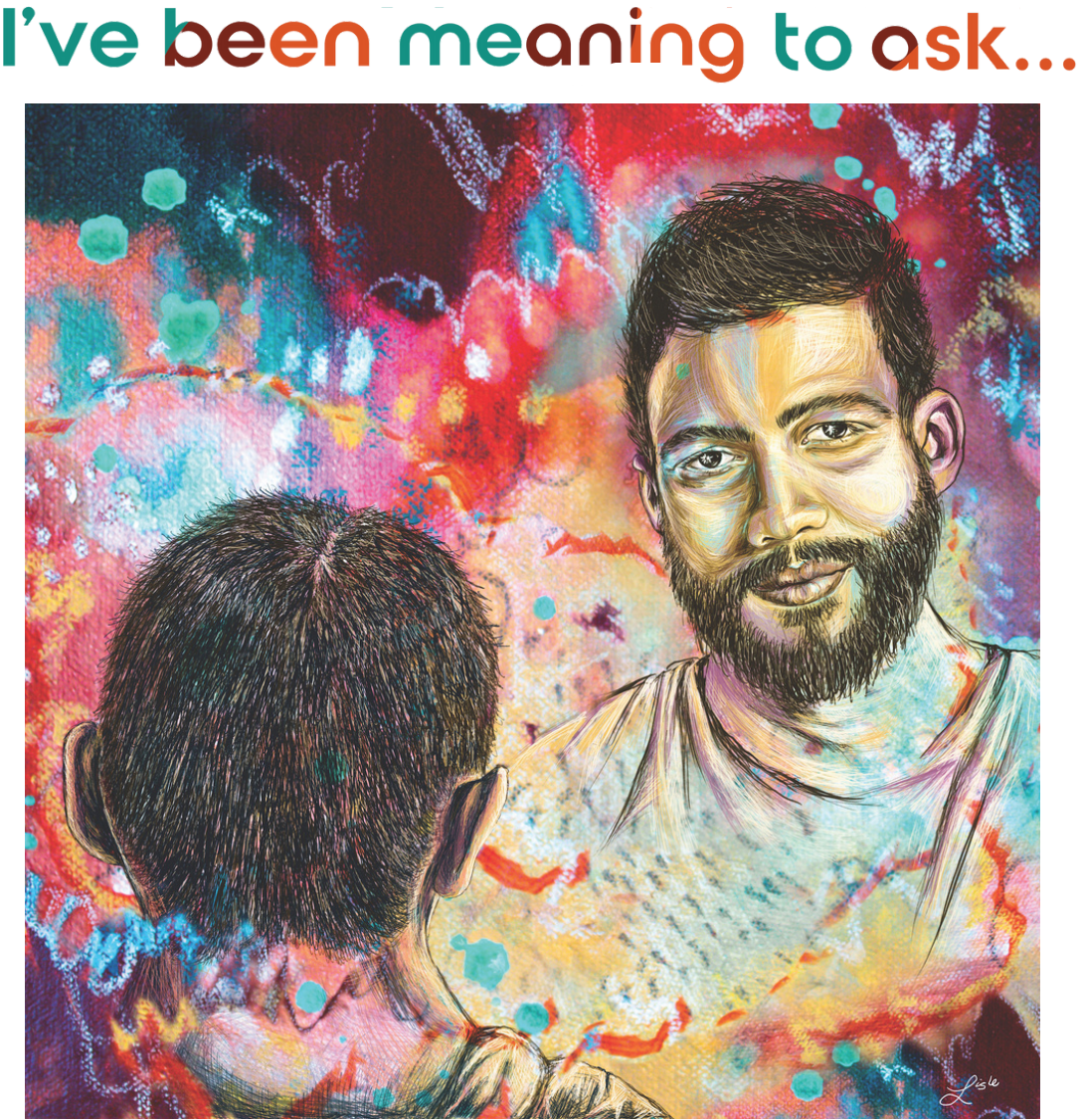
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October 1, 2023



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where do we go from here?

where are you from?where does it hurt?

what do you need?

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Ruthie Hobart, Mike Cosmo

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Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith, Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler
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University Manor - Virginia Gilman
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