



United Methodist Church of Antioch

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

A Time Together

PRELUDE

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	Worship, 9am Communion Antioch Village Parade, 10:30am
Mon, July 5	Office Closed
Tues, July 6	UMCAP Summer Camp, 9-2pm
Sunday, July 11	Worship, 8:30am & 10am Fellowship Time Returns following each service Epiphany in July

~Please note, the 10am service is recorded and streamed to the internet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Epiphany in July is next Sunday, July 11, 2021.

To celebrate the day the Wise Men brought gifts to baby Jesus, we will be bringing belated gifts to our worship service to honor Jesus too. Please consider bringing especially needed baby diapers and wipes to our July 11 worship services to be donated to Open Arms Missions to assist local families in need. Especially needed are diapers in sizes 5 and 6 (the larger sizes). Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

-Thanks to all that agreed to help with resuming coffee serving. Dates have been assigned and sent out. As always, if you can't help the day you are assigned, just switch with someone else on the team. Thanks so much! Per ReTurn Team recommendations, only coffee and juice will be served in July. Snacks will resume in August.

MISSION STATEMENT (Unison)

The mission of the United Methodist Church of Antioch is to grow in faith; to worship God following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to be instruments of God's love through the Holy Spirit as we reach out to our community and the world.

** Invites you to stand as you are able, or to sit with gusto!*

***WE ARE WELCOMED TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

L: Evaluations can be a double-edged sword.

P: When done well, they help us see things we haven't seen on our own.

L: Sometimes we get in our own way and instead of being open, we get defensive.

P: No one really enjoys being informed they have areas to improve on, but the truth is, we all do. None of us is perfect.

L: When we boast in our areas of strength, though, that can be just as annoying – at least to the people around us.

P: Finding the right balance between doing what we are good at and improving where we need to – that is the sweet spot of knowledge.

***HYMN Red Hymnal #400**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

O Jesus, you are the Branch that connects us to God. Sometimes on that branch, though, you want us to learn things that we just can't seem to get through our heads. Show us the lessons to learn that will shape us into being better followers of yours. Help us to find humility that doesn't dismiss who we are, but also reminds us that we are not the only person you created. And now, O God, hear us as we pray as Jesus taught us ...

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Black Hymnal #2162

Grace Alone

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

God who is the Leader over all, we come now, asking you to help us to focus. Your Scriptures are about to be read and preached and we are so distracted. Open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds to your teaching for us as individuals and our community today. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS – 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

L: The word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Rev. Katie Voigt

Leadership: Honesty & Self-Awareness Help

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

Confession & Pardon

(Unison): Most merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Pastor): Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

(Unison): In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Walking always in your grace, grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

***DOXOLOGY Red Hymnal #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD (Unison)**

Our Messiah, we say thank you for all that you have given us. Help us to freely release these gifts of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness back into your world so that people are changed to look more like you. Whatever hold the things of this world may have on us, release us to serve you in everything. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN, Red Hymnal #378**

Amazing Grace, vs. 1,2,5,6

***WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING (Responsively)**

L: With honesty & humility may we assess what we need to change in our lives and who needs to receive the glory for our lives.

P: One step at a time, we will seek to surrender more and more to Jesus.

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

P: And also, with you. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

America the Beautiful

Red indicates “The United Methodist Hymnal”

Black indicates “The Faith We Sing”

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Worship Attendance & Giving for

Sunday, June 27, 2021

8:30am	33
10:00am	34
General Fund	\$992.22
Building Fund	\$130.00
Capital Improvement	\$10.00
Missions-Disaster Response	\$100.00
Memorial Fund	\$200.00



Worship Leadership

Today

July 11

Greeters

Janet Fluck

8:30am

Heather Menzer

10am

Sally Rodgers

Ushers

Nancy Zitkus

8:30am

Irv Metz

10am

Tom Kessell

Sound Board

Bob Raukohl

8:30am

Bert Kibbler

10am

Nancy Rae

Liturgist

Mike DeBenedetto

8:30am

Shelby Wais

10am

Nikki Georgia

Communion

Carol Cichonski

Coffee Servers

8:30am

LouAnn Holmes

10am

Cheryl Collins

Thank you to everyone who served in worship today!!!

Importantly, we need to ensure that safety guidelines continue to be followed by everyone to help minimize risk and maximize safety for all of our members.

These guidelines include the following:

- 1) We encourage you to stay home if you are not feeling well. (And let us know how we can pray for you!)
- 2) We will welcome fully vaccinated people to worship unmasked, if they choose. If you are more comfortable in a mask, you are welcome to wear one. If you haven't been vaccinated, we encourage you to continue to wear a mask. If you desire to get vaccinated and haven't yet, please reach out to the church office and we will connect you with some resources to help. The ReTurn Team encourages everyone eligible to get a vaccination against COVID-19.
- 3) Choir or congregational singing is now allowed! IDPH advises un-vaccinated people to refrain from participating in singing, however.
- 4) Responsible distancing should still be practiced by all.

Finally, we are continuing to monitor COVID metrics in the community and may adjust guidelines or cancel live Sunday worship if we see a significant increase in our local risk level.

As always, we thank you for your continued patience.

Notes:

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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Send info to editorumca@att.net in Word Doc form or body of email.

Next deadline is July 15th for August newsletter