



Guest Information: We are glad that you are here today in worship with us. We have information cards located at the check-in station in the church entry. Please take a moment and fill out as much information as you fill comfortable. We will take this information and add it to our database. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter please check the box and we will add you to our distribution list.

Our Young Disciples Zone, at the back of the sanctuary, is open for families with young children and children's bulletins are available on the bookshelf. A nursery is available for children 0-5 years old. It is located down the main hallway and the second hallway to the right in the Bear classroom.

Bathrooms are located at the back of the sanctuary through the double doors. Family restrooms with changing tables are available in the main hallway.

Hearing Aid Loop: Our sanctuary has a Hearing Loop System which allows anyone with a T setting or T-coil to "tune in" to the frequency for a better-quality audio experience. There are also other sets available for those who do not have hearing aids that adapt.



Today's full service may be watched on lafumc.churchcenter.com, our website and Facebook. Recordings of the full service and just the message are posted on our YouTube channel on Monday.

Calendar this Week

- Sept. 17:** 9 a.m. Bible History Class Hybrid on Zoom/In-person in Friendship Center
10 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:30 a.m. Inquirer's Class Hybrid on Zoom/In-person in Friendship Center
2 p.m. Little Class on Zoom
4 p.m. Programing Night followed by dinner
- Sept. 18:** 1:30 p.m. Clubhouse Knitters, Ridge Park Clubhouse, 505 Oppenheimer Dr.
- Sept. 19:** 1:15 p.m. Cup of Friendship
6 p.m. Ark Board
- Sept. 20:** 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal in Sanctuary
7 p.m. STAR NA support group in Library
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal in Sanctuary
- Sept. 21:** 6 p.m. First Light rehearsal in Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Online Opportunity EXPO on Zoom
7 p.m. Troop 122 in Fellowship Hall
- Sept. 24:** 9 a.m. Bible History Class Hybrid on Zoom/In-person in Friendship Center
10 a.m. Contemporary Worship
11:30 a.m. Inquirer's Class on Zoom
2 p.m. Little Class on Zoom
4 p.m. Programing night
5 p.m. Opportunity EXPO followed by dinner



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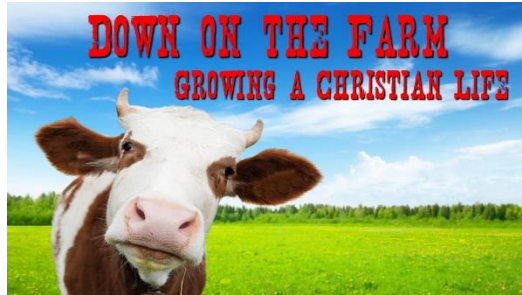
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September 17, 2023
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

WE PREPARE

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

Gathering Music

Introit – *Come Let Us Worship*

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: As a parent has compassion for a child, so the Lord
has compassion for the creation.

People: Great is God's steadfast love.

Leader: As far as the East is from the West, so far does God
remove our faults and failures.

People: Great is God's steadfast love.

Leader: God can redeem every situation and crown us with
love and mercy.

People: Great is God's steadfast love.

Leader: Let us bless and praise God's holy name.

People: Great is God's steadfast love.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Together let us pray:

**O God our vine-grower,
in the beginning you planted a garden
and placed humanity in it,
and in the vision of the completion of your creation,
there is also an abundant garden.**

**Help us to grow ever fruitful on the branches
which grow out of Christ, our vine.
Water us, feed us and tend us,
help us to see those areas of our lives
that limit our growth so that they may be pruned
with your gentle touch and abounding steadfast love.
We pray these things in the name of Jesus, who is our true vine.
Amen.**

***Opening Hymn:** UMH#170 *O How I Love Jesus*

WE HEAR



Prayer for Illumination

**God of seed and soil, sun and water,
as we hear your word this day,
may it take root in our lives
so that we might grow in our faith
and blossom in your love. Amen.**

Epistle Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

Hymn of Preparation: UMH #354 *I Surrender All*

Message: "Pruning"

WE RESPOND

***Hymn of Response:** UMH #399 *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Work of the Church

Prayer

Leader: God, who makes us one,

People: hear our prayers.

***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
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.**



Offering

Special Music – *Here I Am Lord*

Doxology: UMH #95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Offertory Prayer

***Disciples Hymn:** FWS #2223 *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

***Blessing Sending Forth**

Postlude

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Bible History: Sundays at 9 a.m. Hybrid (In-person in the Friendship Center and on Zoom).). Our current study is by Adam Hamilton called, *Christianity and World Religion*. In this study Adam Hamilton helps us explore the four major religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism and compare the beliefs of each with those of the Christian community. Study books are available. Email Lynn Kluegel, lynnkluegel@hotmail.com for a Zoom invitation.

Inquirer's Class: Sundays at 11:30 a.m. Hybrid (In-person in the Friendship Center and on Zoom) This class is fragrance free. Join the Inquirers and see where our discussion leads us as we study of the book of Matthew.

The Little Class: Sundays at 2 p.m. on Zoom. Email Jim Little, mlittlegal@aol.com for a Zoom invitation.

Program Night: Join us tonight for Programing Night from 4-6 p.m. One of our goals is to equip and grow the faith of all people, not just our children and leaders but, parents and adults too. We invite you to join us for an evening of worship and learning in small groups then we will come together for a potluck dinner.

Youth Group: If you have a youth from grades 7th-12th grade they are welcome to join us. For more information, please email Phillip Ortega at faith@lafumc.org.