



## Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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Organist: Patsy Farmer

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Pianists: Loren Goodman, 8:30

Cathy Bero, 10:30



**July 6, 2008 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost**

*The Purpose of Worship is to Joyfully Praise Our God*

\* = stand if you are able † = 10:30 a.m. service only †† = 8:30 a.m. service only

\* Opening Hymn – God of our Fathers Page 573

Announcements & Prayer Requests

Prelude, Lighting of the Candles and Ringing of the Church Bell

Call to Worship: If My People's Hearts Are Humbled (vs 1) Page 574

**If My people's hearts are humbled, If they pray and seek My face; If they turn away from evil, I will not withhold My grace. I will hear their prayers from heaven; I will pardon every sin. If My people's hearts are humbled, I will surely heal their land.**

Children's Call to Worship† (*please come forward while "Jesus Loves Me" is played*)

Prayer of the Congregation /Instrumental Amen

Responsive Reading: Psalm 33:10-22

<sup>10</sup>The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. <sup>11</sup>The counsel of the LORD stands for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. <sup>12</sup>Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

<sup>20</sup>**Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.**

<sup>13</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind. <sup>14</sup>From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth— <sup>15</sup>he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds. <sup>16</sup>A

king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

**<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.**

<sup>17</sup>The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save. <sup>18</sup>Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, <sup>19</sup>to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. <sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield. <sup>21</sup>Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. <sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

**<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.**

**Reader:** May God's blessing be added to the reading and hearing of the Holy Scripture.

\* Gloria Patri Page 622

Old Testament Lesson - Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

\* Hymn -Blessed be the Nation Page 577

Gospel Lesson - Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Reader - The Word of God for the People of God

**Congregation - Thanks be to God.**

Children's Chat†

Sermon - "Blessed Be The Nation"

Rev. Torie Front

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, Lord's Prayer (*using 'debts'*)

Offering & Offertory

\* Doxology Page 625

\* Offering prayer:

**God of all nations, who made the spacious skies and the shining seas, we praise your name. We humbly ask your blessing on us as your people, on us as a nation, and on us, as your beloved creation, made in your image. What we can offer you is small by comparison, yet we give it to you with a sincere heart - our love, our praise, and our First Fruits offerings. Take these offerings and bless them, so that your**

**loving message of hope can be brought to all in this congregation, community, and beyond. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

Service of Holy Communion

*(The Communion Table at Highwater is open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ. Come, all who accept God's Grace and seek God's Joy and Peace.)*

*Please follow the outline on the Communion card. After the service, please put this card in the bulletin stand on your way out of church. Thank you.*

- \* Hymn - America, the Beautiful Page 572
- \* Benediction
- \* Benediction Response - Let There be Peace on Earth

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother, in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**



**Visitors Are Always Welcome** – If you came as a visitor this morning, we hope you will leave as a friend. Please fill out a visitor's card, which you will find by the bulletins, and place it in the offering plate or give it to someone. We are glad you are here, and hope you will return soon and often.

**Nursery and Cry Room** –We have a nursery available in the Legg Center and a Cry Room upstairs above the sanctuary where you are able to see and listen to the service with your children.

**Flower Dedication for July** – July's altar flowers are donated by Tom and Nancy Siegel in honor and memory of those who have, and are, serving our country.

**Greeters and Ushers for July-** George & Ginny Freas, and Becky & Kevin Campbell will be greeting us with the love of Christ this month.

**Lay Readers** - 8:30a.m. Kathy Preston      10:30a.m. Karen Holt

**In the Nursery Today †** Bryan Payne, Eric Burgess, and Brent Waggoner (*Nursery staff please plan to be available at 10:15a for those who might arrive early and remain until 10:45a for those that may be running a little late. Thank you :)*)

**Acolytes for today †** - Stone and Stout VanWey

**This Week at Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ:**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>
8:30a –Worship	8:00a-12:00p Church office open	Pastor Torie Available	Pastor Torie Available	8a -2p Church office open		
9:30a - Various Sunday Schools (Children 5th grade and under meet in Legg Center)	12:00p - Noon Bible Study	7:00p Christian Ed Ministry meeting	7:00p Trustee meeting	Pastor Torie Available		
10:30a -Worship	6:45p Bible Study @ Bob Rowe's 4270 Marion Rd	Grace Waggoner's	7:00p WISH II Quilt			
11:40a - Chime practice			8:00p - Walking Path			
6p HS Youth						

**Announcements and Information**

**Baby Shower - Sunday, July 13th** following the 10:30a service a baby shower will be given for Brent and Grace Waggoner. All are welcome to attend, and a lunch will be provided. (Grace is having a boy)

**Gone Fishin' - Sunday, July 13th from 4:00p.m. - ???** Sid and Rosie Shipley invite everyone to their home at 8696 Marion Rd. for their annual fishing party. All you need to bring is a fishing pole, bait, and a lawn chair. Stop by anytime after 4:00pm and enjoy this month's fellowship opportunity.

**Church Directories** - We need your pictures of Highwater Church Events to put in the new directory. Please bring to church office and put in Membership and Outreach box. Thank you

**Missions Ministry** - July and August our donations will go to the Battered Women's Shelter and The Salvation Army.

**Mission Trip** - If you are interested in doing a short-term mission trip with Highwater on July 17-19, please see Pastor Torie. We will travel to Wilmington, Ohio. More information is now available!

**Bound For Glory** - To perform in the Gazebo on the Newark Courthouse lawn on Saturday, July 19, at 7:00p. This concert will benefit the Licking County Coalition of Care.

**Upper Room** - The July - August issues are available in the narthex.

**WISH July Meeting** - Monday, July 14, at 6:30pm we will meet at Olive Garden in Heath. If you'd like to carpool, please be at the church by 6:05pm.

**Christian Education Ministry Meeting** - 7:00p @ Grace Waggoner's, Tuesday, July 8.

**Trustee Meeting** - 7:00p Wednesday, July 9.

**Missions Ministry Meeting** - 11:45a, Sunday, July 13 will be rescheduled.

**WISH II Quilt** - 7:00p Wednesday, July 9

**Walking Path is Open!** Join us on Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm for a heart and soul-healthy walk in God's beautiful creation around Highwater! All Welcome!

## **Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ Prayer List**

### **Highwater Congregational UCC Church Family**

The Ohio Conference

#### **Our Members:**

Tom Lake Jr.  
Mary Dodsworth  
Lori Yoakam  
Dorothy Bruce  
Shelly Ellis  
Amanda Cullison  
Mark Hoar  
George Freas  
Betty Nash  
Bev Payne  
Gene Branstool  
Bob Tucker  
Lisa Kegler  
Annette Olson

Dorothy McGruder  
Jane Lake  
Larry Baughman

**Praise and Thanksgiving:**

**Our Greater Church Family:** *(The list starts over at the beginning of each month unless we know otherwise. Please add anyone continuing to need prayer)*

Nancy Wilson (Patsy Farmer's friend)  
Doyle Argo (Becky Campbell's dad)  
Susie Harmon (Kathy Preston's cousin)  
Nick Zaar (Ruth Zaar's son)

**In Memoriam:** We join with the families in mourning the passing of the following souls:

Dr. David Orr

**In the Military:** All Troops overseas & their families

Jacob Shipman  
Geoff Stewart - in Iraq (Jack Schmidt's nephew)

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