



Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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Grace Waggoner, Director of Youth and Family Ministries

Pianists: 8:30 - Cathy Bero; 10:30 - Judy Grace

Organist: Patsy Farmer



October 12, 2008 – 22nd 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 - "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" Page 455

Announcements

Special gift to presentation to Grace Waggoner†

Prelude / Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Church Bell

Call to Worship - "Lord, Speak to Me" (v. 1) Page 450

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak, in living echoes of Thy tone; As Thou hast sought, so let me seek, Thy erring children lost and lone.

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

Prayer of the Congregation /Instrumental Amen

Responsive Reading: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

¹Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever. ²Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all his praise? ³Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

¹Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.

⁴Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them; ⁵that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage. ⁶Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

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¹⁹They made a calf at Horeb and worshipped a cast image. ²⁰They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass.

²¹They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, ²²wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea. ²³Therefore he said he would destroy them— had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

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

* Gloria Patri Page 622

Old Testament Lesson - Exodus 32:1-14

Gospel Lesson - Matthew 22:1-14

Reader - The Word of God for the People of God

Congregation - Thanks be to God

* Hymn - "Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy"
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Sermon - "Catch-Up Sunday"

Rev. Torie Front

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

Offering & Offertory

* Doxology Page 625

* Offering prayer: **Loving and gracious God, Creator of all that is known and unknown, we give thanks and praise to you. Thank you for your love shown throughout the ages, and thank you for sending your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to you and each other. We give you praise and honor for blessing us at Highwater, and dedicate our time, treasure, and talent to you. May these First Fruits offerings be used to do your will here at Highwater, and may offerings given throughout the world be blessed in the same way. In your eternal name we pray, Amen.**

* Benediction

* Benediction Response - "We Give Thee But Thine Own" Page 620

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be: All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee. May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive, and gladly as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give. Amen

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.

In the Nursery This Month - † 10/5 Mary Jo Layman , 10/12 Becky Campbell, 10/19 Mary Jane Burgess, 10/26 Bryan Payne, Eric Burgess. (*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*)

Helping with Children's Church This Month: † 10/5 Susie Hatch, 10/12 Susie Hatch, 10/19 Fred Grace, 10/26 no CC

Lay Readers for Today - 8:30a - Melanie Shipley 10:30a - Evan Rowe

Acolyte for today - Austin Campbell

Greeters and Ushers for October - Ned, Cindy, and Austin Campbell will be greeting us with the love of Christ this month.

Flower Dedication for October – This month's altar flowers are donated by Larry and Linda Wright in honor of their grandchildren.

This Week at Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ:

Today	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri	Sat.
8:30a –Worship	8a - 12p Church office open	9a - 11p Church office Open	8a - 2p Church office Open	8a -2p Church office open	pm - set up for Hog Roast	4:00p HOG ROAST
9:30a - Various Sunday Schools (Children 5th grade and under meet in Legg Center)	No Noon or evening Bible study	Pastor Torie Available	Pastor Torie Available	Pastor Torie Available		
10:30a -Worship						
11:45a Music & Worship Ministry meeting			7:00p - Walking Path	7:30p Council Meeting		
5:30p MS Youth			7:00p Trustee Meeting			
6:00p HS Youth			7:00p WISH II Quilt			

Announcements and Information

There will be a Farewell Reception for Grace Waggoner and family in the narthex after worship today.

Hog Roast - This Saturday, October 18 @ 4:30p.m. Please, if you haven't already, sign up to help out at the Hog Roast. Please bring some desserts to share on the Dessert Smorgasbord. Please ask for donations for our live auction. Please invite your neighbors. Please do your part to help make this a successful Hog Roast!

If you would like to help with any of our youth programs, please contact Fred or Judy Grace at 892-2525 or bigskye63@embarqmail.com.

Middle School Youth to Attend "Acquire The Fire", Oct 31 - Nov 1 - To raise funds for this trip, Sunday, October 26 will be Highwater Service Day. The Middle School Youth have placed sign up sheets on the "FROG" bulletin board in the hall going to kitchen. Put your name and other info requested and after the youth have had a brief lunch, they will be on their way to serve you.

Music and Worship Ministry meeting - Today @ 11:45a.m.

Trustee Meeting - Wednesday, October 15 @ 7:00p.m.

WISH II Quilt - Wednesday, October 15 @ 7:00p.m.

Council Meeting - Thursday, October 16 @ 7:30p.m.

Help Wanted ! - The Highwater Memorial Endowment Fund Advisory Council is in need of an individual interested in the long-term financial health of our church. The council oversees the Endowment Fund and encourages congregational support. Time required is a couple of hours a year. Please contact Bryan Payne, Mary Dodworth, Galen Gault, Melanie Shipley, or Jack Schmidt if interested.

Blessing of the Pets - postponed till 10/26 - sorry for yet again delaying this!

Missions Ministry - In September and October our efforts will go towards S.A.R.A. (Sharing American Resources Abroad).

Catch-Up Sunday - Today, the Stewardship and Finance Ministry ask that you prayerfully consider your giving to the church. We are currently targeted to end the year with a \$10,000 deficit. Have you missed some Sundays through the summer? Are you in a position to make an extra gift? What is God laying on your heart to do, to help, as a member and friend of Highwater Church?

2nd Annual Hoe-Down and Trunk & Treat -- October 29th at 6 p.m. We hope to have square dancing again this year, so make your plans to invite your friends and join us!

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ Prayer List

Highwater Congregational UCC Church Family

St. Paul UCC, Columbus

Our Members:

Tom Lake Jr.
Mary Dodsworth
Lori Yoakam
Dave Nash
Amanda Cullison
Jim Farmer
Betty Nash
Tom Siegel

Praise for: All of God's goodness

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)*

Mindy McDaniel (Eileen Preston's granddaughter)
John Walton (Cindy Campbell's dad)
Daryl Nash (Dave and Betty's son)
Mark Hoar (Dave and Pat's son)

Susie Dawson
Marvin Baker
Tim Dodderer
Frank McKimmins

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

Eleanor Front (Vince's mom)

In the Military: All Troops overseas & their families

Jacob Shipman

Dennis Loveridge

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

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