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to know?

**LABOR SUNDAY**



**Sunday, September 1, 2019**  
**13th Week of The Pentecost Season**  
**Celebration of The Lord's Supper**  
 Labor Sunday

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**Summer Worship Schedule:**

Updates in the Life & Work of the Church @ 9:30 AM  
 Worship Service @ 9:30 AM  
 Fellowship Hour: Post Worship

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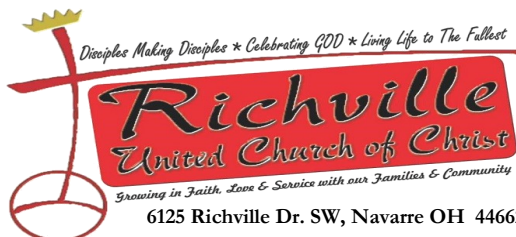


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Our accessible/family friendly restroom (equipped with changing table) is located at the back of the Fellowship Hall to the right of the kitchen.



*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

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**Something to Think and Pray About:**

"Eating, and hospitality in general, is a communion, and any meal worth attending by yourself is improved by the multiples of those with whom it is shared." **-Jessee Brownerm**

"Hospitality is the practice of God's welcome by reaching across difference to participate in God's actions bringing justice and healing to our world in crisis." **-Letty M. Russell**

"A person with *ubuntu* is open and available to others, affirming of others, does not feel threatened that others are able and good, for he or she has a proper self-assurance that comes from knowing that he or she belongs in a greater whole and is diminished when others are humiliated or diminished, when others are tortured or oppressed." **-Archbishop Desmond Tutu**

"Trades-unionists, members of guilds, leagues and other organizations of workingmen embraced Christianity and proclaimed its doctrines as being especially advantageous to the welfare of the toiling poor..." **and** "If Labor Day is observed as it ought to be, the gospel of humanity will be understood by all men and women ... 'Love thy neighbor as thyself' . (and) 'Do unto your neighbor as you would have your neighbor do unto you' will have a meaning not now understood as they should be this side of the portals where eternity begins and God rules in the presence of those He calls from the earth." **-Terrence Vincent Powderly** (President: Noble Order of the Knights of Labor, who helped to make Labor Day a national holiday under President Grover Cleveland)

**GATHERING OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY**

+ **Designates all who are able please stand.**

9:30 am - Updates in the Life and Work of the Church

9:30 am - Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude "**Prelude on 'Pange Lingua'"** Marcel Dupré

**WELCOME**

+ Opening Hymn #36 "**To God Be the Glory"**

+ **Call To Worship** (with Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon) *(responsive)*

[inspired by Luke 14:7-14]

**Leader:** Lord of Parables,

As those who gratefully attend the banquet you prepare, we must also admit that, too often, we seek positions of honor for ourselves.

**PEOPLE:** Remind us, we pray, that you may well have other, more distinguished people in mind for the seats we choose.

**Leader:** Protect us, we humbly ask, from needlessly disgracing ourselves. Help us remain prepared to give up our positions so that others might be honored.

**PEOPLE:** For, when we are willing to occupy the lowest places, you might very well invite us to move up higher.

**Leader:** So, remind us afresh that, all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

**ALL:** *Then we will be prepared to embrace your call to not invite our friends or our brothers or our relatives or rich neighbors, but, instead to invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And, in turn, we know we will be blessed and be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous; AMEN!*

+ Sung Response #9 **“Glory Be to the Father”** (Gloria Patri)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

## Children’s Message

*(Children up to grade 6 are dismissed for Children’s Church. Confirmation age children and above are to stay in worship, unless they are requested to help in Children’s Church.)*

## FEASTING ON THE LIVING WORD OF GOD

\*[The Focus-Scripture(s) during the Summer Sermon Series will emerge from the questions, topics and/or suggestions submitted by the congregation -which Pastor Will will select, at random, at the start of the message time]\*

### Communion Meditation:

Final Week of “What Do You Want to Know?” Summer Sermon Series

+ Hymn of Response & Preparation #753 **“Come, Share the Lord”**

### **Gathering at The Lord’s Table**

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Invitation and Distribution of The Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

*(using “sins” and “those who sin against us”)*

## Sharing and Responding to Our Stories-Of and Needs-for Resurrection

Prayers of The People (Joys and Concerns)

Prayer Response #297 **“Spirit of The Living God”**

*Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.*

## Bringing our Gifts and Thanksgiving Before The LORD

Call to Offering

Offertory **“Improvisation on 'Ave Verum'”** Charles Callahan

+ Offertory Response #7 **“Doxology”**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## + **Prayer of Dedication** [based on Jeremiah 2:4-13; excerpted] *(responsive)*

**Leader:** LORD of The Families of Israel and All Creation,

We bring these offerings, in part, to acknowledge how we have turned far from YOU.

**PEOPLE:** **Accept these gifts, we pray, as a form of confession for the ways we have chased after worthless things.**

**Leader:** Use them and us to remind one another that YOU brought YOUR People out of bondage in Egypt; that YOU led them through the wilderness and deserts, past pits of darkness and lifeless terrain.

**PEOPLE:** **Allow our living and giving to draw others into the plenty and goodness YOU intend for us.**

**Leader:** And helps us to steward these tithes properly -never defiling what YOU have given us, nor making an abomination of the blessings YOU entrusted to us.

**PEOPLE:** **Rather, may our contributions honor YOUR Laws, reject idolatry, and produce real, holy profit for everyone.**

**Leader:** Anoint our time, talents and treasures to be consistent in honoring YOU and bringing YOU glory.

**ALL:** ***For we do not want to forsake YOU, nor do we wish to be cracked cisterns which waste YOUR Living Water; AMEN!***

## **Experiencing and Proclaiming The Hope of Resurrection to the World**

+ Charge and Benediction (Challenge & Blessing)

+ Sending Hymn #542 **“When the Church of Jesus”**

+ Carillon Postlude on Hymns of the Day Michael Calabris

### **WELCOME GUESTS:**

If you are visiting us today, our prayer is that you would see and experience the whole-life transformation offered us in Jesus.

Large print bulletins are at the entry doors of the sanctuary.

***Please visit our Welcome Center.*** Most any information you would want to know about our ministry and/or all sign up sheets are centrally located there. Also make sure to pick up your welcome gift!

### **FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN:**

Please remember to visit our Children's Area located to the right of the sanctuary doors. There you may sign your kids in, as well as grab a children's bulletin and a busy box.

Our education wing is located downstairs in the lower level. We have education classes for children (during worship) and also have a nursery.

### **COMING NEXT WEEK:**

“Back-To” Sunday

Theme/Message:

**“What Are We Building Upon?”**

(1st Week of Fall

“Mission & Vision” series)

Focus Text:

Luke 13:25-33

(with Psalm 139

and Jeremiah 18:1-11)

**Please join us for our hospitality social after worship in our Fellowship Hall directly behind our sanctuary.**