



Sunday, September 2, 2018
15th Week of the Pentecost Season
 Labor Sunday
Celebration of The Lord's Supper

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



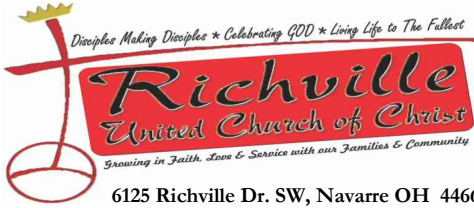
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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

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Something to Think and Pray About:

"I cannot adequately express the horror I feel for a man who can be so base as to veil his hypocrisy under the cloak of religion, and state the base falsehood he has done." **–President James K. Polk**

"Hypocrisy can afford to be magnificent in its promises, for never intending to go beyond promise, it costs nothing." **–Edmund Burke**

"Waste no more time arguing about what a good man should be. Be one." **–Marcus Aurelius**

"What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you."
–Ralph Waldo Emerson

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 **"Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele"** S. Karg-Ekert

WELCOME

+ Opening Hymn #480 **"Have Thine O Way, Lord"**

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

[adapted from a resource found at UCC.org]

Leader: Loving and Laboring LORD,

On this day, we lift up, in a special way, all people who work -either for pay or as volunteers, in jobs or at school, at home or in the workplace, in the U.S. and around the world.

PEOPLE: **But we confess that our actions do not always affirm and honor one other. Our labors are not always done in a spirit which is pleasing to YOU.**

Leader: On some occasions, we have blindly bought goods made by people who are paid too little, or work in unsafe conditions.

PEOPLE: **We admit that we can all too easily contribute to systems in which some of YOUR children have jobs which honor the scripture "a worker is worth their wages" -while others may be struggling to find employment, or to survive off of little pay or benefits.**

Leader: Creator GOD, help us to be YOUR people -laboring for a world where all workers are valued. A world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in. A world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill.

PEOPLE: **Strengthen us to be those who serve and care for caregivers -in stores, schools, hotels, restaurants, nursing homes, and many, many other places.**

Leader: Convict us, we pray, not only to worship YOU and give thanks for YOUR Works, but to honor YOU by honoring one another -sharing the abundance which YOU have given us.

PEOPLE: Even as we wrestle with the brokenness of our lives and society, we are overjoyed to know that YOU are a god of Grace and Transformation.

Leader: And we give YOU praise that YOU allow us to work, and work on ourselves -as well as to labor for the benefit of others.

ALL: When we ask, Holy One, grant us the courage and strength to live out our faith in the workplace and the marketplace, as well as in the sanctuary; AMEN!

+ Hymn #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.*

FEASTING ON THE LIVING WORD OF GOD

The Christian Scriptures (New Testament)

The Gospel According to Mark 7:1-23

Children’s Message

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

Communion Meditation

“Heart of The Matter”

+ Hymn of Response & Preparation #745 “Here at Thy Table, 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 “Hear Our Prayer O Lord”

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.*

Bringing our Gifts and Thanksgiving Before The LORD

Call to Offering

Offertory “Prayer” A. Guilment

+ Offertory Response “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 ^[loosely inspired by Psalm 45; excerpted] *(responsive)*

Leader: Giving GOD,

Our hearts stir and overflow when we consider YOUR Great Love and Generosity toward us.

PEOPLE: So, we want to bring the best of our gifts and the most skilled labor of our lives before YOU in thanks.

Leader: Use our offerings, then, we pray, to write songs of praise for YOUR Name -to draft speeches of honor for YOU to be read before earthly leaders.

PEOPLE: Indeed, YOUR Hand has given some of us wise words and others strong backs. YOU have granted each of us with unique dignity, power and purpose.

Leader: Therefore, we ask that our resources would honor YOU rightly -adding to YOUR Splendor and Majesty by building-up one another and those who have yet to hear or experience YOUR Holy Ways!

ALL: *Anoint our living and giving, then, we humbly ask -that they and we might support YOUR causes of Truth, Meekness and Righteousness. Allow what we share to become an investment in teaching about YOUR Throne -leading one another in the love of the things YOU love; and tirelessly working for YOUR Kingdom of extravagant beauty and overwhelming grace. AMEN!*

Following The Holy Spirit into The World

+ Charge and Benediction ^(Challenge & Blessing)

+ Sending Hymn #455 “Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”

+ Postlude “Exsultet Caelum Laudibus” J. Redford

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, grab a children's bulletin and a busy box. Also be sure to fill out a Sunday School attendance raffle form.

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:

“Who Does Jesus Love?”

Focus Text:

James 2:1-17

(with Proverbs 22 and
Mark 7:24-37)

Youth Sunday School: Lessons 4 & 5
(Exodus 19:16-20:21)

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