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Thankyou!



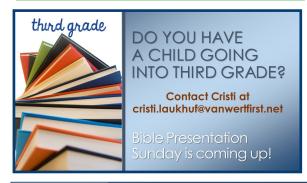


# **Children's Ministry Meeting**

Sunday, August 27th 11:00am Scheidt Room



contact Cristi Laukhuf for more info





Middle school and High school youth and their families are invited to enjoy delicious food, fun games and great fellowship.



Volunteers to register for event To make food for the event

See Teresa or Sierra for additional information







Drop off Sept 18 - Sept 22.

picked up Thursday, Sept 28.

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August 6, 2023 9:30am Pastor Christian Taylor

## **Our Vision Statement:** Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus

Thanks for joining us today! If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, **Welcome!** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.

# 9:30 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 6, 2023

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him: he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."

Luke 15:20 NIV

\*indicates please stand if you are able

Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor

Prelude: Lord, I Want to Be A Christian arr. Edward Broughton Scott Turner

Dillon Staas Welcome:

Dillon Staas \*Call to Worship:

Leader: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

People: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: Whether we are longtimers or latecomers in the life of faith,

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Leader: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

People: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: We praise God's name forever and ever!

\*Hymn: Grace Greater than Our Sin

#365 vs. 1,2,4

\*Opening Prayer:

Dillon Staas

Everlasting God, You are always seeking us despite our failures, our sin, and our indifference. Lord, You continue to watch out for us while we are still far away. Help us to see You longing for our return and run to You. We desire fellowship with You and those whom you love. Be with us now and open our hearts to see what breaks Your heart and draw us unto those places. We look to You for grace and guidance. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

Jeremy Laukhuf Song: Great Are You Lord/Shema

Chat with the Children: Ruth Ann Dowler

There is no AWE today-children will remain in the sanctuary

Life in the Church I: Dillon Staas

Song: Immortal Invisible God Only Wise Jeremy Laukhuf

Pastor Christian Taylor \*Scripture: Jonah 4:1-11

Series: A Whale of a Fight "Do you understand?" Message:

Hvmn: Amazing Grace (tune of When Love Is Found #643) #378 vs. 1.2

Life in the Church II: Pastor Christian Taylor

The Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Praver

Distribution of the Bread & Juice

**Prayers of the People:** Pastor Christian Taylor

The Lord's Praver

\*Spoken Benediction: Pastor Christian Taylor

Postlude: Crown Him With Many Crowns arr. Chris Neal Scott Turner

You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.

### **2012 Group**

Proverbs 20:12:

The hearing ear and the seeing eye - ADONAI made them both

Bible Study / Sunday School class after service in the church library



Pastor Christian Taylor

#### **Leaders in Today's Worship**

**Pastor:** Christian Taylor **Organist:** Scott Turner

Praise & Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf **Projectionist:** Cayden Laukhuf **Announcer:** Dillon Staas **Sound Technician:** Kyle Wendel Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Sherri Arn Videographer: Noah Carter

Usher/Greeter Coordinator: Dave Lichtle, Neil Shaffer

#### **KID'S MINISTRY SUMMER AWE**

Children preschool through 5th grade have an opportunity to build their relationship with Jesus through uplifting songs and impactful Bible lessons by attending our Alternate Worship Experience. Children will be released to AWE after praise and worship time. AWE will not meet Communion Sundays which is the first Sunday of the month. Please sign in before service with KidCheck located by the nursery or the Scheidt room. Today, children will stay in the sanctuary.

Tithe/Offering may be made by dropping it in one of the wooden boxes around the sanctuary, using our online giving option found on our website at vanwertfirst.net, texting 419.963.3557 or mailing it to First UMC, 113 W. Central Avenue, Van Wert, OH 45891. Thank you for your support to First UMC and her ministries.