

**Broad Street United Methodist Church**  
**13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
August 27, 2023

Welcome to the Broad Street United Methodist Church.

We are happy you are here today.

The order of worship is found in this bulletin.

\*Indicates congregation stands, if able.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAISE MUSIC

Judy Schetler and Marsha Danser

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor James

\*CALL to WORSHIP (read responsively)

Pastor James

Family of God, as we gather today, Jesus asks us, “Who do you say that I am?”

**You are our Messiah, the Son of the living God!**

Family of God, as we gather today, the Holy Spirit asks us, “Who do you say that I am?”

**You are our Comforter, Advocate, and Sustainer!**

Family of God, as we gather today, God the Father asks us, “Who do you say that I am?”

**You are our Creator, Provider, and Healer!”**

Family of God, as we gather today, the Triune God asks us, “Who do you say that I am?”

**You are Love that creates, saves, and enfolds us into the family of God!**

**May we be instruments of Love in all that we are and all that we do. Amen.**

by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 2023

\*HYMN

*We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

TFWS 2031

OPENING PRAYER (pray together)

Susan Curlett

**While we yearn to be like Jesus, we know that in our hotheaded choices, our frantic lives, our impetuous words, we are too often like Peter. But like him, we can confess Christ as our Lord, speaking of our need for your saving presence in our lives. Amen.**

by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

HYMN

*Sanctuary*

TFWS 2164

## WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (pray responsively)

Susan Curlett

God, without you on our side, our troubles would swallow us up whole.  
Guide us, merciful God, as we navigate through the muck and mire in our lives.  
Help us to trust your guidance.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

God, without you on our side, disasters would overwhelm and sweep us away.  
Protect us, merciful God, and inspire us to give and receive help when we face  
times of calamity and destruction.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

God, without you on our side, the suffering of the world would overtake us,  
arresting us with the enormity of human need all around us. Help our hearts remain  
tender, merciful God, that we would meet the suffering in ourselves, our families,  
and our neighbors with compassion and care.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

God, with you on our side, the conflicts and discord that surround us would  
leave us full of distrust and suspicion. Heal us, merciful God, that we may be  
agents of restoration, peace, and help everywhere we go.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Thanks  
be to God who guides, protects, heals, and helps us now and forevermore.  
Amen.**

by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Inspired by Psalm 124

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for \_\_\_\_\_

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*I Am A Promise*

Marsha Danser

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Pastor James

HYMN

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (vs. 1 & 4)

UMH 557

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (pray together)

Pastor James

**Loving and generous God: As we offer our gifts this day, we confess that when confronted with Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" our answer is ambivalent at best. Even when we get the words right, we know our lives give a different answer. We turn away from the suffering and oppression of your children. We accumulate wealth and prestige and ignore the poor and powerless. You give and hold nothing back, and we give from our excess and resent being asked to do more. Help us to respond with the answer that comes from the center of our being and that is demonstrated in our living. In Christ, we pray. Amen**

Adapted from Matthew 16:13-20

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (pray together)

Barbara Miller

**We yearn to be more like you, O Father God. Let us offer ourselves to you during this time of worship and beyond. Grant us the ability to worship you with our minds and our hearts. Help us to listen for your word, discern your will, and know what is good and acceptable in your sight. Amen.**

Adapted from Romans 12:1-2

PSALTER

Psalm 124 (UMH pg. 846)

Barbara Miller

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

Marsha Danser

THE MESSAGE

*Responding to God's Mercies*

Pastor James

## **WE SCATTER TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD**

\*HYMN

*Living for Jesus* (vs. 1-2, 4)

FWS 2149

\*WORDS OF BLESSING (Unison)

Pastor James

**Family of God, go from this place led by the Triune God who loves you, saves you, and sustains you, that in our following, we may be agents of goodness and blessing wherever we go. Amen.**

by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

POSTLUDE

Judy Schetler

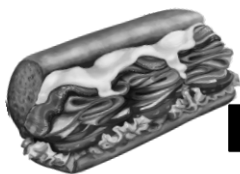


The altar flowers and bulletin this morning are dedicated in honor of our son Sean's birthday on August 26<sup>th</sup>, given by his parents, Dennis and Cindy Borgstrom.



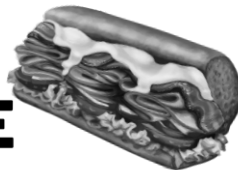
Please remember our families and friends in prayer

Our prayer list has been ongoing for some time, with some additions along the way. It seems to be an appropriate time to start a new list and grow from there. We want to stay with our original thought of keeping a name on the list for two weeks only, unless notified otherwise. Requests for inclusion on the prayer list, removal from the list, or to have a name remain longer can be emailed to [office@broadstumc.org](mailto:office@broadstumc.org) or placed in the offering plate.



Watch for more information on our upcoming

**HOAGIE  
SALE**



Our next hoagie sale coincides with the Girls of Grace Annual Yard Sale and will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Order deadline will be Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Order forms coming soon.



Just a reminder that we are working towards a goal of sending 20 boxes to Samaritan's Purse *Operation Christmas Child* this year. We have been collecting items monthly to fill the boxes. The August items are school supplies and the September item is a "Wow" gift (doll, deflated soccer ball with pump, jump rope, etc.). A collection box is in the library on the book shelf on the wall opposite the outside door. Please see any Girls of Grace member if you have questions.