

Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church

*“A Church at the Heart of Morgantown with
a Heart for Morgantown”*



Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 9, 2024

Worship 8:30AM and 10:45AM
Sunday School 9:40AM



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Office Hours: Mon–Thurs, 9am-1pm

(**indicates to stand if able)

PRELUDE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Our Loving, Learning, Leading Prayer

God, as You lead us on this journey, may we faithfully follow the pathway of love and kindness built on Jesus Christ, the solid rock. Open our hearts to love everyone always. Open our minds to slow down and focus on Your will. Open our doors to welcome and share Christ's great commission, while making disciples of each of us. May we be led by You, putting You first in our lives and in all our endeavors. Amen.

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

LITURGIST

We have this ministry; we do not lose heart.

Through God's mercy and grace as believers.

We preach not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as all people's servants for Jesus' sake.

Through God's mercy and grace as believers.

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

Through God's mercy and grace as believers.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak.

With the strength of the Spirit - God's steadfast love, mercy, and grace, we do not lose heart. Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. May our worship of praise and thanksgiving overflow to the glory of God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

(2 Corinthians 4)

****HYMN**

This Is My Father's World

UM #144

1. This is my Fa-ther's world,
and to my lis-tening ears
all na-ture sings, and round me rings
the mu-sic of the spheres.
This is my Fa-ther's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Fa-ther's world,
the birds their car-ols raise,
the morn-ing light, the lil-y white,
de-clare their mak-er's praise.
This is my Fa-ther's world:
he shines in all that's fair;
in the rust-ling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev-ery-where.
3. This is my Fa-ther's world.
let me ne'er for-get
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the rul-er yet.
This is my Fa-ther's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heav-ens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

FIRST PRAYER

LITURGIST

Heavenly Father, we gather this morning with those who love You, that we might sing Your praises and share Your love with one another. You have shown Your faithfulness to us every day in ways that we do not always recognize, so we gather today to thank You for Your constant care over us.

Help us to entrust our lives to You and Your purposes as we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray in the power of Your Spirit,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER-- UM #895

(Discipleship Ministries)

PROCLAMATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 138

LITURGIST

¹ I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise; ² I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted Your name and Your word above everything.

³ On the day I called, You answered me; You increased my strength of soul. ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O Lord, for they have heard the words of Your mouth. ⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. ⁶ For though the Lord is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty He perceives from far away. ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; You stretch out Your hand, and Your right hand delivers me. ⁸ The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Lord's Prayer
by Malotte*

*sung by
Dr. Sam Spears*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lena Glowacky

****GOSPEL READING**

Mark 3:20-35

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²⁰ Then He went home, and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ When His family heard it, they went out to restrain Him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of His mind." ²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebub, and by the ruler of the demons He casts out demons." ²³ And He called them to Him and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. ²⁸ "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin"— ³⁰ for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." ³¹ Then His mother and His brothers came, and standing outside they sent to Him and called Him. ³² A crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, "Your mother and Your brothers are outside asking for You." ³³ And He replied, "Who are My mother and My brothers?" ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around Him, He said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is My brother and sister and mother."

Refrain

Ev-ery time I feel the Spir-it mov-ing in my heart,
I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spir-it mov-ing in my heart,
I will pray.

1. Up- on the moun-tain my Lord spoke,
out His mouth came fire and smoke.
All a-round me looks so shine,
ask my Lord if all was mine

Refrain

2. Jor-dan Riv-er runs right cold,
chills the bod-y, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track,
runs to heav-en and right back.

Refrain

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Almighty YehoVAH, Son Iesus Christ, and Holy Spirit, most merciful and omnipotent with faithful love for all Your creation. Grant each of us the understanding and wisdom of Your kingdom needed for continued growth in the Spirit as Your disciples. ...

Prayers of the People, concluding with:

Litany

L: When our hearts are grieving, crying out in distress

P: The Lord hears our cries.

L: When our spirits are wandering, lost and afraid

P: The Lord seeks and finds us.

L: When our days seem filled with anger and hopelessness

P: The Lord brings comfort and peace to us.

L: When we don't think we have anything to offer to God.

P: God produces miracles in our lives that can serve others.

L: When we need to know that God is with us.

P: God is present in all the earth.

L: For all the ways in which God blesses our lives,

P: We give thanks and praise!

L: For the people who have taught and guided us, who have shown us the right paths of God,

P: We give thanks and praise!

L: For the wonderful things which we have seen and the things yet to come,

P: We give thanks and praise to God In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit! AMEN. (Based on MM--Nancy C. Townley)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

8:30 Keith Carr/10:45 Robyn Lindamood

Jesus stays with us in the Spirit, who renews our hearts, moves us to faith, leads us in the truth, stands by us in our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant. The Spirit's gifts are here to stay in rich variety—fitting responses to timely needs. We thankfully see each other as gifted members of the fellowship which delights in the creative Spirit's work. He gives more than enough to each believer for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare. (from *Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

8:30 Keith/10:45 Robyn

Patient Lord, You know how we are. We let the frustrations and worries of our lives overcome us. Our hearts seem to buckle under the weight of anger and confusion. And we turn away from You, sure that You can do nothing to alleviate our strife. How foolish we are! How faithless we are! Please forgive us. Help us to learn that You are actively involved in our lives, not as a “puppet master” but as a creative co-worker, seeking healing and hope not only for each of us, but for the whole world. Make us into disciples of peace and compassion; for we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN. (Ministry Matters)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

8:30 Keith/10:45 Robyn

Do not doubt God's power and might! It is God who has created all that is! It is God who has called to your hearts and spirits. God is with you. Praise be to God. AMEN.

WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING

INVITATION TO GIVE

8:30 Keith/10:45 Robyn

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

UM #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (On Screen)

8:30 Keith/10:45 Robyn

God of all creation, in humble gratitude, we offer our gifts, celebrating Your steadfast love that endures forever. As we reflect on Your faithfulness, help us align our hearts with Your divine rhythm. Guide us to sing Your praises boldly, inviting others to join in the song of Your love. Amid trials and triumphs, may our worship be a testament to Your enduring grace. As we acknowledge our human frailty, reassure us of Your unwavering presence. Lead us in the work of Your hands, empowering us to love as You do. Bless these offerings, magnifying Your love in our community and beyond. Amen.

(Psalm 138)

(Discipleship Ministries)

**HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UM # 127

1. Guide me, O thou great Je-hov-ah,
Pil-grim through this bar-ren land.
I am weak, but thou art might-y;
hold me with thy power-ful hand.
Bread of heav-en, bread of heav-en,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.
2. O-pen now the crys-tal foun-tain,
whence the heal-ing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloud-y pil-lar
lead me all my jour-ney through.

Strong de-liv-erer, strong de-liv-erer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jor-dan,
bid my anx-ious fears sub-side;
death of death and hell's de-struc-tion,
land me safe on Ca-naan's side.
Songs of prais-es, songs of prais-es,
I will ev-er give to thee;
I will ev-er give to thee.

SENDING FORTH

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

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Go now in peace, knowing the miracles that God has produced in your life and the more miracles yet to come bear witness to God's steadfast love to YOU and all you are to meet. Embrace the Holy Spirit within You and let the light shine all around You.

BLESSING

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The power of God that created the world is the power of love.
The power in Jesus that rescues the world is the power of love.
The power in us that changes the world is the power of love.
As we depart, we go in the name of God's faithful love for all.

(Discipleship Ministries)

May the Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen.

(NUMBERS 6:24-26)

POSTLUDE

THE WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS

RADIO, WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

Listen on 1300am and 92.1FM

Church Website: www.sprucestreetumc.org

Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/sprucestreetumc

<http://mixlr.com/sprucestreetumc/> to connect to hear the live stream of our worship.

Please remember to sign up in Seeker's Hall for radio and altar flowers, refreshment sponsors, and for liturgists!

Post-Service Refreshments *Thank you Judi & Linda*

Altar Flowers *Happy Birthday to m lovely daughter, Dawna ~love Mom*

Radio Broadcast *Please remember to sign up in Seeker's Hall*

How to Give Online: www.givelify.com/givers/

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 9	Worship & Christian Formation	
Monday, June 10	Harmony Bible Study	3PM
	SPPRC	6PM
Tuesday, June 11	Crochet Ministry	10AM
	Hospitality Meeting	6PM
Wednes. June 12	United Methodist Men @ the Ranch	6PM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD:

(Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr at

cdccarr@yahoo.com

- David Martinelli
- Eva Faulkner
- Linda Bowers
- Stanley Dahmer
- Dolly Cale
- Gloria Medina
- Eileen Ford
- Fred Smith
- Kelsey Stancliff
- Susan Eddy
- Linda Sweetman
- Sharon Richman
- Traci Ashcroft
- Art Ford
- Pam & Chris James
- Perry Barr
- Debbie Patton
- Linda Bowers
- Jeannette Stanger
- Dottie Harman
- Connie Erenrich
- Stephen Grant
- Luella Schlobohm's family

(The long-term prayer list can be found in the current Newsletter on our website under News and More)

The Staff at Spruce Street UMC

- Pastor Rev. Bart R. Thompson
- Lay Minister Eldon A. Callen
- Organist Dr. Marguerite Bostonia



SSUMC ANNOUNCEMENTS



There's a new thing going on

Consider being a greeter on Sundays to serve the church and the Lord.

- You will be the most welcoming person in the church.
- People will be happy to receive a bulletin with a smile from you.
- Greeters will need to arrive 15 minutes before the service.
- Sign up in Seekers Hall today to be a greeter for SSUMC.

CARNATION SALES - sale ends TODAY

Father's Day is on its way; It is time for us to say;

The UMM has a carnation sale that runs until June the ninth.

More information about the sale and the form to complete is in the bulletin today.

June 23, 2024

3rd Quarter Sheepdog Birthday Party

Join the celebration in fellowship and refreshments after both services with those who have had birthdays in the third quarter on this special day.

June 30, 2024

Church Potluck Dinner

Everyone's invited to participate in our potluck dinner. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy family time with your Church family. Sign up is optional, and the dinner will be after the second service downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Drinks will be provided. 😊

July 22, 23, and 24

Vacation Bible School

THEME: LOVE GOD- LOVE NEIGHBOR- LOVE SELF

We are working with Wesley UMC for an all age and all family Messy VBS.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS 🕒 Mark your calendars for **June 15-16** Thank you to all who support this ministry. We served about 90 meals in May. If you'd like to serve, please contact Carolyn Carr at cdccarr@yahoo.com. We serve at 4.

GIFTS OF LOVE ❤️ Thank you for your prayers & support. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the church or contact Carolyn Carr if you need help.

PRAYER CHAIN 🙏🙏 If you'd like to be a part of this, please send your email address-to Carolyn Carr cdccarr@yahoo.com

YARN MINISTRIES 🗨️ Prayer shawls, squares, cozies, angels, & crosses in my pocket are available to you as desire The Crochet Ministry will meet on Tuesday.

Children's Church will be taking a break for the summer . Thank you, parents, for your support. Please have a safe and fun summer. We will re-join Children's Church in the fall. Lena



We need a few volunteers to help with the bulletins on Wednesdays & Thursdays. If you're like to help, please contact Pastor Bart or Cathy. Thank you



On June 16th, at 5:30PM, come to SSUMC to Messy Church and bring some friends with you.

Many thanks to Ashley Lewis for being our worship and choir accompanist for 4 months! She has been faithful and helpful to keeping our choral program alive. Ashley will remain available for additional needs throughout the year, after Marguerite returns as organist.

HOW TO JOIN THE CHURCH

- Becoming a United Methodist begins with a desire to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ as part of a local congregation. For United Methodists, being baptized and committing to active participation in a church community are the first steps to becoming a member.
- Baptism marks the beginning of our lifelong journey as disciples of Jesus Christ. In baptism, we are initiated into the Christian church and incorporated into the community of God's people, the body of Christ. Those who have never been baptized will receive the sacrament of baptism before becoming members. Those previously baptized will reaffirm the Baptismal Covenant as part of their membership vows.
- In those vows, we promise to faithfully live out the call to serve Christ through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.
- Talk with a pastor about what it means to be a member and how to begin your faith journey as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

The United Methodist Men will meet this coming Wednesday, June 12th, at 6:00, at the Chestnut Mountain Ranch. For over 15 years the Ranch has served as a Christ-centered home and school for young men who need hope and restoration. This ministry works to reach the hearts of young men and restore broken families through a structured, loving community. Our men sponsor a cookout for the boys and staff. It also gives us the opportunity to fellowship and to be supportive of the boys, the staff, and the ministry. The Chestnut Mountain Ranch is located about 2.6 miles up the Kingwood Pike from the four way intersection of Dorsey Avenue and the Greenbag Road. At approximately 2.6 miles up the Kingwood Pike turn left onto Ponderosa Ponds Road. The Ranch community (and our cookout ministry) is about 0.6 miles down the Ponds Road. Take a moment to go to the site www.cmrwv.org and read additional information about this wonderful community and ministry. If there are any questions or a need for transportation, please call or text Dan Erenrich at 304-826-0930.