

Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church

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



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 14, 2024

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

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Office Hours: Mon-Thur, 9am-1pm

(**indicates to stand if able)

PRELUDE

Special Music by Gary Schlobohm

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

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven.

The hour is coming, and now is, when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him, bless His name! *(Discipleship Ministries)*

**HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH #139

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion.
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal-va-tion!
All ye who hear, now to His tem-ple draw near;
join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-ing
bears thee on ea-gle's wings, e'er in His keep-ing main-tain-ing.
God's care en-folds all, whose true good He up-holds. Hast thou not
known His sus-tain-ing?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend thee;
sure-ly His good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-tend thee.
Pon-der a-new what the Al-might-y can do, who with His love doth
be-friend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour-ish thy life and re-store thee,
fit-ting thee well for the tasks that are ev-er be-fore thee. Then to

thy need God as a moth-er doth speed, spread-ing they wings of
grace o'er thee.

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es before Him!
Let the a-men sound from His peo-ple a-gain; glad-ly for-ev-er a-
dore Him.

FIRST PRAYER

LITURGIST

God of Hosts, before whom David danced and sang, Mother of
mercy and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom all things
come together;

whenever we are confronted by envy, hate, or fear, give us
the faith of John the Baptizer that we may trust in the
redemption hope of you, our Messiah. Amen. (*Discipleship Ministries*)

PROCLAMATION

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

LITURGIST

6 ¹David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.
²David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah,
to bring up from there the Ark of God, which is called by the name of
the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. ³They carried the
Ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab,
which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were
driving the new cart ⁴with the Ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the
Ark. ⁵David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord
with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines
and castanets and cymbals.

¹² It was told King David, 'The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-
edom and all that belongs to him, because of the Ark of God.' So David
went and brought up the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to
the city of David with rejoicing; ¹³and when those who bore the Ark of
the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴David
danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a
linen ephod. ¹⁵So David and all the house of Israel brought up the Ark of
the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. ¹⁶ As the
Ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul
looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing
before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. ¹⁷ They brought in
the Ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David
had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and offerings of
well-being before the LORD. ¹⁸When David had finished offering the
burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people
in the name of the LORD of hosts, ¹⁹and distributed food among all the

people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gary Schlobohm

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PASTOR

**GOSPEL READING

MARK 6:14-29

PASTOR

6:14 King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the Baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." 6:15 But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." 6:16 But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." 6:17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. 6:18 For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 6:19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 6:20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. 6:21 But an opportunity came when Herod, on his birthday, gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 6:22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." 6:23 And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." 6:24 She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the Baptizer." 6:25 Immediately, she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." 6:26 The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. 6:27 Immediately, the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, 6:28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. 6:29 When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

SERMON

“Good vs Bad Dance”

PASTOR

**HYMN

He is Lord & Majesty...

UM #177 & 176

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is ris-en from the dead and He is Lord!
Ev-ery knee shall bow, ev-ery tongue con-fess that Je-sus Christ is Lord.

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty; Un-to Je-sus be all glo-ry hon-or and praise Maj-es-ty, kingdom, au-tho-rity, flows from His throne un-to His own; His an-them raise

So ex-alt, lift upon high the name of Je-sus. Magni-fy, come glori-fy Christ Je-sus, the King.

Maj-es-ty, wor-ship His maj-es-ty, Je-sus who died, now glo-ri-fied, King Of All kings. Je-sus who died, now glo-ri-fied King Of All kings.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(UM #883

Eldon Callen, CLM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(on screen) UM #891

WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING

INVITATION TO GIVE

Eldon Callen, CLM

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY (Unison)

UM #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(on screen)

Eldon Callen, CLM

Merciful God, in this time of giving and offering, we acknowledge our reluctance to be generous because we are scared. Teach us to get rid of fear and to dance in the face of fear. Help us be joyful and dance through our struggles and know we are dependent on You. As we bring forth our gifts, may we also bring our struggles, pain, worries, and fears too, but trusting in Your grace to transform them into hope that Your Kingdom will come. Amen. (*Discipleship Ministries*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UM #895

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

****HYMN**

When We All Get To Heaven

UM #701

1. Sing the won-drous love of Jesus; sing His me-rcy and His grace. In the man-sions bright and bless-ed He'll pre-pare for us a place.

**Refrain:*

When we all get to heav-en, what a day of re-joic-ing that will be!
When we all see Je-sus, we'll sing and shout the vic-to-ry!

2. While we walk the pil-grim path-way, clouds will o-ver-spread the sky; but when trav-eling days are o-ver, not a shad-ow, not a sigh.
**(repeat refrain)*

3. Let us then be true and faith-ful, Trust-ing, serv-ing ev-ery day; just one glimpse of Him in glo-ry will the toils of life re-pay. **(repeat refrain)*

4. On-ward to the prize be-fore us! Soon His beauty we'll be-hold; soon the pearl-y gates will o-pen; we shall tread the streets of gold.
**(repeat refrain)*

SENDING FORTH

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

PASTOR

Go now from this place blessed by grace to keep dancing. Keep dancing with the Triune God. Keep dancing with your neighbors. Keep dancing with all creation. Keep dancing in the love of God and for in that love of God your lives will be blessings to all you meet. Dance Well!!!

BLESSING

PASTOR

Go forth in peace; the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Special Music by Gary Schlobohm

THE WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS

RADIO, WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

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<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 *Please Remember to sign up in Seekers Hall.*

Altar Flowers *"In honor of Spruce Street UMC Congregation" Marge Lee.*

Radio Broadcast *In Loving Memory of Dewey and Mary Hastings.*

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

July 22, 23, and 24 Vacation Bible School THEME: LOVE GOD- LOVE NEIGHBOR- LOVE SELF July 22, 23 at WesleyUMC and July 24 at SSUMC for a cookout! Time: 6PM-7:30PM

Parents' Place is CURRENTLY ENROLLING!

For more information about the program or to register, visit www.parentspacewv.org

[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.

VOLUNTEERS

We need a few volunteers to help with the bulletins on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 11Am-1PM. If you're like to help, please contact Pastor Bart or Cathy. Thank you.

United Women In Faith will be having a potato bar/ice cream social after church on **Sunday, July 28th**. The cost is a free will donation.



Love God, Love Neighbor, Love Self

A FAMILY VBS FOR ALL AGES

July 22, 23 @ Wesley UMC
and July 24 @ Spruce St UMC for a cookout!
6pm-7:30pm

A MEAL, A MOMENT OF WORSHIP, ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

Community Holiday Meal= Thank you to all who were able to participate with the fun! We served about 150 people. The next one is Labor Day. More details later.

Our Church Potluck-Our dinner last Sunday was so much fun;time to talk, laugh, & eat some delicious food. If you couldn't come, you missed a good time & we missed you. We're going to have another one in September, unde3r the pavilion-will be our picnic. More details to come.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD:

(Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr at cdccarr@yahoo.com)

- Eileen Ford
- Kelsey Stancliff
- Art Ford
- Dottie Harman
- Connie Erenrich
- Stephen Grant
- Nathan Drumheller
- Ray & Carolyn Hubbard
- Sandra Britton
- Teresa Johnson
- Michael Hubbard
- Vic Zannotti
- Lacey Lewis
- Jacob Morgan & Family
- Debbie Patton
- Mildred McCracken
- Becky Sadler

(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
- Choir Director Ashley Lewis
- Organist Dr. Marguerite Bostonia

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 14	Worship & Christian Formation	
Wednes. July 17	Bible Study	11:00AM
	Prayer Mtg. Zoom	6:00PM
Thurs. July 18	Yoga	10:00AM

OUTREACH AND NURTURE MINISTRY

- **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** 🕊️ Thank you to all who support this ministry. Our next weekend is July 20-21. If you would like to serve, please contact Carolyn Carr at cdccarr@yahoo.com.
- **GIFTS OF LOVE** ❤️ Thank you for your prayers & support. We are collecting household & baby items for the Morgan family who lost everything in a fire. 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 Our Crochet group will not meet in July.