

Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church

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



11th Sunday After Pentecost

August 4, 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

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**

Psalm 51

LITURGIST

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
⁴ Against You, You alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified in Your sentence and blameless when You pass judgment. ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
⁶ You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart. ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have crushed rejoice. ⁹ Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.
¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

****HYMN**

And Can It Be That I Should Gain (vs. 1-3)

UMH 363

1. And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died He for me? who caused His pain! For me? who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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2. 'Tis mystery all: th' Immortal dies! Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore; let angel minds inquire no more.
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3. He left His Father's throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!),
emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.

'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!
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FIRST PRAYER

LITURGIST

O God, our bread, our milk, and our honey: In the resurrection of Your Son, You have brought us to your table. Feed us with Your plenty, and enlarge our table for all the hungry, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Alleluia. (*Book of Worship, 399 week 2*)

PROCLAMATION

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

LITURGIST

²⁶ When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷ When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD,

¹² and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³ but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴ Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' ⁵ Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶ he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.'

⁷ Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸ I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹ Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in His sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. ¹¹ Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. ¹² For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.' ¹³ David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the LORD.' Nathan said to David, 'Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die.'

CHOIR ANTHEM

I Want to Be Ready

Garner

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PASTOR

****GOSPEL READING**

John 6:24-35

PASTOR

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor His disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found Him on the other side of the lake, they said to Him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on Him that God the Father has set His seal.' ²⁸Then they said to Him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in Him Whom He has sent.' ³⁰So they said to Him, 'What sign are You going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe You? What work are You performing?' ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from Heaven to eat." ³²Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from Heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from Heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from Heaven and gives Life to the world.' ³⁴They said to Him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty.'

SERMON

"Consequences and Bread"

PASTOR

****HYMN**

Bread of the World

UMH 624

1. Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,

by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:

2. Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;

and be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH. 881

Eldon Callen, CLM

SERVICE OF TABLE

INVITATION

PASTOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UMH. 12

PASTOR

WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING

INVITATION TO GIVE

Eldon Callen, CLM

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(on screen)

Eldon Callen, CLM

Loving God, in this sacred moment of offering, we come before You with humble hearts, recognizing Your unwavering mercy and boundless compassion. As we present our gifts, may we also lay bare our shortcomings and seek Your forgiveness and guidance. Grant us the courage to confront our humanity and the strength to strive for righteousness in all our endeavors. Amen. (*Discipleship Ministries*)

GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

(on screen)

PASTOR

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH. 895

PASTOR

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

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

****HYMN**

And Can It Be That I Should Gain (vs. 4-5)

UMH 363

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;

thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;

my chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

5. No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine; alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

SENDING FORTH

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

PASTOR

God is full of mercy. God forgives. God calls us to forgive. God gives us Jesus the bread of life so that we will never be hungry because we are loved and forgiven. Go into our community to show it love and forgiveness in the name of Jesus.

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

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 Dianne!!

Altar Flowers *In memory of Luella Schlobohm -Gary and Maria.*

Radio Broadcast *In loving memory of Sue Olcott. ~ Penny Turley*

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

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.

SSUMC Offering & Attendance
Weekly Offering \$3,960.37
Attendance both services 66

July 28th, 2024
Weekly Budget \$5,067.31
on-line 287 Radio est.300

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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We are collecting school supplies for Scott's Run through August 15th.

OPEN HOUSE

Ever wonder what a preacher's house looks like? Now you can see! Come to the Wesley UMC Parsonage Open House on Sunday, August 11, between 2:00 and 4:00 PM! The house is located at 373 Rotary Street, and we're excited to show it off to you! There will be tours, conversation, fellowship, cookies—all the things that make life worthwhile. So put it on your calendar now: Parsonage Open House on August 11, from 2:00 to 4:00. See you there.

Parents' Place is CURRENTLY ENROLLING!

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, Aug. 4	Worship & Christian Formation	1:30PM
Monday, Aug. 5	Heritage	11:00AM
Wednes. Aug. 7	Bibe Study	6:00PM
	Prayer Mtg.	6:30PM
	Barnabas	10:00AM
Thurs. Aug. 8	Yoga	10:00AM-1PM
Sat. Aug. 10	Cub Scout Recruitment Party	

The Staff at Spruce Street UMC

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD:

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

- Eileen Ford's Family
- Art Ford
- Dottie Harman
- Connie Erenrich
- Stephen Grant
- Nathan Drumheller's Family
- Ray & Carolyn Hubbard
- Sandra Britton
- Teresa Johnson
- Edith Gibson
- Carol McCarney
- Peggy Brookes
- Michael Hubbard
- Vic Zannotti
- Lacey Lewis
- Jacob Morgan & Family
- Debbie Patton
- Mildred McCracken
- Becky Sadler
- Mary Townsend
- Judi McCracken
- Dave Turley
- Bob Ridgeway

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

OUTREACH AND NURTURE MINISTRY

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS 🍷 Thank you to all who support this ministry. Last weekend we served 80-85 meals. 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

PICNIC

In September, a church picnic will be held under the pavilion. There are more details to come.