



*“To see a World in a Grain of Sand
And a Heaven in a Wild Flower,
Hold Infinity in the Palm of Your Hand
And Eternity in an Hour.”*

- William Blake



Midway Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

July 7, 2019

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

10:55 a.m.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Welcome and Announcements

**Special Video Greeting from Reverend Teresa Hord Owens,
General Minister & President of the Christian Church,
Disciples of Christ, USA & Canada**

Introit

"This is the Day"

Choir

*Call to Worship:

One: We gather, looking back to see the paths taken,

All: **Looking forward to see our path.**

One: We honor those who have gone before us,

All: **Learning from their successes and failures.**

One: We celebrate who we are today,

All: **And welcome the possibilities and opportunities before us.**

One: We join our hands together, a sign of God's infinite love.

All: **Celebrating the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow.
Let us worship our God!**

*Opening Hymn

*"On This Day of Celebration"
See Back Cover*

*Invocation

*Lord's Prayer:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Chalice #36

*Passing of the Peace

*The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.
(Greet one another in the spirit of Christ)*

Prayer Hymn

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"
Chalice #86, All Verses

Prayer of the Congregation

Anthem: *"We Answer to the Call"* Choir

This special Anthem was commissioned by Midway Christian Church and was written by Dr. Johnie Dean (Assistant Conductor of the Lexington Singers).

Scripture: Matthew 1: 1-17

*(Page 1, New Testament, pew Bible)
This is the Word of God, for the people of God
Thanks be to God*

Sermon: *"Infinite Hands, Joined in Service and Love"*

Past, Present, & Future... A Candle-Lighting Litany See Insert

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

Hymn

"One Bread, One Body"
Chalice #393, All Verses

Words of Institution

Prayer

Communion

All are invited to take the bread as it is passed;
We will hold the cup to take together.
(Gluten-free communion wafers are available if needed)

Prayer for the Offertory

Offertory

*Doxology

Chalice #46

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn

"We Call Ourselves Disciples"
Chalice #357, All Verses

*Benediction

*Response

"From This Very Place"

Choir

*(*Please stand as you are able)*

On This Day of Celebration

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D ("Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")

On this day of celebration,
at this time when hopes are new,
God, we gather as your people,
called to put our trust in you.
You have made the world we live in;
you have worked through history.
In your plan we find our purpose,
in your love, our unity.

Through two thousand years of changes,
through these passing centuries,
You have called your church to witness
to Christ's love that claims and frees.
Each new generation hears you,
each must find a fresh new way
To make known the life you offer,
to the people in their day.

On this day, we pause and wonder
what the future years will bring,
Yet we know you clothe each flower
and you make each sparrow sing.
How much more will you protect us
with your guiding, caring hand!
By your Spirit, lead us boldly
in the future you have planned.

Participating in the service today:

Ministers: All of us

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Heather McColl

Music Director & Accompanist : Teena Chinn

Communion Prepared By: Anne Burford

Worship Leaders: Visiting Former Ministers



Past, Present, and Future....A Candle Lighting Litany

One: God of our past, we gather today to give thanks for the past. We remember the founders and builders. People who had a dream for a church in this place. People who helped it to grow. People who created space for worship, for study, for faith to be nurtured. We remember those who lit the light of faith. As these experiences have helped strengthen our foundation, we light a candle and promise:

All: **As it has shone for so many years, may it shine through our love and our service.**

One: God of growth, we remember those who helped this congregation to grow in wisdom and in faith. And so we think of study group leaders, clergy, choir directors, Sunday School teachers, and many others who provided leadership. We remember Elders, Board and committee members, men and women who stepped forward to provide governance and leadership. As these experiences have helped the light shine brighter, we light a candle and promise:

All: **As it has shone for so many years, may it shine through our love and our service.**

One: God of community, we remember events that brought us together: Thanksgiving Markets, Monthly Free Community Dinners, Rummage Sales, Election Day Pancakes, pot-lucks, picnics and many more. And for the gifts of friendship and fellowship we say thanks. We think also of the many groups that have met in this space: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, AA, Chi-Rho, CYF, Disciples Women Circles, Disciples Men, Green Chalice, Handbells, and Choir—Groups that provided times of fellowship and times of growth in community. As these experiences have helped to make the welcome wide, we light a candle and promise:

All: **As it has shone for so many years, may it shine through our love and our service.**

One: God of mission, we remember how Jesus called us to be like lights set high on a lamp-stand for all to see. We remember how Jesus called us to serve the least of his brothers and sisters. And so we remember all the ways the people of this place have lived out our mission of WELCOME. Supporting the community in which we live, work, and have our ministry to the best of our ability. As these experiences have helped shape us into the people you called us to be, we light a candle and promise:

All: As it has shone for so many years, may it shine through our love and our service.

One: God of our all our years, for 175 years of ministry to and with this community, for 175 years of growing together in love, we give you thanks. Yet, we know that our story is not complete. You have given us the promise that faith continues, that life continues, so we hold fast to the vision which you laid upon our hearts, to be a Christ-centered, welcoming community of faith, building on its historical mission of loving God and one another, in an atmosphere of spiritual growth, worship, and witness. May we walk boldly into what may come, as people, not only of faith, but of hope, celebrating those who will gather in this place for years to come. As these experiences have helped transform us into people of new life, we light a candle and promise:

All: As it has shone for so many years, may it shine through our love and our service now and forevermore. Amen.





THE MESSENGER

July 7, 2019

Announcements

- Our big 175th Anniversary Celebration is finally here! Starting with a special worship service, with festivities continuing into the afternoon.
- Volunteers are needed to help with MCC's night to host the Community VBS, which is Tuesday, July 9th.
- KICS (Kids K-5) will meet at 4:30 on Sunday, July 14th.
- Heather will be away at General Assembly from July 18 to 26.
- Locally Grown youth (Grades 6-12) will go to Newport Aquarium on July 23rd. Contact Midway Methodist for more info.
- Keenagers will travel to Prodigy Winery, Versailles Rd, Frankfort, on Thursday, July 25th. Please RSVP to the office by July 23rd.

Our Life Together

Sunday, July 7th

175th Anniversary Celebration!

Monday, July 8th

3:00-6:00 p.m. Midway Farmer's Market

Tuesday, July 9th

5:00 p.m. Community VBS @ MCC

Wednesday, July 10th

BG Cycling Club

7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, July 11th

11:30 a.m. Wo. Co. Caregivers @ Homeplace

Friday, July 12th

7:00 p.m. AA/Al-Anon

By The Numbers

General Fund Update

Weekly amount needed:	\$2,963.92
Amount Received last week:	\$2,747.00
General Fund balance:	\$5,556.72
Attendance last week:	61

Prayer List

Our Men and Women of the Armed Forces

Kata Wilson (Alzheimer's, Wilda Caudle's aunt)
Pam Edmiston (Brain cancer-Jan Blackwood's daughter)
Sandra Stewart (Lungs - Anne Burford's sister)
Mary Gallagher (Alzheimers-Ray Clark's mom)
Kathryn Roller (Homeplace at Midway - Dan's mother)
Meta & Andy Roberts (Sue's brother and sister-in-law)
Danny Daniels (Brain tumor - friend of Susan Shelton)
Wendy O'Donnell (Jeanne Clark's sister)
Mary Hopkins (Recovering at home- Karen Murphy's mom)
Carolyn Marx (Blood clots/Alzheimers - Jim Nance's sister)
Russell Hopkins (Prostate/Bone cancer-Karen Murphy's dad)
Don Johnson (Jestine's brother)
Brad Lanham (Stage 4 lung cancer—Dan Roller's cousin)
Robert Eckels (Lung cancer—Shirley's brother)
Gene Sturgill (Jeanne Clark's dad)
Jerry Koppman (Diabetes/dementia—Susan S's bro-in-law)
Ashley Hudson (Stroke, 31-yo w/new baby—Anne B's niece)
Lois Redden (Heart issues; home from hospital, on oxygen)
Dennis Carey Smith (Kidney/lung cancer—Anne B's brother)
Brenda Campbell Poole (Cancer—Wilda's friend's mother)
Liz Senn (Jeanne & Ray Clark's friend)
Marilyn Morrissey (Breast cancer - Etta & Jim's sister)
Keith Lingle (Brain tumor—Jeanne Clark's cousin)
Linda Jones (Knee surgery—CCinKY)
Leighton Riddle (Recovering from knee surgery)
Nancy Redmond (Fell, bleeding in brain)
The Hutcherson Family (Request continued prayers)
Pat Wilson (Moved to Homeplace Skilled Nursing)
Len King (Gravely ill—Wanda Alford's friend's husband)

Please keep these people in your daily prayers with God.

Serving This Month

Elders at the Table: Etta Manor & Sandy Gruzkesky

Deacons: Jeanne Clark, Ray Clark, Jill Giles, Carole Munson, Ian Thurman, Willa Michel, Chase Thurman

Acolytes: Willa Michel, Alex Woodruff, Hannah McColl, Jonathan McColl, Clara Thurman

Note to Our Visitors:

Welcome! We are blessed to have you with us. Please ask a greeter for a Visitor's Guide or directions to the nursery. We celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday, and everyone is invited to partake.



Community VBS

July 8-12, 5:00-8:30 p.m.
Grades K-5
Meets @ Midway Methodist



Volunteers are needed
for MCC's night—Tues., July 9th

Register here: <https://vbsmate.com/events/MidwayCommunityVBS/17730>

Keenagers Lunch

Thursday
July 25th, 11:30
Prodigy Winery
4686 Versailles Rd, Frankfort



Please RSVP to the office by July 23rd if you can join Keenagers (retirees and friends) for lunch at Prodigy Winery. *Carpool from church by 11:15.*

Midway Heritage Day

Saturday, July 27th, 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

After 60 years, the C&O 2716 train returns to Midway at 10:15 a.m.

Model train exhibits will be on display at City Hall and at Midway Christian Church (basement). The Midway Library will have Living History presentations, there will be nature walks at Walter Bradley Park, and several fun things going on downtown, including live entertainment from noon to 5 p.m.



Children and Youth:

- *There is a nursery available downstairs for children ages newborn to 3 years.*
- *Worship & Wonder is held in the basement classroom for kids aged 3 through 5th grade. If you want information or would like to volunteer for W&W, please see Heather.*
- *See a deacon for children's worship bags to use during the service.*



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175th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, July 7th, during and after church

During Sunday worship, we will present the Anniversary banner, created and assembled by Melinda Whitehead with the help of Mary Sayre, Carole Munson, Helen Agee, and others. Dr. Johnie Dean has written a special Anthem for the occasion, and we will have visitors from the recent and the not-so-recent past.

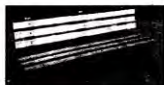


After church, visit the Hall of History for special displays, and bring your own lawn chairs for the festivities on the grounds (indoor seating will also be available if it's too hot, or if it's raining). BBQ & sides, gelato, drinks, and live music will be provided.

175th Anniversary Mission

Mission for July: 175 lbs of Bottle Caps

Bring in your plastic bottle caps which will be turned into benches and picnic tables!



Blessing Box

***Blessing those
in our community!***



Thank you for bringing non-perishable foods and personal hygiene/toiletry items to keep the Blessing Box on the MCC porch stocked. Please, no outdated foods!

Remember to remove/black out the bar codes to prevent abuse of this mission.

**Please bring these items to
the Narthex FOOD PANTRY
box:**

- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Shaving Cream
- Toothpaste/Brushes
- Soap/Body Wash
- Feminine Hygiene
- Foot Powder
- Canned heat-n-eat meals



Midway Christian Church's Vision Statement

The vision of Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is to be a Christ-centered, welcoming community of faith, building on its historical mission of loving God and one another, in an atmosphere of spiritual growth, witness, and worship.