

**OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

October 30, 2022

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 73:26, 28

\*HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #52

\*CONFESSION OF SIN: "We confess, Lord, that our hearts are not as big as yours. We easily reject or ignore some people, based on what little we know of them. But you, who love us so passionately, see the goodness of your creation in each person. Make us willing to see others as you see them. Break the power of sin in our lives that leads us to judge, isolate, and dismiss. Make our love more like the love of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen."

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Acts 2:38-39

\*GLORIA PATRI (Song of Praise) #623

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

NEW TESTAMENT (Unison): Galatians 3:5-9

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joshua 2:1-16

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

\*HYMN "Wonderful Words of Life: #270

SERMON "There's Room For Everyone"

\*HYMN "O, How I Love Jesus" #529

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (back cover of hymnal)

**OFFERING**

\*DOXOLOGY (Song of Dedication) #626

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Declaration of Barmen (insert)

\*BENEDICTION (Closing Blessing) 2 Peter 3:18  
(Response: "...And build each other up.")

\*CLOSING SONG "Jesus Loves Me" #579

(\* If you are able, please stand.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning's worship leaders:

Scripture Reader: Lorene W.

Children's Time: Jess S.

Today's Affirmation of Faith comes from the Theological Declaration of Barmen, written in Germany in 1933, as Hitler came to power. Many German Christians accepted his totalitarian claim of authority over the church, but a courageous group known as the Confessing Church opposed it. The Declaration of Barmen outlines their commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ alone.

The Helping Hands will meet after worship.

The Nominating Committee will meet after worship.

Please help us with our school food packing after worship. Sign up in the lobby if you'd like to help set up, clean up, adding fresh fruit later in the week, or delivery on Friday.

We've been invited by the churches of Evans City to join them in preparing a proposal to resettle a refugee family in our area. Please tell the pastor if you'd like to join him to represent Old Union at an informational meeting on Tuesday at 7:00 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The deacons will meet after worship next week.

Old Union's annual congregational meeting will be held after worship on November 13. Please join us to elect new officers, receive financial reports, and vote on the pastor's terms of call.

The Evans City Food Cupboard needs Christmas goodies, cookies, cakes, etc. for the month of November.

### Special Prayers of Concern:

Bonnie S.

Louise S.

Betty L.

Joan T.

Howard B.

Dolly K.

Rose F.

Josh H.

### Mission Co-Workers:

Unzu Lee, South Korea

### Military:

Jeremy H.

Matthew David M.

Justin T.

Scott F.

Frank D.

Michael S.

Glen P.

Will B.

Jacob H.

Christian C.

Ryan W.

Hunter M.

Christopher H.

Arthur B.

Kevin E.

Danner C.

Daniel B.

Spencer K.

Alex T.

## THE THEOLOGICAL DECLARATION OF BARMEN

(Excerpts)

We confess the following evangelical truths:

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts as Lord through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

The various offices in the church do not establish a dominion of some over the others; on the contrary, they are for the exercise of the ministry entrusted to and enjoined upon the whole congregation.

The State has the task of providing for justice and peace. The church calls to mind the Kingdom of God, God's commandment and righteousness, and thereby the responsibility both of rulers and of the ruled. We reject the false doctrine, as though the State should and could become the single and totalitarian order of human life, thus fulfilling the church's vocation as well.

The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.