

**Order of Worship**  
**October 1, 2023**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Everyone Welcome!**

Welcome and Announcements                      Janet Meadows, Liturgist

Call to Worship – “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”                      UM Hymnal # 334  
There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord. There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love. And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

\*Hymn of Praise and Lighting of Candles                      Don Johnson

Personal Sharing    Janet Meadows

Concerns and Praises

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, which 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Offering

\*Doxology    UM Hymnal # 95

Hymn of Preparation    Don Johnson

\*Scripture    Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon    Joe Beavon

Hymn of Dedication    Don Johnson

**OUR ALTAR IS ALWAYS OPEN!**

\*Benediction and Shalom

*Upcoming Events*

Wednesday, October 4 & 11: 5:00pm the “Joyful Noise” will practice for the Fall program.

Saturday, October 7: United Women in Faith will meet at the church to drive to Sparta First UMC. Please be here by 7:00am.

Sunday, October 8: Our new District Superintendent, Rickey Wade will preach today, with a covered dish dinner to follow the worship service with Church Conference immediately after dinner.

Saturday, October 14: 1:30-3:30pm BINGO Fun Day Free to everyone! Door Prizes!

Sunday, October 15: the “Joyful Noise” will perform our Fall program, “The Gifts of God”!

## *Prayers & Concerns*

Katherine Johnson - ongoing care

Tyler Stafford - transplant issues

Jaymon Loftis - diabetes

Sue Matthews – health concerns

Maria Rakaska – health concerns

Steve Chapman – health concerns

Judy Denny – health concerns

David Bryant – cancer

Shirley Tayse – health concerns

Kerry Mitchell – Prayers for Ann Hart

Susan Huffines – health concerns

Rich Wilson – Prayers

Harold & Betty Martin – ongoing health issues

Benton Quarles – Prayers

Tom Barlow – Prayers

Joe & Jane Beavon - Prayers

## *Grief*

Ray Hansen – Prayers for the loss of his son, Mark

## *Gainesboro First United Methodist Church*



*“A Caring Community of Faith”*

**Email Pray Request: [gainesboromethodist@gmail.com](mailto:gainesboromethodist@gmail.com)**

**Last week's plate offering: \$1,829.20**

**Weekly amount needed to be on budget: \$1,500.00**

**Plate offering for September: \$5,442.80**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 31**

**Online Views of Streaming Video: 51**

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