



**September 19 & 22, 2021**

## GATHER

### Welcome and Announcements

**Moments of Praise** I am Thine, O Lord UMH 419



### Greeting and Call to Worship

L: Our good works are done with gentleness.

**P: Bitterness only leads to anguish.**

L: God seeks peace and hope for all God's people.

**P: But if our hearts are filled with anger, we reject God's mercy.**

L: Open our hearts, O Lord, and help us to listen.

**P: Open our lives, O Lord, and prepare us to serve.**

**AMEN.**

## WORD

**Scripture Lesson** James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a NRSV

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. 16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

4 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? 2 You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do

not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

L: The word of God to the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Time

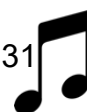
### Sermon

Gentleness of Wisdom

Pastor Kelsey

## RESPONSE

**Response Song** Let There Be Peace on Earth UMH 431



### Prayers of the People

### Passing of the Peace



### Offering & \*Doxology

## SEND

**\*Closing Song** They'll Know We Are Christians CH 429



### \*Benediction



### Postlude

## A reminder:

- ★ If you haven't completed the blue communication and worship volunteer survey, please get one from the welcome table. Put it in the blue bin or return it to the church office by September 22 .

## CURRENT WORSHIP GUIDELINES

Current COVID guidelines to help keep us all as safe as possible:

- **Masks are required** for all.
- Please **Social Distance** while sitting in the pews.
- Bulletins, and Offering/Loose change is on the welcome table.
- Childcare is in the basement with a vaccinated, paid adult (on Wed). Kids must maintain safety restrictions while there.
- We will be sharing the Wednesday service over Zoom live.

### Welcome to Parents with Children

*Thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church.  
Please know that your family – with all of its noise, struggle, commotion,  
and joy – are not simply tolerated: you are a vital part of this community.  
We love to have you and your children with us.*

**Parents:** please ask an usher for worship packs for your children.

### Hospitality and Accessibility

- Bathrooms are located next door in the fellowship hall.
- Nursery and changing area are located downstairs.
- Large print materials are available in the narthex
- **Join us for food and fellowship next door after worship!**

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### Getting Connected

To receive church updates	text <b>HopkinsUMC</b> to 84576 or <b>flocknote.com/HopkinsUMC</b>
To give electronically	<a href="http://hopkinsumchurch.org/give">hopkinsumchurch.org/give</a>
To contact the Prayer Team	Bertha Tew at (269) 793-7424
To contact the Church Office	Mitzi Crowe at (269) 793-7323 <a href="mailto:hopkinsumcni@gmail.com">hopkinsumcni@gmail.com</a>
To contact the Pastor	Rev. Kelsey French at (248) 613-0366 <a href="mailto:PastorKelseyFrench@gmail.com">PastorKelseyFrench@gmail.com</a> Office Hours: Tues-Thurs by appointment

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## Announcements September 19 & 22, 2021

**Sept 20** - Being Brave trip to Albion College, leave Hopkins at 3:30pm

**Oct 12** - Mentoring Meeting at 10am in HUM Hall

**Nov 8** - Church Charge Conference on Zoom at 1:45pm

### Newsletter Information

If you have information you'd like included in the October/November newsletter, please get it to Mitzi, in writing, by Wednesday, September 22. Remember your Accentuating the Positive

### Being Brave Field Trip!

Ibram X Kendi, famous author of *How to Be an Antiracist*, will be speaking at Albion College on Sept 20th, 6:30-7:30pm. Kendi will be sharing his perspective on important issues facing our society today, with a focus on how communities like Albion can become a space of belonging. We will carpool there (leave at 3:30pm) and share in dinner before the event. If you would like to go but won't be able to carpool, please ask Mitzi or Kelsey for details.

### Being Brave School Supply Project

The Being Brave group has decided to collect school supplies to distribute to school aged children who need them. The main focus will be for Foster Children. We will make the schools aware that we have them for anyone who might move in. We are asking for donations of backpacks, crayons, pencils, colored pencils, notebooks, folders, pencil boxes, markers, etc. There will be a collection basket at all of the worship services. Thanks for your help.

### Mentoring at Hopkins Elementary

Mentoring will be restarting this Fall! Let Alys know if you would like to be a mentor. Mentor orientation meeting Tuesday, Oct 12 at 10am.

### Coming Soon - A way to help Haiti

Start saving your change! In October we will be doing a special fundraiser to help those people who were, once again, devastated by natural disasters in Haiti. We will start distributing the needed supplies and information on Sunday, October 3rd.

## Prayer Requests and Thanksgivings

**We pray with thanksgiving for...** those who are willing to take part in church leadership; those who work to keep our church buildings and grounds safe and well taken care of; COVID vaccine, people who continue to contribute to the food pantry, those who have gotten jobs.

**We pray God's blessing for...** Bob Beck; Vern & Judy Kraft; Lori Knuth, Bert & Jim Tew; MaryLou Brennan; Lorraine (Margaret's daughter); Wednesday night worship service; all caretakers; the many grieving deaths and losses; those without jobs and looking for jobs.

**Our Sympathies go to...** the family of Dennis Kennedy on his passing.

**We pray for the church and for the world...** Haiti; Afghanistan; flood & wildfire zones; Increasing Homeless populations across the US; pandemic continuing with variants; Amelia Green our seminarian; the future of the UMC; Bishop Bard and DS Bagley; Pastor Kelsey and Brennen; immigrants and asylum seekers; all who tend and farm the land; for leadership of our nation; for first responders, health care and essential workers; for teachers, students, and families; for social and racial justice.

**Share your requests!** Call Pastor Kelsey (248-613-0366) or Bert Tew (269-793-7424)

### Need a listening ear or have a faith question?

Pastor Kelsey is available for pastoral care meetings. Email or call her to schedule a visit

### September Birthdays

6 - Joyce Horton

14 - Rj Arndt

11 - Jim Thomas

19 - Brianna Goodenough

### September Anniversaries

3 - Jim & Phyllis Thomas

25 - Jim & Sandy Ringler

### Worship Volunteers

**September Greeters:** Bob Beck & Carl Collier

**September 12** - @ Common Ground

**Liturgist** - Mitzi Crowe

**September 19** - @ HUMC

**Liturgist** - Vern Kraft