



**Community of Christ Lutheran Church**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 6, 2024, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**  
**Pastor Stephen C. Bond**



**THE GATHERING**

**Welcome**

Pastor Steve Bond

Musical Prelude      “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” by John Leavitt      Eric Dickey

**WE REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM**

“Confession and Forgiveness”

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first, we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace, you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

748

## Bind Us Together

*Refrain*  
F

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

C<sup>7</sup> F F

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

Dm Gm C F

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

F C<sup>7</sup> F F C<sup>7</sup> F

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.  
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

*Refrain*  
F C<sup>7</sup> F F C<sup>7</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>/C

There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing;  
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.

## Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** **And also with you.**

## The congregation will sing the refrain only

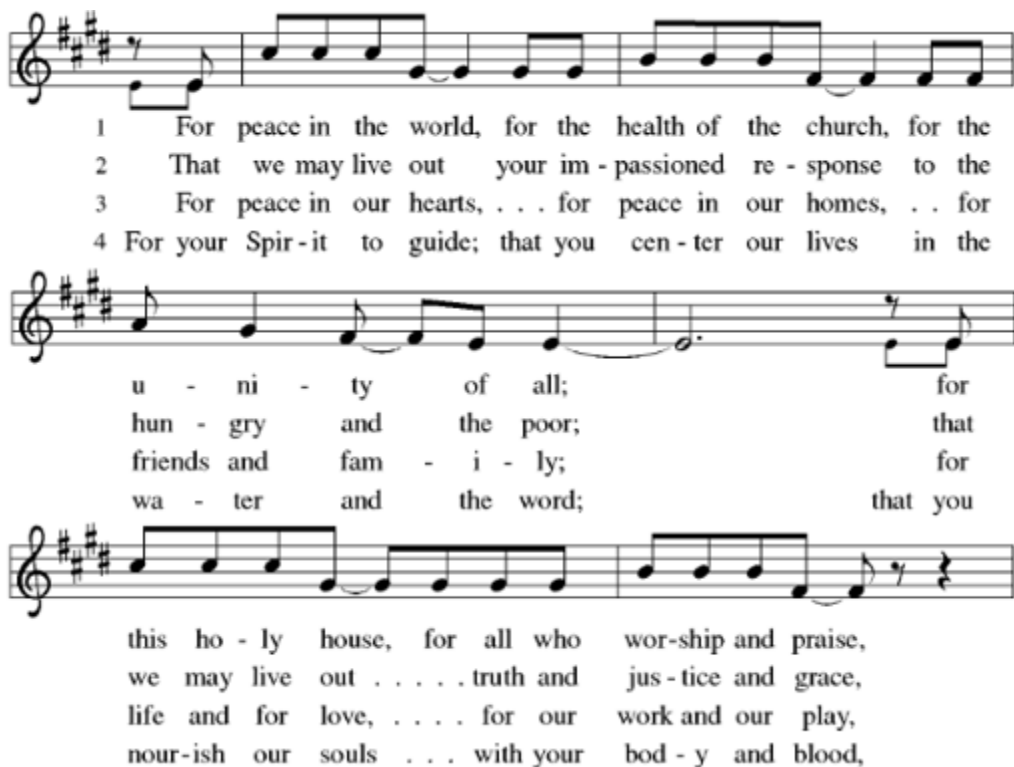
*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

## The Pastor will sing the verses



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour - ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



### **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **Childrens Sermon**

## **THE READINGS**

### **The First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

**L** The Word of the Lord **C Thanks be to God!**

### **The Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12**

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his

powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,<sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,

<sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation, I will praise you.”

**L The Word of the Lord C Thanks be to God!**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:2-16**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to... **C** **Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.”

<sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord! **C** **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon**

*" Love in the Time of Disposability "*

*Pastor Steve Bond*

**Hymn**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

**ELW 656**

## **The Apostle’s Creed**

**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **WE DEDICATE OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER**

**P** Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

**AM** God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**AM** Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**AM** Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**AM** Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering; **Tom Jennings, Sue & Jim Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Frank O'Konski, Larry Geer, Luke Holtz, Susie Donnal, Ron Hetherwick, Jack Miller, Kathy Reichenback, Karen Schroeder, Jake Cope, Isaac Evans....** and all others whom we remember in silence. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**AM** Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**AM** God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet, especially Troy Bernhard. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen**

### **THE MEAL**

*All Christians are welcome to commune at our Altar. You do not have to be a member of this congregation to receive Communion. Grape juice is available in the inner ring of glasses for those desiring it. A “gluten-free” host option is available upon request as well.*

#### **Sharing of the Peace**

**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you all! **C And also with you!**

*Share an expression of peace with your neighbor, please.*

*The congregation continues to stand during Tithes and Offerings if you are able.*

**Our Tithes and Offerings** *Bring your gifts to the Altar or you may offer gifts in the tray located at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.*

#### **Offering Prayer**

**AM** Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. **Amen.**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**\*\*The Eucharistic Prayer Continues.....**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### The Words of Institution

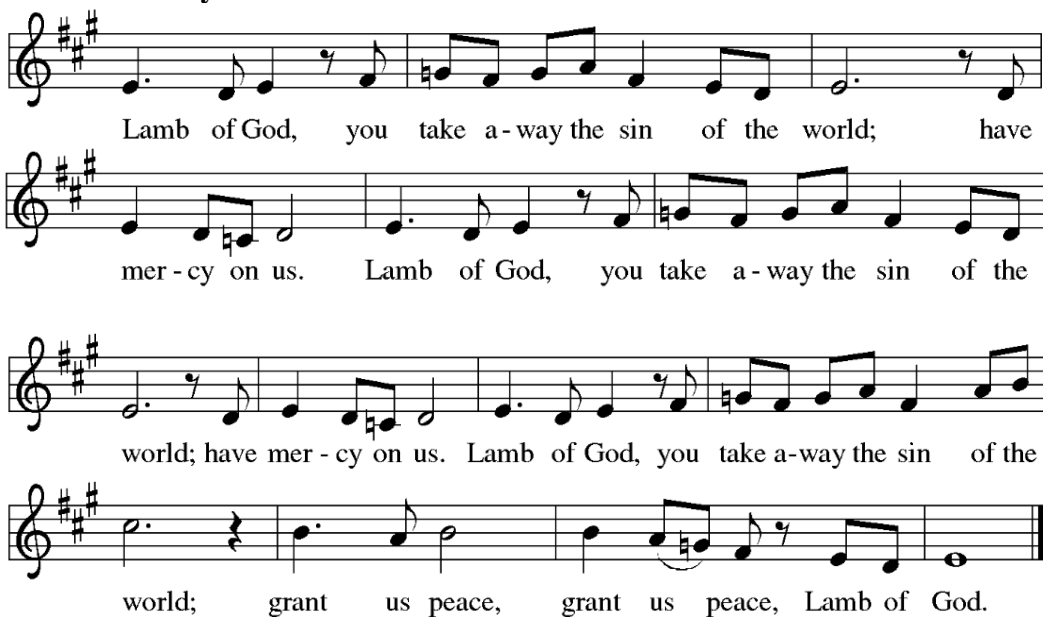
*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me.*

### The Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray... **C** **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 and ever. Amen.**

## Communion Hymns

### “Lamb of God”



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## Hymn

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

ELW 461

“As the Grains of Wheat”

ELW 465

## Post Communion Blessing

### Prayer at the Sending of Communion

O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are *sick/homebound*. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

**AM** Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE SENDING

### *Milestones & Announcements:*

#### **The Blessing**

**P** God all mighty, God most merciful ✝ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

#### **Sending Hymn**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

**ELW 836**

#### **Dismissal**

**AM** Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

**AM** And next week, **C Bring a friend!**

# Worship SERVICES

## “Making Jesus Known”

Welcome to Community of Christ! Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning! TODAY we are back with our TWO Worship Services, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. with Facebook Live at 10:00 a.m. *Join us in between for Sunday School!* Classes will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m., for adults and kids of all ages. Join us as we resume our regular rhythm! See you next week and don't forget to Bring a Friend!!



**\*\*\*ATTENTION Members and Friends\*\*\*  
SPONSORED WEEKENDS HAVE NOT  
BEEN TURNED IN\*\*\***

**If you have sponsored a weekend for Altar Flowers and have not turned in your envelope(s) please do so no later than the Sunday before that weekend so this can be shared in the bulletin. Thank you ☩**

**Altar Flowers are given by Tim & Julie Holliker in  
celebration of 38 years of marriage ❤️**

### **Sunday Morning Adult Forum Series**

Join US for our Adult Bible Series, “Held in Trust,” intended to help us see our whole lives in response to God’s goodness. We will meet between services (from about 9:15-9:45 a.m.) in the library. This is a six-part series looking at everything as a gift of God, and our role as stewards of those gifts. Beyond just thinking about “how we raise money to pay the church’s bills,” we’ll be exploring a whole-life perspective that sees our time, our talents, our treasures, and creation itself as gifts

held in trust, for which we are caregivers. Over these weeks, we'll gain a new perspective on everything in our lives, with a look at both biblical ideas of stewardship and practical connections for our daily lives. In today's session, we will discuss *Where Our Treasure Is: Rethinking Money and Faith*. Upcoming sessions to include *Oct. 13—Stewards of Time: Making the Most of Each Day* *Oct. 20—Unexpected Gifts: Offering Our Weaknesses*.

### **Bible Study Series: "Freed... For Love" Explores Galatians!**

We live in a culture where ads promise us great deals and promotions for "free," but they always come with fine print, conditions, or limits. What if the Good News of Jesus were different, and we really were freed without a catch--what if we were freed... FOR LOVE? That's the question at the heart of Paul's letter to the Galatians, and it's where our Thursday Bible Study series will take us. Starting right now, you can join us in person at 1:00 p.m. at Community of Christ for a deep dive into an important letter of the New Testament and the BIG questions like, "What puts me in the right relationship with God?" or "How does Jesus welcome outsiders?" and "What am I freed FOR in my life?" Everybody is welcome, and if you can't make a session in person, you can catch up online with our weekly video summary sessions which you can find on our Facebook page and YouTube. Come check out what it means to be freed... for love!

### **Welcome Table Wednesdays**

Please join us, children, families, and adults for our *last* Welcome Table Wednesday! Dinner will be open to all from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Then at 7:00 p.m., we have activities that are especially geared for kids and families, with music, stories, crafts, and games. It's open to everyone, too! *(Of course, if you are here for CHOIR bring your kiddos along as this is a great chance for them to do fun and faithful activities with music, art, stories, and games while you SING!)* We wrap up by 8:00 p.m. so you will have the rest of your evenings after that! Please sign up each week if you plan to attend so we know how many to expect! Thank you and see you there!

**Concert Committee** Community of Christ has a long and rich tradition of hosting musical events like concerts, recitals, and other performances. Our current worship space was designed with concert acoustics in mind as well as our Sunday services, and our 50th anniversary events last year included several special concerts that many had the chance to enjoy. Moving forward, we are rebooting our Concert Committee in the hopes of continuing to host special events and musical performances for the wider community, and we already have some ideas in the

works for this fall. We would LOVE your help to bring special events like this to Community of Christ, so if you are excited about the idea of hosting more concerts and special performances here, join us for an organizational meeting on Tuesday, October 8, at 6:00 p.m. (in the hour before council) to help us get the rejuvenated Concert Committee off the ground!

**Ladies Bible Study** starting November 5th, we will study Kristi McLelland's, "Luke in the Land". This seven-week video with a study guide allows us to explore the land of Israel based on the Gospel of Luke. We will explore Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Jerusalem, and the road to Emmaus. Along the way, we'll see how Jesus brought His kingdom to earth for everybody. Please sign up at the kiosk. Plus be sure to order the study guide 'Luke in the Land'. The class will start @ 8:30 a.m. and go on until 10:00 a.m. Any questions? Call Becky King @ 419-349-7319

**We will be wrapping up the Ladies Lunch for 2024** at Carrabba's Italian Grill on Friday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 a.m. located at 3405 Briarfield Blvd Maumee, OH. \*\*Please note Carrabba's does not take reservations but call-ahead seating so I will be calling in @ 11:00 a.m. Please keep me updated about your attendance so I can have as accurate of a count as possible. Sign up at the kiosk! Questions?? Call me @ 419-349-7319. see you then- Becky King

**Lutheran Disaster Response:** As we witness the impact of Hurricane Helene on the Southeastern United States, we have the opportunity to accompany our prayers with support for the critical work of Lutheran Disaster Response who is on the ground with the communities most deeply affected. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to Hurricane Helene and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Your gifts help our church provide immediate relief, such as water, clothing, gift cards, tarps, and other needs. Since many hurricanes also require a long-term response, Lutheran Disaster Response provides support on the long road to recovery with disaster case management, construction management, unmet needs, and emotional and spiritual care. If you wish to donate, please make checks payable to Community of Christ and place your designation in the memo line or if this is a gift of cash, please place your name, the amount, and designation on the envelope. Thank you and Christ's Blessings to you.

**Worship Services**  
 Available on the net  
 at [www.commofchrist.org](http://www.commofchrist.org)  
 OR you can use your cell  
 phone camera to access our  
 website with our QR code!



# What's Happening This Week?



<b>Visitation Ministry</b>
Monday, October 7, 10:00 a.m.
<b>Ladies Bible Study</b>
Tuesday, October 8, 8:30 a.m.
<b>Concert Committee</b>
Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 p.m.
<b>Council Meeting</b>
Tuesday, October 8, 7:00 p.m.
<b>Welcome Table Wednesday</b>
Wednesday, October 9, 6:00 a.m.
<b>Choir Practice</b>
Wednesday, October 9, 7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday Bible Study</b>
Thursday, October 10, 1:00 p.m.
<b>Bell Choir</b>
Thursday, October 10, 7:30 p.m.
<b>VM Cookie Baking</b>
Thursday, October 10, 9:00 a.m.
<b>VM Cookie Packaging</b>
Friday, October 11, 9:00 a.m.

<b>Time, Talent, and Treasure Forms Due</b>
Sunday, October 13



Did one of our Bible readings capture your attention today? Was there a story you could picture in your mind? Did a phrase from a hymn or a thought from the sermon start some new ideas or inspire some reflection? Did a Scripture passage spark a question for you to think about? Use this space here as an open canvas for your faithful imagination: you can draw a picture of something you pictured, write a question, take

notes from the message or scriptures, or doodle your faith into a visible form here. Then, either take it with you or leave your thoughts and images here to be shared in an ongoing collection here at Community of Christ!