

September 28 2025

Cokesbury UMC

## Welcome and Greeting

Call to Worship: L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**All: Who made heaven and earth, who keeps faith forever, who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.**

L: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down and loves the righteous.

**All: The Lord watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow.**

L: The Lord will reign forever. **All: Praise the Lord!**

Hymn     *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*                      UMH 127

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
(want no more) feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, when the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;  
(strength and shield) be thou still by strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;  
(give to thee) I will ever give to thee.

Opening Prayer: Almighty God, Gracious and Holy One, you are the bread of heaven who feeds and nourishes us; you are the fountain of healing stream that sustains us; your presence strengthens and sustains us. Prepare us to hear your word read and preached so that our hearts may receive the message you have for us today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Scripture Reading     Luke 16:19-31                      Liturgist

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will

repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’

Scripture Reading                      Amos 6:1, 4-7                      Liturgist  
Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts! Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.’

Liturgist: The Word of God to us. The Word of God for us. The Word of God among us. Let us say: **All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon    **Pastor Gayle**

Service of Baptism    UMH 39

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Doxology

## Announcements

Hymn                      Christ Beside Me                      TFWS 2166  
Christ beside me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me- King of my heart;

Christ within me, Christ below me,  
Christ above me never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me—shield in the strife;  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising—light of my life.

## Benediction

**TFWS: The Faith We Sing    UMH: United Methodist Hymnal**

**Please pray for:** Mary L., Roshier and family, Paul Arundel, Jeannie, John Jewell, Mary B., Kim, Gregg, Weiss family, Kyle, Sapp family, Barbara and Ed, Meg B. Laura, Louise, Mark, Elaine, Cheryl, MaryBeth, James and Denise, Falla and Rachael, Christopher H., Nalo, Pearl, Emilia, Tom, Ayinde, Koto, Natasha, Travis, Claire.

**Welcome Adriella and Adriel**

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**Revenues \$91,583    Expenditures: \$94,317    -\$2,734**

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**This Week at Cokesbury**

**Men's Breakfast** Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am

**Conversation Café:** ESL Saturdays at 10am

**Centering Prayer** Wednesdays at 5:30pm

**Choir Practice** Saturdays at 12 Noon

**Ministries**

Featherstone Elementary School Weekend Food Bags.

New Clothing: sweatpants all sizes, underwear sizes 8-16. coats.

**Charge Conference Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>**

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