

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Rev. Linda Bibb/Rev. Lana Robyne

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. This week we celebrate Preschool Bible Time! Many children and families are blessed by this opportunity to learn more about Jesus and their Christian faith. Your generosity supports this ministry and the others of our congregation. I invite you once again to give generously as we worship God through the sharing of our gifts, tithes, and offerings.

The Offertory Music "Trumpet Air" H. Purcell

\*The Presentation Music "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn #94

\*The Prayer of Dedication (Unison) Rev. Linda Bibb/Rev. Lana Robyne

**Wise and loving God, you are the source of goodness in our lives. Thank you for your Wisdom, your creation, and your Word. Thank you for your Son, Jesus who draws all these gifts together in his teaching, in his death, and in his resurrection. Receive our offerings and our gratitude this day, and give us the wisdom to use our gifts and our very lives to fulfill your desires in the world. Amen.**

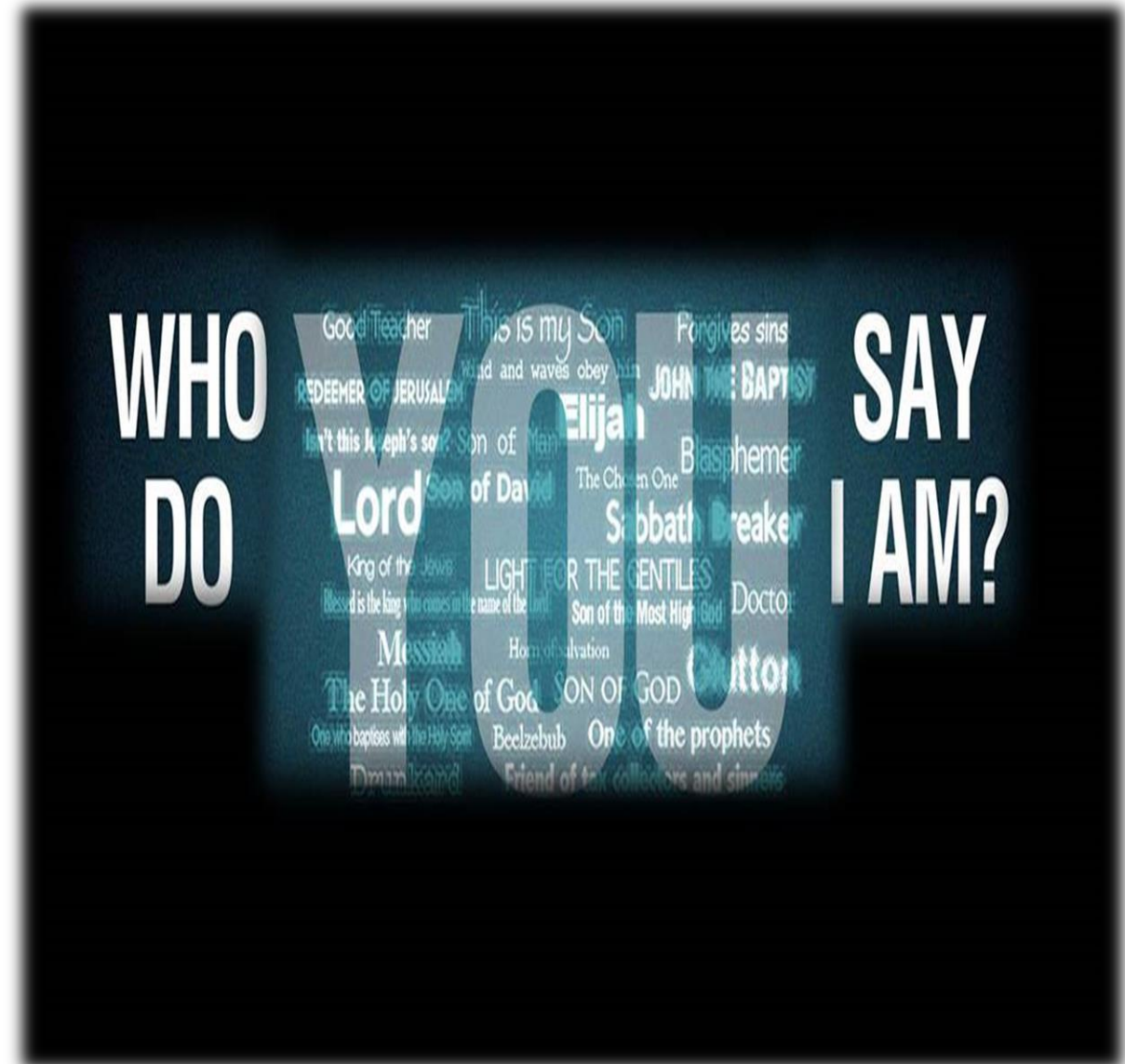
\*HYMN OF BENEDICTION "Would I Have Answered When You Called" The Faith We Sing #2137

\*THE BENEDICTION Rev. Stephen Bibb

THE POSTLUDE "The Heavens Are Telling" B. Marcello

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: Liturgist: Tom Wills (8:30); Diane Stott (11:00)  
Organist/Pianist: Lisa Johnson Mott/Jorie Ronschke Audio Techs: Bob Nicholson, David Caddy, Katie Wereley-Bross, John Davis, Jonathan Heinz PowerPoint: Stu Kline, Brian Martin & Bob Nicholson Video Techs: Neil McTavish/Jonathan Heinz/Peyton O'Brien



September 16, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 AM

First United Methodist Church, West Lafayette

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. Linda Bibb/Rev. Lana Robyne

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENT

As we seek to build up this congregation as the Body of Christ, we want to remind you that our church has a Prayer Chain. You are welcome and encouraged to be a member of the Prayer Chain and/or ask to be placed on the Prayer Chain when you are in need of prayer. Please see the Announcement Folder for contact information as well as for information on all of the events and opportunities available.

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

"Undulato"

R. Purvis

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) (Based on Psalm 19)

Liturgist

*(You are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so.)*

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. But there is no speech; their voice is not heard;

**PEOPLE: YET THEIR VOICE GOES OUT THROUGH ALL THE EARTH, AND IN IT HAS GOD SET THE SUN. ITS RISING IS FROM THE END OF HEAVEN AND TO ITS END; NOTHING IS HID FROM ITS HEAT.**

Leader: The Commandment of the Lord is pure; God's ordinances are true and righteous altogether.

**PEOPLE: MORE TO BE DESIRED ARE THEY THAN GOLD; SWEETER THAN THE DRIPPINGS OF THE HONEYCOMB.**

Leader: By them is your servant warned; in keeping them is great reward.

**PEOPLE: CLEAR ME FROM MY HIDDEN FAULTS, LET THEM NOT HAVE DOMINION OVER ME AND I SHALL BE INNOCENT OF GREAT TRANSGRESSION.**

**ALL: LET THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH AND THE MEDITATION OF MY HEART BE ACCEPTABLE IN YOUR SIGHT, O LORD, MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

Hymn #152

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Linda Bibb/Rev. Lana Robyne

An appropriate response to the greeting "May the peace of Christ be with you" are the words, "And also with you".

THE EPISTLE LESSON

James 3: 1-12

Liturgist

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Stephen Bibb

*(11:00-Children age 2 through 4th grades may now leave from the service for Worship Express.)*

MESSAGE IN MUSIC (8:30) "Be Thou My Vision"

Traditional/arr. T. Fettke

MorningStar Ladies Choir directed by Ellen Wilson, accompanied by Lisa Johnson Mott

(11:00) "Come and Fill This Place"

Denson/arr. Kinsmore

A gentle song of invocation for God to enter our worship, to display His holiness, and to fill us. "Your love and nothing less conquers my emptiness ...

Pour out Your mercy, come and fill this place."

Chancel Choir directed by Ellen Wilson, accompanied by Lisa Johnson Mott

OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Linda Bibb/Rev. Lana Robyne

The Lord's Prayer

**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. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"The God of Abraham Praise"

HYMN #116

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8: 27-38

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,

For the Word of God among us,

For the Word of God within us;

**All: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

"But Wasn't My Answer Right?"

Rev. Stephen Bibb