

CLOSING BLESSING

PASTOR: May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, may the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

ALL: And you as well. Amen.

*Standing as able or desired

**GUEST, please place an information card in the offering or give it to an usher. Be sure to indicate any follow-up we can offer.

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. office@signalhillumc.org

October 8, 2017

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREET ONE ANOTHER, MEET SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGIST: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ALL: This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

LITURGIST: The hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

ALL: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!

*SONG: "The Church's One Foundation" - UMH #546

ACOLYTE

OPENING PRAYER (unison) - O God, our Guide and Guardian, you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house. Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth, to the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, that we may not fear the coming of night, when we shall resign into your hands the tasks which you have committed to us. So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OFFERING

**Procession: "Something Beautiful" - UMH #394

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) - UMH #882

CHOIR ANTHEM: "The Power of Your Love"

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS: Prayer Requests

Litany Response: "Lord, hear our prayer"

PRAYER of RECONCILIATION (unison) -

O holy and merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves the yoke of obedience, nor been willing to seek and to do your perfect will. We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have called to us in the need of our sisters and brothers, and we have passed unheeding on our way. In pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ, and have grieved your Holy Spirit. This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus the Son cleanses us from all sin. May almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins, and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God's glory, in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*SONG: "How Great Thou Art" - UMH #77

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 3:4-14

MESSAGE: "Pressing Toward the Mark" - Rev. Arthur Francis

SONG: "Forward Through the Ages" - UMH #555

ACOLYTE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVERY WEEK

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Infants, Nursery; Children, Fellowship Hall;
Youth, Youth Room; Adults: Memorial Hall & Asbury Hall

FOOD COLLECTION: Rotating among Bethany Place,
Violence Prevention Center, *St. Clair Co Emergency Fund*

CHOIR PRACTICE every **Thursday** at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES will be collected throughout the year. Please place your
donated items in the designated boxes in the Narthex.

BIBLE STUDY - Tuesday Morning –

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FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE

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