

Abundant Grace UCC

September 29, 2024

9:30 am Worship Service

18200 Dixie Hwy, Homewood IL, 60430

Next Sunday:October 6, 2024
 Liturgist: Peggy Wing Job 1:1 & 2:1-10

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory and honor of God, by Vern Olson.

Gift Card Orders: Next Sunday is Gift Card Sunday. You will find an order form in your bulletin today, to give you time to fill it out and turn in with payment by next Sunday. Remember, gift cards are not only for gifting, but also for your regular shopping. There is no carrying charge on gift cards purchased from us.

DO-ABLE COMMITTEE: Thank you so much for loading up the Lunch Bunch project for Respond Now. All of the food items will be taken this week, and will provide many tasty lunches. We appreciate your generosity once again to make life a little easier and more enjoyable for so many.

Remember, if you wish to have an announcement in the Sunday Bulletin, please submit it to the office by **9:00 am, Wednesday, before bulletins are printed on Thursday morning.** And if you would like the announcement repeated a number of times, please include that information with the announcement request.

Special Prayer Requests: In upholding our commitment as members and friends to one another, we ask you to keep the following member families and friends in your prayers this week:

Jean Dougherty	Rev. Keitric & Dr. Lakshmi Emory	Lois Fritz
Rev. Melbalenia Evans & Micheal Thomason		Pat Garnett
Melinda Geist	Max Geldean	Elmer & Anna Washington



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Today	Worship Service	9:30 am	Saturday Benevolence/
Tuesday	Bible Study	10:00 am	Do-Able Mtg
	Pastor/Chair/		Away
	Vice Chair Meeting	12:00 pm	Sunday Worship Service
Thursday	Choir Rehearsel	7:00 pm	9:30 am
			Blood Pressure
			10:30 am
			Checks

Pastor.....Rev. Keitric Emory
 Choir Director.....Ronisha Penner
 Organist/Pianist.....Leon Dubose Sr.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

PRELUDE *"Amazing Grace"*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, and CALL TO WORSHIP Mae Brandon

+HYMN #18 (vs.1) *"The Name of the Lord"* Utterbach

+PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION (in unison)

Righteous God, we acknowledge the need for repentance and repair. We have confused seeking the common good, with controlling our neighbor. We have conflated unity with uniformity. We have cosigned on societal norms that divide, segregate, and exclude, rather than becoming agents of cultural change to bridge, welcome, and belong. Transform our hearts and stir our souls. Foster a spirit of curiosity, hospitality, and reconciliation, to make things right with our neighbors, foes, and friends. Lead us on the path of belonging. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen!

+PASSING OF PEACE

Greet one another with Christ's peace.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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!

WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERING

OFFERING SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC *"We Come This Far By Faith"*

+DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Eternal loving God, thank you for hearing our prayer, receiving these gifts, and making them holy for your kingdom. Bless and honor every gift, enlarge our territory, and renew the resources as a demonstration of generosity, and flourishing in your realm. We offer this prayer in the holy and righteous name of Jesus Christ. AMEN, AMEN, and AMEN!

SPECIAL MUSIC *"The Blood Will Never Lose it's Power"*

Arranged by: Missy Van Cott

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READING Scripture: James 5:13-20 (pg.181)

SERMON *"Don't Stop Praying"* Rev. Keitric L. Emory

INVITATION

+CLOSING HYMN #343 *"The Potter's Hand"* Zschech

+THE COMMISSION

Go into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; help the afflicted; honor all. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit.

+CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #749 *"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"*

"The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace, and give you peace. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious; the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you."

+CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE *"Glorious (Make His Praise)"*

+Those who are able, please stand.

There are Hearing Assistance devices on the back table of the Sanctuary if you have trouble hearing the service. Please return them before you leave for future uses.