

Nurture

- Children's Church meets during 10am service. Children are invited to come to the front of the church during worship and then are escorted to Children's Church which meets in the Mills Room and the preschool rooms down the hall from the sanctuary. Parent teachers lead the group. Visiting families are invited to fill out the children's information card and have the children bring that with them so the teachers have allergy and contact information.
- Thursday night Book Study meets in person at Starbucks, Bloomfield @6:30pm

Upcoming:

- **Today after worship, we will continue to celebrate our pets! We will have coffee hour in front of the church. There is a photo booth set up - make sure you stop by and get a picture. We also have a table so that you can make dog and cat toys.**
- The Worship Committee will meet Tuesday, October 15 @ 7:30pm via zoom.
- Trustees will meet Thursday, October 17 @ 7:30pm via zoom.
- Saturday, October 19 will be our Church Council meeting on zoom. Everyone is invited to join as we report on where we are as a congregation and plan for the year ahead. We will also be serving lunch with the Irvington Food Ministry.
- Sunday, October 20 will be the next Waffle Church at 9am.
- Monday, October 21 is the Bishop's Day in the District. You are invited to join Bishop Moore-Koikoi for worship at Arcola Korean UMC Paramus at 7:00pm.

- Sunday, October 27 will be the recognition of the United Women of Faith and their work in the church, community and the world.
- Saturday, November 16 will be our Church Conference at 11:00am via zoom.

SHARING IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

October 13	10:00am Blessing of the Animals
October 20	9:00am Waffle Church 10:00am Sanctuary Worship
October 27	10:00am United Women of Faith Worship
November 3	10:00am All Saints Sunday Worship



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Rev. Brenda Wheeler Ehlers, Pastor

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Dr. Michael Stewart, Lay Leader

October 13, 2024 Sunday 10:00am
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

* - If able, please stand where indicated.
Bolded text - said in unison by all.

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal
FWS - The Faith We Sing Songbook

CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY

*Entrance and Prelude

Welcome and Centering

*Call to Worship

Liturgist

L: O God, your creatures fill the earth with wonder and delight, And every living thing has worth and beauty in your sight.

P: So playful dolphins dance and swim; your sheep bow down and graze. Your songbirds share a morning hymn to offer you their praise.

L: You made the pets we welcome in – they're wondrous blessings, too. With paws and whiskers, wings and fins, they offer praise to you.

P: O Lord, you call us to embrace these creatures in our care. May we show kindness, love and grace to all pets everywhere.

L: Your creatures live in every land; They fill the sky and sea. O Lord, let us remember to love them tenderly.

P: We are called to care for them always. By loving creatures you hold dear, We offer you our praise. Amen,

*Opening Praise

LIFT Band

*This is the Day
All Creatures of our God and King
Surely the Presence of God*

Opening Prayer

Liturgist

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

Blessing of the Animals

Everyone is invited to bring up a pet, a picture or a symbol of your pet (leash, collar, toy, etc.) for a blessing. Please leave space between pets that may not be up to socializing.

Children's Moment/Blessing of the Stuffedies

Children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary for a time of sharing and bring their stuffedies for a blessing. Following the Children's Moment, children are escorted to Children's Church.

Announcements

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

CALLED TO THE WORD

Hebrew Bible Readings: Isaiah 11:6-9

Psalms: 8, 148

Sermon: *The Peaceable Kingdom* Rev. Brenda Ehlers

CALLED TO SHARE

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication Liturgist

CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn *Draw the Circle Wide* LIFT Band

*Sending Forth

*Circle of Blessing *Shalom to You* UMH 666
Everyone is invited to stand as they are able and form a circle around the pews for this closing blessing.

*Postlude *Draw the Circle Wide* LIFT Band

This Week's Worship Team

- Counters: Robert & Bobbette Kelly, Vidal Guzman
- Liturgist: Paul Bongiorno
- Usher: Robert & Bobbette Kelly
- Reader: Sarah Kezengwa
- Acolyte: Bill Ehlers