

Flowers in worship today are given in memory of Jean Donnell by her husband, Bill Donnell.

Please pray for church members, their friends and families

Church Family

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WELCOME to worship at Level Creek UMC!

We are glad you are here. Restrooms are located out the doors to the right of the front altar. Worship activity bags are available for children who stay in worship and a loving nursery is always provided. Children's Sunday School is offered during the 11:00 am worship hour.

PAVE THE WAY! is nearing completion and what a difference we have made! This coming week, concrete tire stops will be installed in all parking spaces and the entry road will be patched and sealed. No cars will be allowed on church campus from Wednesday afternoon through Saturday. We WILL worship normally on Sunday, October 8th.

Learn more about Level Creek UMC is TODAY. Are you new to the church? Have you been visiting for a while? Join Rev. Elaine today at 12:00 pm in the Fireside Room to learn more about our church, our values and how you can get connected.

Fall Bible Study. Pick up your book today on the bookcase outside the Sanctuary restrooms. Join Rev. Elaine for discussion about James Bryan Smith's book, "The Good and Beautiful Life: Putting on the Character of Christ." We'll focus on what it means to live out Jesus' teachings in the Sermon on the Mount. Cost of book is \$15. RSVP on your connection card or www.lcumc.net.

- **Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am;** October 3 – November 14 (skipping October 31).
- **Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm;** October 3 – November 14 (skipping October 31).

Church Workday on Saturday, October 21st at 9:00 am. Help us tidy up the church grounds as we prepare for Fall activities and clean up from Pave the Way! We'll be trimming bushes, weeding and other simple tasks. Mark your connection card if you can help!

Student Ministry continues on Sunday evenings! Dinner is included for all ages.

- **Confirmation** for 6-7th graders: 5:00 – 6:30 pm
- **Small Groups** for 8-12th graders: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Help make Coffee + Connection a success! We need volunteers to assist with our Coffee and Connection time. You provide a friendly face and we will train you in the details. Each week, 2 people help with set-up and 2 people help with breakdown. Links to sign up are at www.lcumc.net and in the weekly church email.

Electronic Giving During Worship. To make a financial gift to Level Creek UMC, text any dollar amount to 770-637-8941. You will receive a link to enter your card information.

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World Communion Sunday

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Order of Worship

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Prelude Beth Ann Wise

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Elaine Wilder

Entrance of the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

Let us worship together for God is good!

Let us worship together and praise God's name!

Today, on World Communion Sunday, we remember that God is the bread of life.

We remember that God provides for us well.

We celebrate our place in God's family;

We celebrate the diversity of God's church.

Come, now is the time to worship.

Holy Spirit, meet and guide us.

***Hymn of Praise** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" (vs 1,2 & 4) UMH 731

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** "Glory Be to the Father" UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Special Music "Feed Me, Lord" Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Elaine Wilder

Offering

Scripture Selections from Exodus 16
On the fifteenth day of the second month after they had left Egypt, the whole company of Israel moved on from Elim to the Wilderness of Sin which is between Elim and Sinai. The whole company of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron there in the wilderness. The Israelites said, "Why didn't God let us die in comfort in Egypt where we had lamb stew and all the bread we could eat? You've brought us out into this wilderness to starve us to death, the whole company of Israel!"

God said to Moses, "I'm going to rain bread down from the skies for you. The people will go out and gather each day's ration. I'm going to test them to see if they'll live according to my Teaching or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they have gathered, it will turn out to be twice as much as their daily ration."

That evening quail flew in and covered the camp and in the morning there was a layer of dew all over the camp. When the layer of dew had lifted, there on the wilderness ground was a fine flaky something, fine as frost on the ground. The Israelites took one look and said to one another, man-hu (What is it?). They had no idea what it was.

So Moses told them, "It's the bread God has given you to eat."

The People of Israel went to work and started gathering, some more, some less, but when they measured out what they had gathered, those who gathered more had no extra and those who gathered less weren't short—each person had gathered as much as was needed.

The Israelites ate the manna for forty years until they arrived at the land where they would settle down. They ate manna until they reached the border into Canaan.

Sermon "God Provides" Rev. Elaine Wilder

Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 12
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.

***Response to the Word** "All Who Hunger" (vs 3) TFWS 2126

***Benediction** Rev. Elaine Wilder

***Recessional** "May the Road Rise to Meet You"

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind blow at your back.

May the sun shine warmly on your face. May the rain fall softly on your fields.

And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Join us for Coffee + Connection at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.