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Exodus 33:18

October 18, 2020

United Methodist Church of the Dunes
717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, Michigan

Lou Grettenberger, Senior Pastor

We Gather

Gathering Music

Welcome

Announcements

We Praise God

Invitation to Worship

Leader: The earth has its kings, but God is ruler of all.

People: Praise God above all, the giver of life!

Leader: The mountains may tremble, the oceans may roar,

People: but God's presence is more powerful than the earth itself.

Leader: Come into God's presence, for God is among us now.

People: O God, show us your glory; we seek your ways.

Leader: Come to the Rock, the God of life, for God is present now.

People: Glory to God in the highest! Let us worship God together!

*Hymn #577

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Children's Message

Prayer of Confession

We seem to have lost the ability to see glory, God. We look at money, or medals, last-person-standing triumphs, and exclusive, only-for-the-privileged-few accolades, and we call these glorious, forgetting how they tarnish after just a few moments.

We have forgotten how to recognize the glory of those among us. Glory that lives in the sacrifices of a parent, in the compassion of a stranger, in the humility of serving another, or in the courage of a peace-maker.

Open our eyes to the glory all around us, Lord; the glory of hope in hopeless situations, and the glory of your presence and creativity in dark and fearful places. Teach us to be both heralds and couriers of this glory, so that it may be seen to cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Amen.

Words of Assurance

In our compassionate living we bear the image of God. In our willingness to serve the voiceless and alienated, the lost and alone, God's presence abides with us. Rejoice! You are called "Beloved of God" and given God's own stamp in your lives. Amen.

Reflection on Offering

Prayer of Dedication

God of Power and Glory, we come to before you this morning and this week, offering our gifts and praying for your presence in a world that is hurting and divided. Much of what we see is chaos, confusion, and anxiety – a world that desperately needs to glimpse your presence and your glory. More than just our gifts, we pray our lives might be a window into your love and compassion. We pray your light might shine through us to the world. Amen.

We Share the Word

A Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 99

Worship Song

“Holy is the Lord”

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Meg Horist

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Exodus 33:12-23

Sermon

“God’s Presence = God’s Glory”

Pastor Lou

Pastoral Prayer

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.

We Respond to the Word

*Final Hymn #64

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

We are Sent Forth

*Benediction

*Parting Music

**Stand as you are able*

Psalm 99

Our Lord, you are King! You rule from your throne above the angels as people tremble and the earth shakes.

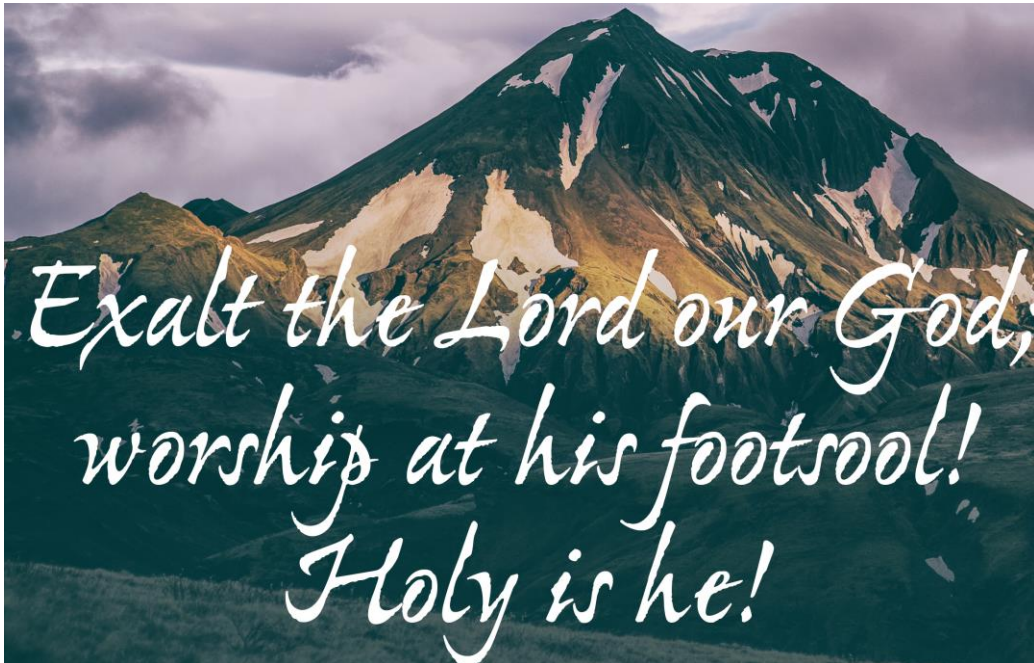
You are praised in Zion, and you control all nations.

Only you are God! And your power alone, so great and fearsome, is worthy of praise.

You are our mighty King, a lover of fairness, who sees that justice is done everywhere in Israel. Our Lord and our God, we praise you and kneel down to worship you the God of holiness!

Moses and Aaron were two of your priests. Samuel was also one of those who prayed in your name, and you, our Lord, answered their prayers. You spoke to them from a thick cloud, and they obeyed your laws.

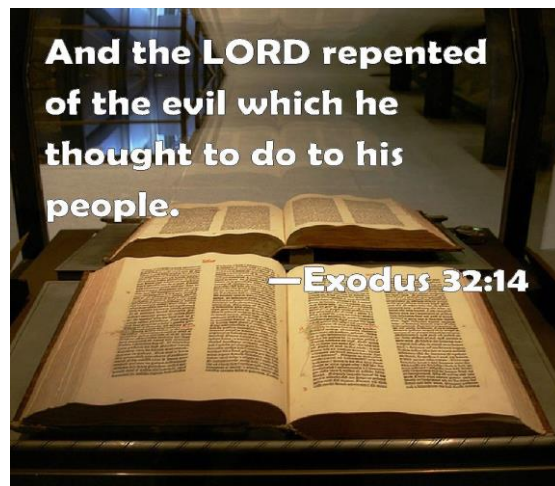
Our Lord and our God, you answered their prayers and forgave their sins, but when they did wrong, you punished them. We praise you, Lord God, and we worship you at your sacred mountain. Only you are God!



Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; [a] and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Lou Grettenberger – Pastor
Carla Kocher – Announcements
Dave Hoffman – Online Liturgist
Dave Hoffman – In-Person Liturgist
Megan Horist – Music & Production
Marna Jeffery – Organ & Keyboard

Church of the Dunes is a family of faith which seeks to:

- grow in God's grace and love
- challenge and equip all members to be faithful disciples
- share the Good News
- demonstrate and reflect the love of God

CHURCH STAFF AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Ministers:	all members of the congregation
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Office Assistant:	Shirley Chappell
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A staff member will answer calls to the church office (616-842-7980) from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Lou directly on his cell phone listed above. Staff members are monitoring emails. The church building is still closed at this time.

Worship Schedule

Online - Sundays, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at www.umcdunes.org

Visit www.umcdunes.org/worship to view the online worship service. Each service will be posted beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings and is available to watch throughout the day and week.

In-Person - Sundays at 9:30 a.m., reservations are due by noon on Thursdays

In-person worship is held in the Wiltse Center fellowship area at the church. Reservations are required so that the worship space can be set up for social distancing. Reservation instructions and the sign-up form are provided in the weekly announcements email that is sent out on Thursdays, or call the church office to make a reservation at (616) 842-7980. (Staff are available to answer the phone from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday – Friday.)

Information and Announcements

IN-PERSON GATHERINGS AT THE CHURCH:

At this time, in-person meetings of 20 persons or less may be held at the church. **Advance reservations are required; contact the church office to schedule a time.** Staff will assign the meeting space, and there are important procedures to follow. The church building remains closed for general use.

HALLOWEEN FUN! DRIVE-THROUGH CAR PARADE

Families are invited to join us on October 25 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. for a drive-through Halloween car parade. Decorate your vehicle, come drive through the church parking lot, and receive a goodie bag.

- Donate items for Backpack Blessings as you drive through --- needed items are applesauce cups, fruit cups, and veggie cups.
- There will be a decorated pumpkin contest. If you would like to enter a decorated pumpkin in the contest, please bring it to the church parking lot at 12:00 noon on October 25, or contact Dan Malseed at dmalseed@umcdunes.org to make other arrangements. Cars in the drive-through parade will vote to choose the decorated pumpkin to win the prize.
- If you have large, family-friendly Halloween yard decorations that could be used to decorate the parking lot for the event, please contact Dan.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTION BOOKS:

The November/December Upper Room devotion books have arrived. If you attend Sunday morning in-person worship, you are welcome to pick one up at the sign-in table. If you are worshipping online and would like to make arrangements to get a copy, please call or email the church office.

MISSION MOMENT AND HUNGER OFFERING:

On Sunday, October 25, there will be a Mission Moment for Family Promise of the Lakeshore, and a Hunger Offering will be gathered for Love In Action Tri-Cities. If you would like to give to either or both of these, please make checks payable to Church of the Dunes and note Mission Moment and/or Hunger Offering on the memo line of your check.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FROM UMCOR:

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is asking for support. The 2020 Atlantic hurricane season and the massive wildfires in the West add to an already difficult year, and COVID-19 complicates relief efforts. You can help by keeping UMCOR in your prayers. To give, please make checks payable to Church of the Dunes and note UMCOR on the memo line of the check, and mail it to the church. To give online, visit www.giveumcmmission.org.

NEWSLETTER NOTE:

The Dunes Digest newsletter is back on its regular production schedule. Article submissions are due by the 15th of each month.

Welcome

The United Methodist Church of the Dunes aspires to love as Jesus loved.

We open our hearts, minds, and doors to all.

This congregation invites persons of all races, sexual orientations and gender identities, ages, abilities, and socio-economic status to participate fully in all aspects of the Christian life.

Praises, Prayers, and Thanks

PLEASE JOIN OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR Wesley Community Center, Phoenix, AZ; and Francine Lunga Mpanga, Missionary.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Oct 20 Rianne Plattner
Oct 21 Doug Daugherty, Phyllis Nickey
Oct 22 Barbara VanRaalte
Oct 25 Liz McCoy

Giving and Attendance

<u>Date/Week Of</u>	<u>Offerings Received</u>	<u>Weekly Average</u> <u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Weekly Budgeted</u>
October 11	\$5,989	\$9,059	\$9,846

To give by mail, please send offering to United Methodist Church of the Dunes, 717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, MI 49417. To give online, visit <https://umcdunes.org/give/>.

Online worship: As of October 13, the October 11 online worship service had 61 views (which may have included multiple viewers watching a single view).

In-person worship: Attendance at in-person worship on October 11 was 54.

Contact

www.umcdunes.org office@umcdunes.org (616) 842-7980

For emergencies and pastoral care: (231) 883-9806

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