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Prelude	<i>Intermezzo op. 117 #2</i> <i>Scherzo</i> Jubilee Ringers	J. Brahms Michael Helman
Gathering		Rev. Cyndy Garn
Call to Worship		
Opening Song	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	trad. arr. T. Berridge
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 55	
Children's Moments		
Sacrament of Baptism	<i>Gasigwa Maxime, son of Umutesi Pacis Mashami and Waswa Frank</i> <i>Gasigwa J. Charmant, son of Umutesi Pacis Mashami and Waswa Frank</i>	
Pastor:	Will you nurture one another... before you in your care?	
All:	<b>With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround them with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples, who walk in the way that leads to life.</b>	
Thanksgiving over the Water		
Pastor:	The Lord be with you.	
People:	<b>And also with you.</b>	
Pastor:	Let us pray. Eternal God: When nothing existed but chaos... to the land which you promised.	
People:	<b>Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.</b>	
Pastor:	In the fullness of time... to make disciples of all nations.	
People:	<b>Declare God's works to the nations, God's glory among all the people.</b>	
Pastor:	Pour out your Holy Spirit... may share in Christ's final victory.	
People:	<b>All praise to you, Eternal God, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.</b>	
Offering		
Congregational Prayer		Rev. Dom Short Mejia
Lord's Prayer		
Special Music	<i>Festive March</i> Jubilee Ringers	Michael Helman
Message	Abundant Grace-Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love	Rev. Cyndy Garn

Erin Angel &amp; Tim Byrer with Narmina Aliyeva, piano

Retirement Liturgy/Passing of the Stole

Rev. Linda Middelberg

Executive Assistant to the Bishop of West Conference Bishop's Representative

Rev. Middelberg: Cyndy in Christ, you came to us from congregations where the Spirit of the Lord was upon you; and you were charged to preach to the brokenhearted, to visit the captive, to anoint those who were bruised. These things you have done.

People: **We thank God for the community of the faithful in which the Word of God found response. Countless persons have depended upon you for help. In the providence of God, you know that both suffering and joy can be God's way of teaching and healing.**

Rev. Middelberg: At your ordination, you received authority to read the Holy Scriptures in the Church of God, to preach the Word, to celebrate the Sacraments, and to Order the life of the Church. At your consecration, you received authority to equip the people of God, and to embody the unity of the congregation's worship with its life in the world. By God's grace you did many things that seemed to be beyond your power.

People: **We thank God that you were given the vision to be faithful. Death and illness have not come on schedule. The truth has not always been easy to preach. We know something of the grace by which you have lived, and we thank God for your vision.**

Rev. Middelberg: Never think lightly of the great good that God has wrought through you. Continue to be true to your calling. May God's love and power be with you always. Let us pray together:

ALL: **God of grace, you fill your servants with the vision. You empower your servants with your Spirit. We give thanks for the ministry of Cyndy, and for the ways in which you have ministered to us through her. Give her a sense of your abiding presence that she may continue to love and serve you, and ever grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Rev. Middelberg: In the book of Kings we read of the prophet Elijah's ministry. The mantle, symbolic of submission to God, fell upon the younger prophet, Elisha, and the spirit of Elijah rested upon Elisha.

Cyndy: *I transfer this mantle to the next generation of leaders, that the responsibilities and dedication of my ministry will be caught up and carried on by them, and the spirit of today's Elijahs will rest upon today's Elishas.*

Rev. Middelberg: For everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven. So, too, there is a time for movement, new adventure, fields of service not yet touched. With love, we send you forth in the spirit of John Wesley: May the world be your parish. Amen.

ALL: **Amen!**

Closing Hymn

Every promise we can make,  
every prayer and step of faith,  
every difference we will make  
is only by God's grace.

Every mountain we will climb,  
every ray of hope we shine,  
every blessing left behind  
is only by God's grace.

**Refrain**

**Refrain:** Grace alone which God supplies,  
strength unknown God will provide.  
Christ in us our Cornerstone;  
we will go forth in grace alone.

*Grace Alone*

Every soul we long to reach,  
every heart we hope to teach,  
everywhere we share God's peace  
is only by God's grace.

Every loving word we say,  
every tear we wipe away,  
every sorrow turned to praise  
is only by God's grace.

**Refrain**

S. W. Nelson & J. Brown

Sending Forth

Postlude

*Festive Recessional*

John Darwall

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## Announcements

**Carpe Diem “Mood Indigo” Concert at WUMC:** Saturday, October 23 at 5 pm. See Monday’s E-Blast for more information. Carpe Diem brochures available at the Welcome Desk.

**Church Name Tags:** Order a new tag today! Order forms available at the Octagon Table, Welcome desk, or the church office. Please order by October 24 for November 7 delivery.

**Music:** Our Chancel Choir and Jubilee Ringer Bell Choirs are now practicing. The choir practice is on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. The bells practice on Sundays, 11:15 am -12:15 pm in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Jarod Ogier ([jarod.ogier@gmail.com](mailto:jarod.ogier@gmail.com))

**Livestreamed Service:** Today’s 10 a.m. service is being livestreamed on our YouTube channel

**Clothing Drive:** The Outreach Committee is currently looking for a few more individuals or families to transport clothes from WUMC to Gates Fourth UMC (119 E. Gates St., Columbus) and run the clothing table during the monthly free breakfast. Volunteers would do this once a quarter on the fourth Saturday of the month, 8:00 am - 10:30am. Please contact Lesly Wade at [wadefamily@columbus.rr.com](mailto:wadefamily@columbus.rr.com) if you are interested in being a part of this ministry.

**This Week’s Lectionary:** Job 38:1-7, 16-17; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

**Keep us in the loop!** Please contact our pastors with pastoral concerns, including hospitalizations, births and deaths, at [dominic@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:dominic@worthingtonumc.com) or [cyndylg@aol.com](mailto:cyndylg@aol.com)

**Boy Scout Greenery Sale:** BSA Troop 365 is gearing up their annual Fruit and Greenery Sale. The sale is running the entire month of October, with final orders due by October 31st. Expected delivery is the first week of December. Order forms are at the church office. Questions? Contact Joyce Miroslaw at 614-571-7250.