

**WEST BEND CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FOR OCTOBER 1, 2023 at 10 AM**

**OPENING PRAYER** Pastor Gordon Fulton  
**OPENING SONG** Choir

“Surely The Presence of The Lord”  
\***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Faith of Our Fathers” UMH 710

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(If you have a prayer request and/or praise report, please fill out a prayer request card even if you announce it so we can get the correct information. Visitors, please fill out a connection card. Cards may be placed in the offering plate.)*

\***THE AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH** (In Unison)  
“The Apostles’ Creed” UMH 881

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**MORNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** “Cleanse Me” C&W 3 (vs. 1, 3, 4) Choir

**DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95

**SCRIPTURES** Luke 17:11-19

**MESSAGE** Pastor Gordon Fulton  
“A Very Successful Encounter”

*“Our Responsibilities To Encounter God Successfully”*

**1. Your Action(s) Activate God’s Response.**

**James 1:22-24** <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

**2. Your Action Confirms Your Faith.**

(Even the DEFINITION of Faith DEMANDS Understanding and ACTION)

**Hebrews 11** <sup>1</sup> Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.

**3. Short Term Joy May Become Distracted.**

**Luke Ch. 8** <sup>11</sup> “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

<sup>12</sup> Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

<sup>13</sup> But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

<sup>14</sup> Now the ones *that fell* among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

<sup>15</sup> **But** the ones *that fell* on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, **keep it** and bear fruit with patience.

**4. Long Term Appreciation Grows Into Gratitude.**

**1 Thessalonians 5** <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> *in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

**5. Thankfulness and Praise Ensures Your Reward.**

**Hebrews Ch 10** <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. <sup>35</sup> Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

**THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

(In Unison)

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

Communion Stewards: Wilma Mollman & Wanda Stout

\***HYMN OF DEDICATION** “When We All Get to Heaven” UMH 701

\***THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

\***THE RECESSIONAL** “Thank You, Lord” C&W 13

*Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul,  
Thank you, Lord, for making me whole;  
Thank you, Lord for giving to me  
Thy great salvation so rich and free.*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

Our Church Family

Jane Cox  
Carolyn Dotson  
Harold Hill  
Doug McMasters  
Lena Mae McMasters



Our Family & Friends

Debbie Andrews  
Rose Andrews  
Roby Boswell (Cyndi Reinhardt's friend)  
Karen Davis (Doris Davidson's daughter)  
Evelyn Ellis  
Billy Hunt (Laurie Hunt's brother-in-law)  
Our Church & Country  
Ida Starr (Clay & Reagan Hill's grandma)  
Angie Toomes (Dare & Layne Campbell's daughter)

Unsaved  
Unspoken Requests

Assisted & Skilled Living Residents

\*=Church Member  
Alpine: \*Juanita Porche  
Brookdale: Betty Sykes  
Cross Roads: Marie Caldwell (Carol's sister)

Our Military

Kasey Ingold, Logan Morris, Veterans

Prayer Requests will be left for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise.

\*\*New Request for this week

TOG News

Received \$50 in offerings and fed 180 last week.

Worship Associates:

Musicians-April Brown, Choir, Handbells  
Sound System-Richard Lanier  
Power Point-Tina Gunn  
Nursery/Children's Church-Cedelle Troxler  
Ushers: Mike Brown, Bill Burrow  
Communion Preparer: Debra Hill  
Thank you for your service!

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 1

9:30AM Choir Practice  
10:00AM Worship

Monday, October 2

6:00PM Zoom Charge  
Conference

Tuesday, October 3

12:00PM Table of Grace

Wednesday, October 4

11:00AM Bulletin Deadline  
6:00PM WinGs

Tithes & Offerings Update  
for Last Sunday

Received \$2,061.50

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Thank you for your gifts to the budget which allows us to keep the church running & participate in many ministries.

Attendance: 26

Zoom Charge Conference Monday, October 2, at 6 PM lasting 15 minutes via Zoom.

All Leadership Team Members are encouraged to attend in the parlor.

Staff

Ministers	Every Member
Interim Pastor	Pastor Gordon Fulton
Office Manager	Mrs. Debra Y. Rogers
Lay Leader	Mrs. Carol Petty
Janitor	Mr. Tim Burrow

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