

Welcome

Gathering Poem *Mending Wall* by Robert Frost
 "Something there is that doesn't love a wall"

Hymn For the Beauty of the Earth #28

Gathering Prayer

God of love and mercy, you call us to be a people of mercy, too. Help us to experience in our living the lives of others, to laugh with their joys and cry with their sorrows. In this time of worship speak to us again your words of love and remind us again of what it means to be neighbor. Amen.

Scripture Luke 10:25-37
Sermon

Hymn Help Us Accept Each Other #388

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Offering Response

**All praise to the Father
from whom all blessings come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**God of grace and compassion, may our gifts
enable your church to be a place where strangers
become friends, outcasts are welcomed, seekers
receive, and doubters find faith despite their
doubts. Amen.**

Announcements

Hymn They Asked, "Who is My Neighbor?" #541

Blessing

*The lawyer was asking for boundaries over who
should be considered a neighbor...Jesus refuses to
set any and instead doubles down. Instead of
describing who **is** a neighbor, he discusses how
to **be** a neighbor.*

- Jennifer Wyant

*One cannot define one's neighbor; one can only be a
neighbor.*

- Franz Leenhardt

Keep in Prayer

Lewis Poths, Nathan Depinet (friend of Adam Rouse),
Linda Stark, Rollie Homan, Lonnie Hall
Our Shut-ins: Allen, Carol, Joan

Offering: May be left in the basket in the back.

Announcements

Worship Sponsor: Zehnders
in celebration of Case's birthday

Church Picnic: July 20 after worship
Games & a cookout
Please sign up today!

Vacation Bible School
July 20-23, 6:00-8:30pm
Trinity Lutheran Church

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Monroeville United Church of Christ
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Today's Scripture Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."