

BELLEFONTAINE FUMC

"Against the Norm"

Luke 14:25-33

9:00 am, September 26, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC "God So Loved the World/Jesus Paid it All"
Marianne Antram and Beth Kurtz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev Joe Ziraldo*

PRELUDE "The Solid Rock/Eternal Father, Strong to Save" by Leatherman
Marianne Antram and Beth Kurtz

CALL TO WORSHIP *Tom Gatchel*

L: Mighty is our God, who in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth!

P: He set forth its measurements and laid its cornerstone.

L: He contained the waters, clothing them with the clouds of heaven.

P: He has entered the springs of the sea and walked in the recesses of the deep.

L: He binds the Pleiades and unbinds Orion; all the universe obeys His commands.

P: Great are You, almighty God, sovereign Lord of all Creation!

***OPENING HYMN** "Go, Make of All Disciples" #571

***OPENING PRAYER** *Tom Gatchel*

Loving God, great is Your mercy and wisdom! You are ever faithful, ever gracious, a firm foundation in the shifting sands of this world. Draw our hearts and minds to You, making us true disciples. AMEN..

CHOIR ANTHEM "Endless Song" by Larson

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ashley Reser

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" by Vandall

Marianne Antram and Beth Kurtz

DOXOLOGY

***THE SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 14:25-33 (CEB) *Tom Gatchel*

SERMON "Against the Norm" *Rev Joe Ziraldo*

***REFLECTION SONG** "I Surrender All" #354

BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" by Raney
Marianne Antram and Beth Kurtz

GATHERING MUSIC "God So Loved the World/Jesus Paid It All" by Stainer
Marianne Antram and Beth Kurtz

**Designates to please stand if able.*

BELLEFONTAINE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

www.bellefontainefirstumc.org; 937-592-9651

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs; 9 am — 12 and 1 – 4 pm

Our Mission: To welcome all people through the love of Jesus Christ and grow as disciples who transform the world.

Our Vision: Every person in our church and community lives a life that will make Jesus smile and others smile on their journey of life and love. Jesus smiles when every person loves God, loves one another and is engaged in transforming the world.

Every member is a minister!

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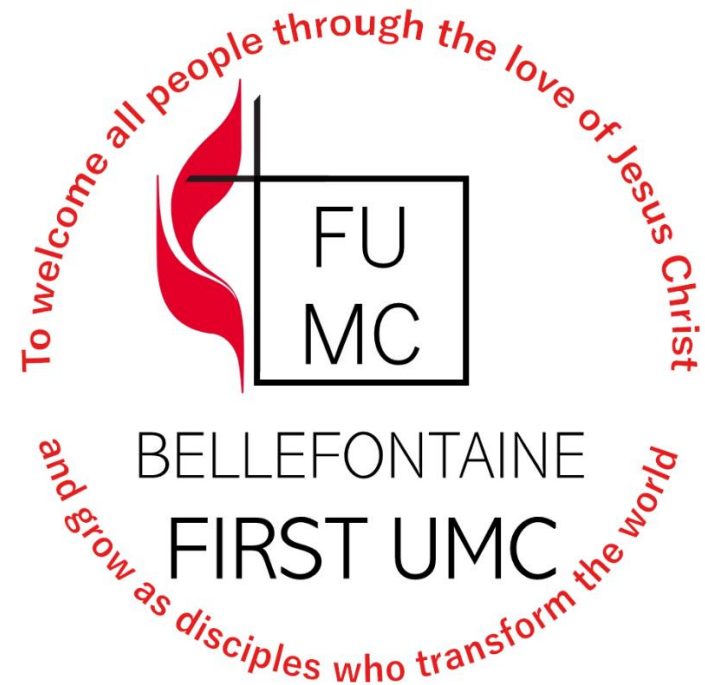
Joe Antram, Adult Handbell Director

Marianne Antram, Organist/Pianist

Brenda Thomas, Keyboard Staff

Carol Burton, Choir Accompanist

Wayne Fahnestock, Custodian



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Natalie Grandstaff

WELCOME AND GREETING

SERMON

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Rev Joe Ziraldo

OPENING SONG

"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"

Ignite Praise Team

OPENING PRAYER

Raph Guenther

COMMUNION AND OFFERING

SONG

"Ain't No Grave"

Ignite Praise Team

REVELATION SONG

"Reckless Love"

Ignite Praise Team

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ashley Reser

BLESSING

ENGAGING OUR FAITH

POSTLUDE

"This is Amazing Grace"

Ignite Praise Team

REFLECTION SONG

"How Great Thou Art"

Ignite Praise Team

What's Happening This Week?

Sunday 9/26	Online/ in-person Worship Services	9:00 & 10:30 am
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Weds.9/29	Priscilla Circle (lounge) Ignite Choir (f.h.) Handbell	1:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:45 pm 7:45 pm
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Luke 14:25-33

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Endless Song

(How Can I Keep From Singing)

My life flows on in endless song
Above earth's lamentation;
I hear the real, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul;
How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth;
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night He giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that refuge clinging;
Since Christ is lord of heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin,
I see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smooths,
Since first I learned to love it.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am His.
How can I keep from singing?

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