

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HUDSON
Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2019 **Pastor Audrey Westendorf Young**

Welcome visitors and guests!

Please read **bold** print aloud and stand at * as you are able.

Kindly silence cell phones.

If you have a Prayer Request, please take a moment to complete the green card and place it in the offering plate

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Melissa Boeschen

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND CROSS OF CHRIST

WELCOME

Pastor Audrey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Matthew 13)

Pastor Audrey

One: The Lord is the sower of the seeds of love and redemption.

All: But we have not always been ready to receive these seeds.

One: Today we hear again the scriptures that remind us of the awesome generosity of God.

All: Help us be good soil, O God, prepared to receive your love and to grow in that love. Amen.

***FAIREST LORD JESUS**

#189 vs. 1-2 UMH

OPENING PRAYER

God of abundant love, we come to you this day in the midst of a season of great growth, in our earth, in our families, in our nation, in our world. We come this day, seeking your healing love and abounding mercy.

Open our hearts to receive all that you offer that we may become fruitful workers for you. AMEN.

FAIREST LORD JESUS

#189 vs 3-4 UMH

READING BY THREE VOICES – Matthew 13 Interpretation

MATTHEW 5:43-48 NIV

Reader

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those

who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

MATTHEW 23:1-7, 11-12 NIV

Reader

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. “Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their adornments wide and the tassels on their garments long; they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others. The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Audrey

JOYS, CONCERNS, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

#895 UMH

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

#881 UMH

Reader

***GLORIA PATRI**

#70 UMH

MESSAGE

“The Simplicity of Jesus”

Pastor Audrey

1. Jesus controlled time instead of letting time control Him.
2. Although dealing with the heavenly, He did it in earthly ways.
3. Love God. Love others.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"#95 UMH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Pastor Audrey

***JESUS LOVES ME**

#191 UMH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Audrey

GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE LOVE OF CHRIST

MUSIC FOR GOING FORTH IN CHRIST'S STEPS Melissa Boeschen

Simplicity



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**Today's Message
"The Simplicity of Jesus"**

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Vision Statement:

"Hudson United Methodist Church will extend and expand ministries in our Community through worship, hospitality and outreach projects."