

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 31-33, 44-53

## SERMON

*"What Is the Kingdom of Heaven Like?"  
(1st Sermon in Hooked Series)*

-Rev. Fritz Bartels

## WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory *"Rondo"*  
\*Doxology  
\*Prayer of Dedication

-Marais  
UMH #94

## \*CLOSING HYMN

*"Thy Word Is a Lamp"*

UMH #601

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*"Air"*

-Pasquini



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## PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS August 20—August 26th 2023

|            |        |                       |
|------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Wed 8/23   | 11:30a | TFPantry (onsite)     |
| Thurs 8/24 | 7p     | Youth Leaders Meeting |
| Sat 8/26   | 5:30p  | Choir Potluck         |

**WE WELCOME YOU** and thank you for worshipping with us today.  
We're glad you're here! Please be sure to sign our Ritual of Friendship book, located at the end of the pew.

**PRAYER CONCERNS** - If you have a prayer concern, or you would like to request a pastoral visit, please complete the prayer card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

**STAY INFORMED** - Church announcements and activities are shared through weekly e-mails. If you would like to be added to our e-mail list, please send your contact information to [pumc@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:pumc@plainfieldumc.com).



Please join us for coffee hour after service in Fellowship Hall for relaxation and conversation. Coffee Hour is hosted by The Stanich and Ibrahim Family.

## Please Pray For the Following People



If you have a prayer concern, e-mail us at [pumc@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:pumc@plainfieldumc.com). We will pray for you either privately or we will share your request with the congregation in our weekly e-news.

### REMINDER:

Because we worship both in person and online, and don't always see each other, it is hard to know when to take someone off of the prayer list. Please notify the church office when requests should be removed or updated. Thank You!!



**Sunday August 20, 2023  
10a.m.**

**WE WELCOME YOU!**

\*Indicates congregation stands

The Faith We Sing  
(soft-cover, black)

Worship & Song (soft-cover, green)

**PRELUDE**

*"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

-Bradbury

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God, your kingdom always takes us by surprise--

**Like a mustard seed growing into a great shrub  
where the birds of the air  
can build their nests;**

like a treasure hidden in a field,  
or a pearl of great price.

**May we desire your kingdom  
more than we value worldly things,  
through Christ, who shows us the way. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*"Seek Ye First"*

UMH #405

## SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE AND LOVE

**CHILDREN'S TIME** *"Where Children Belong"* TFWS #2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of  
the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup,  
prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

-MickeySue Traver

**HYMN**

*"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"*

UMH #540  
(v. 1,2, & 5)



### Widows Group

The Widows Small Group is a social and support group. We meet monthly for an activity away from the church. We always eat and have a lot of fun. Join us on the **third Friday of the month at 11:30AM to 1:00PM**. Our next get together is **Friday, September 15th**. New members are always welcome. Contact the church

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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a couple times each month. Curriculum is provided, along with support, training, and a sub list. A background check is required per our Safe Sanctuaries policy. If you are interested or you have questions, please contact Pastor Sherry ASAP at [sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.steele@plainfieldumc.com) and let her know which age group you love best and whether you prefer to be a teacher or a helper. Thank you for answering the call!

### Youth Ministry Volunteers

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Grandpals**

**REGISTER BY AUGUST 31**


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Youth Application




Adult Application




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