### POPLAR SANCTUARY

Sunday, November 17, 2024
"We Are the Family of God"
Dr. Deborah Suddarth

**GREETING** Dr. Sarah Harper

**PRELUDE** "The Power of the Cross/When I Survey" arr. Payne

Wayne Warren, organ

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Andrew Harper

Leader: Sisters and brothers, you are no longer strangers or wanderers—

All: We are members of God's own household, welcomed and beloved.

L: Together, we come to bow our knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

A: We come as one family, gathered in the love of Christ.

L: For Jesus has called us, not just as servants, but as family - those who do the will of God.

A: We are Christ's family, called to share in his mission of love and mercy.

L: Let us worship together, celebrating our unity in the Spirit and our bond as children of God!

A: We open our hearts and our circles of trust, ready to worship and grow as one in Christ's love. AMEN.

**+WORSHIP SONG** "My Lighthouse"

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (881)

Dr. S. Harper

"The Apostles' Creed"

+GLORIA PATRI (70) "Glory Be to the Father" MEINEKE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Stephen Racine

CONGREGATIONAL & LORD'S PRAYER (895)

**+HYMN** (189) "Fairest Lord Jesus"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Dr. Ashley Morgan

**+HYMN** (558) "We Are the Church"

MINSTRY SPOTLIGHT Lakeshore UMC Mr. Racine & Students

OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Racine

**OFFERTORY** "The Meditations of My Heart" Elaine Hagenberg

Chancel Choir



# +DOXOLOGY (95)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## +SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:19, 3:14-15 & Matthew 12:46-50

**SERMON** "We Are the Family of God" Dr. Deborah Suddarth

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Dr. Suddarth

**+WORSHIP SONG** "The Blessing"

**+BENEDICTION** Mrs. Melissa Brasher

**+SONG OF BLESSING** Nelson/Toolev

"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"

**+POSTLUDE** "My Lighthouse"

The Foundry Band

+ Those who are able, please stand.

#### **HOSPICE:**

Brenda Robinson, Schilling Gardens Michelle (Mickey) Salmon, Home Rachel Kelsey, Home If you need to speak with a pastor due to an emergency, please call the pastor on call number 901-471-6630.

#### SYMPATHY:

Leslie Sutton & family in the loss of her father, John McFarland Anita Ebersole in the loss of her husband, Ric Carol Ingram in the loss of her father-in-law