

United Methodist Church

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Lindsay, Oklahoma

“A Community Church with A Global Vision”



“I was not called to be successful. I was called to be faithful.”

~ Mother Teresa

Discovering God’s Call for Our Lives

1 Corinthians 7:17-24^{NRSV}

John 4:31-34^{NRSV}

August 16, 2020

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 10:55am

Broadcast Live on 105.1 FM KBLP

A Service of the Word

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We are happy you have chosen to worship with us today.

WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE

PRELUDE

Alexia Herrin

GREETING

Ed Bevers

God is good! . . . **all the time!** . . . All the time . . . **God is good!**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ed Bevers

INTROIT

Come, Thou Almighty King

UMH 61

1. Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise! Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!
2. Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend! Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend!
3. Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!
4. To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,
hence, evermore. Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Jesus, our Savior, teach us your ways.

People: Our hope is in you, all the day long.

HYMN

Father, We Have Heard You Calling

W&S 3150

1. Father, we have heard you calling to your church in every age;

for a sign of true devotion for a sacrifice of praise.

In this place where you have brought us, may we always seek to be one in love and one in worship children of eternity.

2. Jesus Christ, our faith's perfecter, priest and advocate above.
We would reach our broken nation with the truth of your great love.
So transform our feeble witness, may we always live to be one in love and one in worship children of eternity.
3. Holy Spirit, fire of heaven, fall upon us here today.
Bring release, bring tears, bring passion, then transform your church,
we pray. As you pour your grace upon us, may we always thirst to be one in love and one in worship children of eternity.
4. Praise we bring to God the Father, praise we bring to God the Son,
praise to God the Holy Spirit, praise to you, the three in one.
Trinity of love inspire us, may we always strive to be one in love and one in worship children of eternity.

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jacki Banks

We praise you with joy, loving God, for your grace is better than life itself. You have sustained us through the darkness, and you bless us with life in this new day. In the shadow of your wings we sing for joy and bless your holy name. **Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH United Church of Canada

UMH 883

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

WE ARE SET APART IN TRUTH

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *This is Where Children Belong*

FWS 2233

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.

MESSAGE

God's Recipe for Life

Lacie Wilkins

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 7:17-24^{NRSV}

¹⁷ However that may be, let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God called you. This is my rule in all the churches. ¹⁸ Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. ¹⁹ Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing; but obeying the commandments of God is everything. ²⁰ Let each of you remain in the condition in which you were called.

²¹ Were you a slave when called? Do not be concerned about it. Even if you can gain your freedom, make use of your present condition now more than ever. ²² For whoever was called in the Lord as a slave is a freed person belonging to the Lord, just as whoever was free when called is a slave of Christ. ²³ You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of human

masters. ²⁴ In whatever condition you were called, brothers and sisters, there remain with God.

John 4:31-34^{NRSV}

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.

May God add a blessing to the
hearing, understanding, and doing of this Holy Word.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

It Is Well with My Soul

Theresa Bevers

Bell Solo

THE MESSAGE

Discovering God’s Call on Our Lives

Rev. Jacki Banks

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE RESPOND IN THANKSGIVING

DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

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

CLOSING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save
I who made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **[Refrain]**
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **[Refrain]**

SENT FORTH TO HOLY LIVING

BLESSING

Rev. Jacki Banks

May the love of the Father enfold us,
the wisdom of the Son enlighten us,
and the fire of the Spirit kindle us;
and may the blessing of the Lord God
come down upon us, and remain with us always. **Amen.**

GOING FORTH

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH 664

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

POSTLUDE

Alexia Herrin

DISCOVERING GOD'S CALL FOR OUR LIVES

I Corinthians 7:17-24 and John 4:31-34

We pray for a renewed society in the “Lord’s Prayer” when we ask for God’s kingdom to come on earth *as it is in heaven*. God has a unique kingdom assignment for each of us. God grants us discernment as we work our way into our calling. As we answer our calling, it is good to know that when God calls, He always equips. When we open our lives to the crucified and risen Lord we are invited into a threefold adventure:

1. To become the person God wants us to be
2. To care for those closest to us and Christ has loved us *and*
3. To participate in God’s kingdom dream for a healed and healing society.

We looked at the first two earlier this summer. Let’s explore the third together.

DAY ONE – What beautiful thing are you called to do for God?

How do you respond to this statement made by Mother Teresa, “Each of us has something beautiful to do for God”? Have you discovered your personal call?

DAY TWO – Personal calling

“No one else can speak your message or sing your song or offer your act of love.” Pastor Jacki mentions four biblical features that describe your own personal calling: 1) Nourishes our lives and those of others; 2) Feelings of resistance; 3) Variety of tasks; 4) Dynamic. Which one of these biblical features described in the sermon aligns with the theme of your own personal calling?

DAY THREE

How do you understand the relationship between your daily work and your calling from God?

DAY FOUR

What “human cry” in your community disturbs you the most?

DAY FIVE

What is your own next step in exploring and following your call?

Keep Them in Your Prayers

Our church; Our Community, Our Troops, Our Government, Family of Mary May Owens, James Bennett, Rachel Franklin, Sharon Fisher's nephew Michael, Jacob Loman

Shut ins: Wilma Johnson, Pat Wall

Health Challenges: Jim Garrett, Leah Kennedy, Julia Murray, Bill Pool, Nancy Rogers, Katilyn Spencer.

Expectant Mother: Amanda (Bever) Gibson

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

21st Zac Break

Kelsey Hassler

23rd Randy Powell

27th Josh Miller

29th Terey Wisdom

30th Vickie Johnson

31st Carol Cameron

Tommy Davis

Sophie Edwards

April Taylor

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

18th Joe & Leah Kennedy

25th Lee & Virginia McGill

Tom & Terry Wisdom

29th Jim & Leschen Crawford

OUR CALENDAR

Tuesday 6:00 PM Prayer Team – Call Pastor Jacki with prayer requests

Wednesday 5:30 PM Recording Worship for following Sunday

**Nov 21-22 1:00 PM Annual Conference @ Church of the Servant
Begins Friday, all day Saturday until completed**

The Special Offering for Annual Conference this year will be for the **Disaster Relief Fund**. The Northeastern part of our state has had heavy flooding and we are still repairing homes and cleaning debris. The Children will be collecting your change each week for this awesome ministry. (We invite your dollars, too!)

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