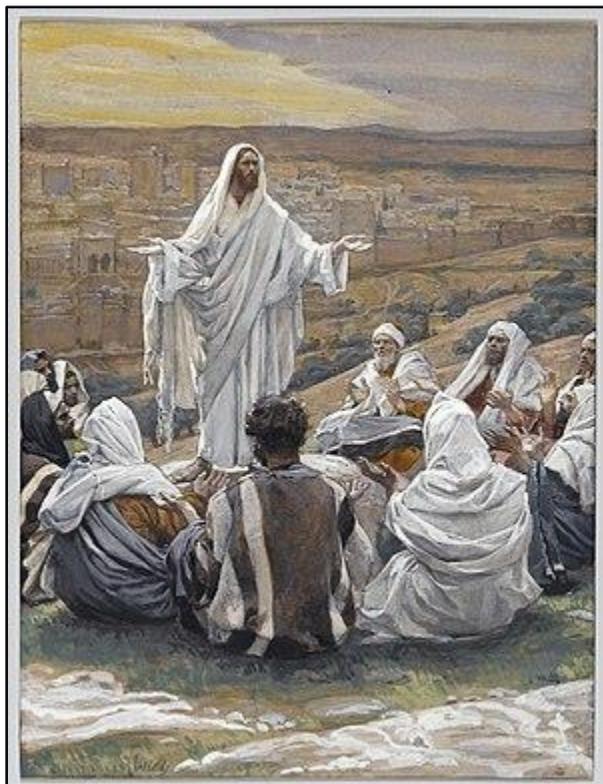


United Methodist Church

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“A Community Church with A Global Vision”



Opening Our Hearts to God

Luke 11:1-13

August 30, 2020

13th 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

Steve Pracht

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Pracht

INTROIT

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

UMH 89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All Your works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing ever blest,
well spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began,
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: How do you come this morning?

People: **We come broken.**

Pastor: This is a story of hope.

People We come fearful.

Pastor: This is a story of peace.

People: We come cynical.

Pastor: This is a story of liberation.

People: We come empty.

Pastor: Listen for the story of life.

HYMN

Spirit of Faith Come Down

UMH 332

1. Spirit of faith, come down, reveal the things of God,
and make to us the God head known, and witness with the blood.
Tis thine the blood to apply and give us eyes to see,
who id for every sinner die hath surely died for me.
2. No one can truly say that Jesus is the Lord,
unless thou take the veil away and breathe the living Word.
Then, only then, we feel our interest in his blood,
and cry with joy unspeakable, "Thou art my Lord, my God!"
3. O that the world might know the all atoning Lamb!
Spirit of faith, descend and show the virtue of his name;
the grace which all may find, the saving power, impart,
and testify to human kind, and speak in every heart.
4. Inspire the living faith (which wo so e'er receive,
the witness in themselves they have and consciously believe),
the faith that conquers all, and doth the mountain move, and saves
whoe'er on Jesus call, and perfects them in love.

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

"I'm Praying for You"

Lacie Wilkins

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 11:1-10^{CEB}

¹ Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." ² Jesus told them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, uphold the holiness of your name. Bring in your kingdom. ³ Give us the bread we need for today. ⁴ Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us. And don't lead us into temptation.'"

⁵ He also said to them, "Imagine that one of you has a friend and you go to that friend in the middle of the night. Imagine saying, 'Friend, loan me three loaves of bread ⁶ because a friend of mine on a journey has arrived and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ Imagine further that he answers from within the house, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up to give you anything.' ⁸ I assure you, even if he wouldn't get up and help

because of his friendship, he will get up and give his friend whatever he needs because of his friend's brashness. ⁹ And I tell you: Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ Everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. To everyone who knocks, the door is opened.

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Here, I Am Lord

Shelby Sanders

Flautist

THE MESSAGE

Opening Our Hearts to God

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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

UMH 496

1. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare, by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!
2. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return! With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face, and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!

thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage
the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word,
and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

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

Please remain seated during the Postlude.

*When we return to the Sanctuary, we will exit down the outer aisles as the ushers direct.
The rows in the back will exit first and front rows will exit last.*

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN WITH YOU AND DO NOT LEAVE IT IN THE PEW

LUKE 11:1-13 – OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD – AUGUST 30, 2020

DAY ONE

Recall your earliest memory of speaking with God. How confident are you that God listens when you pray? If this is a difficult question, it may be helpful to voice your thoughts in a plain request to your Heavenly Father: "Dear God, I struggle to believe that you listen to me. Please show me, in whatever way you choose, that you do listen.

DAY TWO

There are three life-changing benefits as we increase our intimate prayer life. 1) Prayer baptizes us into *an intimate relationship with Abba Father*. 2) *As we speak openly with God, we come to know ourselves*. 3) A byproduct of genuine dialogue with God is a *change in the way we relate toward others*.

DAY THREE—PRAYING YOUR FEELINGS

Begin by identifying and naming the feelings that are present in you. Unspecified emotions tend to have a draining and depressing effect. Now own the feelings: "This is what I am feeling – my anger, my sadness, my envy, my joy." Finally, express them aloud to the Father and let them go in your prayer. Build this honest sharing of feelings into your dialogue with God. You will find that it renews closeness with God, imparts additional strength for everyday tasks and channels the energy within your feelings into creative action.

DAY FOUR—LEARNING TO PRAY FROM THE PSALMS

Choose your favorite psalm. If you don't have a favorite, start with Psalm 103. Read it aloud, slowly, repeatedly. Allow the words of the psalmist to simmer silently within, to become part of your own praying heart. Without trying to make anything happen, be attentive to your own experience. You may discover the psalm directing your attention toward God in praise and thanksgiving; it may connect you more intimately with some aspect of your own life experience; it will certainly provide vocabulary with which to pray. Following this time of simmering silence, share aloud with God whatever lies in your heart and mind. If it feels awkward, don't give up. This practice is centuries old.

DAY FIVE—PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER

I invite you to experiment with a more meditative approach to the Lord's Prayer. It will take a little longer than usual. Set aside about twenty minutes during which you can genuinely seek to enter the realities described by this prayer. Come into the presence of Abba Father and imagine the joy and warmth of your welcome. Allow each petition to become an entrance to the vastness of your need before God. Ask for those crucial resources essential to living fully human. Remind yourself that you are a family member,

praying also for the needs of your neighbor and wanting to know how best to be a bearer of the Divine Presence.

DAY SIX

From Days Three, Four, and Five what suggestion did you find most helpful for the deepening of your own prayer life? Describe your experience of putting this suggestion into practice.

Keep Them in Your Prayers

Our church; Our Community, Our Troops, Our Government, James Bennett, Sarah Burke, Quala Chisom, Tom Herrin (healing, knee surgery), Jacob Loman, Sharon Fisher's nephew Michael, S. Fisher's cousin's daughter, Shawnda, passed away, **Shut ins:** Wilma Johnson, Pat Wall

Health Challenges: Jim Garrett, Leah Kennedy (recovering from pneumonia but still has cough), Julia Murray, Bill Pool, Nancy Rogers, Katilyn Spencer.

Expectant Mother: Amanda (Bever) Gibson (Due Sept. 6)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

30 Vickie Johnson
31 Carol Cameron
Tommy Davis
Sophie Edwards
April Taylor

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

3 Darron Henson	1 Dennis and Kay Mote
5 Grant Cleary	2 Mike and Brenda Postlethwaite
Glen Kemerling	4 Mike and Leah Stevens
7 Jana Boyce	6 Doyle and Brenda Greteman
	14 Steve and Nancy Pracht

OUR CALENDAR

We are opening the church back up for normal operations on September 1.

9/1 Tuesday 6:00 PM—Prayer Team

9/6 Sunday 9:45 AM—Sunday School

10:55 AM—Worship in the Sanctuary

Annual Conference is in November this and the Special Offering will be for the Disaster Relief Fund.

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