

United Methodist Church

PO Box 467 – 114 W. Chickasaw

Lindsay, Oklahoma

“A Community Church with A Global Vision”



Witness the Good News

Matthew 28:16-20

September 13, 2020

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 10:55am

Broadcast Live on 105.1 FM KBLP

A Service of the Word

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Please enter through the double doors, place your offering in the collection box and sit in a row that is not roped off. If you are not wearing a mask, please sit on the West side of the Sanctuary. If you are wearing a mask, we suggest that you sit on the East side.

We hope our signs make you smile.

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**

Rejoice, the Lord is King

UMH 715

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say rejoice.
2. Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
3. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
4. Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear th'arch angel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Keep our Lord Jesus in mind as you honor the first day of the week!

People: We will keep our Lord Jesus in mind as we honor the day of his resurrection.

***HYMN**

I Love to Tell the Story

UMH 156

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

- I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. **[Refrain]**
3. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. **[Refrain]**
4. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. **[Refrain]**

***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

Jennifer Dutton

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 28:16-20^{NRSV}

¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be

loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Great Thou Art
sign language

Carol Cameron

THE MESSAGE

Witness the Good News

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**

Nothing but the Blood

UMH 362

1. What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

O precious is the flow that makes me bright as snow;
no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. For my pardon this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

[Refrain]

3. Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

[Refrain]

4. This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

[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.
2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the task of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

POSTLUDE

Alexia Herrin

Please remain seated during the Postlude.

Please exit down the outer aisles.

The rows in the back will exit first and front rows will exit last.

DO NOT LEAVE THEM IN THE PEW

WITNESSING TO THE GOOD NEWS – MATTHEW 28:16-20—SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

This week we will work on why, when, and how we share our own testimony.

DAY ONE – Witnessing

Briefly describe one person you consider to be an effective witness for the gospel. What are your feelings about “witnessing”? Where do you find it hardest to be a witness for Jesus Christ? Name one area in which you need to grow to become a more credible gospel witness.

DAY TWO – Witnessing

One question: Why witness? What scriptures can you find that support your answers?

DAY THREE – Witnessing Without Words—Bridling the tongue

The next time you are speaking to someone seeking Jesus, offer the gift of your quiet presence. Listen discerningly to what is being shared in spoken and unspoken words. Be interested in their well-being and life situation. In your quietness, the Holy Spirit is working ceaselessly to generate in the heart of your companion a fresh awareness of the living Christ. As Jesus teaches us to be silent witnesses discover how others can “be won over with a word” (1 Peter 3:1). Journal experience.

DAY FOUR – Divine Openings

Experimenting with a simple prayer request alerts our hearts to these divine openings. We can pray: ***Lord, thank you that you are already active in the lives of all whom I shall meet today. You desire that every human being hear and respond to your good news. Help me to discern the right time to speak about you. Grow within me your gifts of insight and wisdom that I may possess your sense of timing in all that I do and say.***

This reminds us that our Holy God always goes before us, preparing the hearts of others to receive the words we may share.

DAYS FIVE/SIX – Testimony—becoming more aware of our experience with God

Complete these sentences frankly and spontaneously. When you are finished, you will have the beginnings of your personal testimony. Now share a few with a trusted friend.

- I have come to experience God as ...
- I seldom, if ever, experience God as ...
- I feel more “in touch” with God when...
- One moment in my life when I was most aware of God’s power working in me beyond my limits was...
- For me, Jesus is ...
- The most significant difference that Christ has made in my life is ...
- I have experienced the Holy Spirit active in my life when ...
- What I want most to share with someone about my experience of God is ...
- When I am faced with my own personal sinfulness, I sense God as ...
- What delights me most about God is ...
- When I reflect on God’s love for me I am ...
- For me, the surest sign of God’s presence in my life is ...

Keep Them in Your Prayers

Our church; Our Community, Our Troops, Our Government, Sharon Fisher's nephew Michael, S. Fisher's cousin's daughter, Shawnda, passed away, Lynn Scruggs family, his sister Marietta Spencer passed away ***Shut ins:*** Wilma Johnson, Pat Wall

Health Challenges: Sarah Burke, Quala Chisom, Tom Herrin (healing, hip surgery), Jacob Loman, Frankie Minton, Leah Kennedy, Julia Murray, Bill Pool, Nancy Rogers, Katilyn Spencer, Mike Stevens, Rick Webb ***Praises:*** Amanda (Bevers) Gibson had her baby boy on Sept 1, Austin Layne Gibson, 7lbs 19inches!, Rachel Franklin came home from the hospital but is still in need of healing.

Birthdays

15th Phillip Crawford

18th Sara Boyce

20th Maeve Cleary

Anniversaries

14th Steve & Nancy Pracht

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!)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 13th

Worship 10:55am

Monday, September 14th

SPRC Meeting 7:00pm

Tuesday, September 15th

UMW 9:30am

Prayer Group 6:00pm

Wednesday, September 16th

UMYF 5:30pm

Choir 7:00pm

Thursday, September 17th

Bloodmobile 11am-6pm

Sunday, September 20th

Sunday School 9:45am

Worship 10:55am

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, September 26th

Pumpkins Arrive 4:30pm

Sunday, September 27th

Charge Conf. via ZOOM

November 21-22

Annual Conf. 1:00pm

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