

United Methodist Church

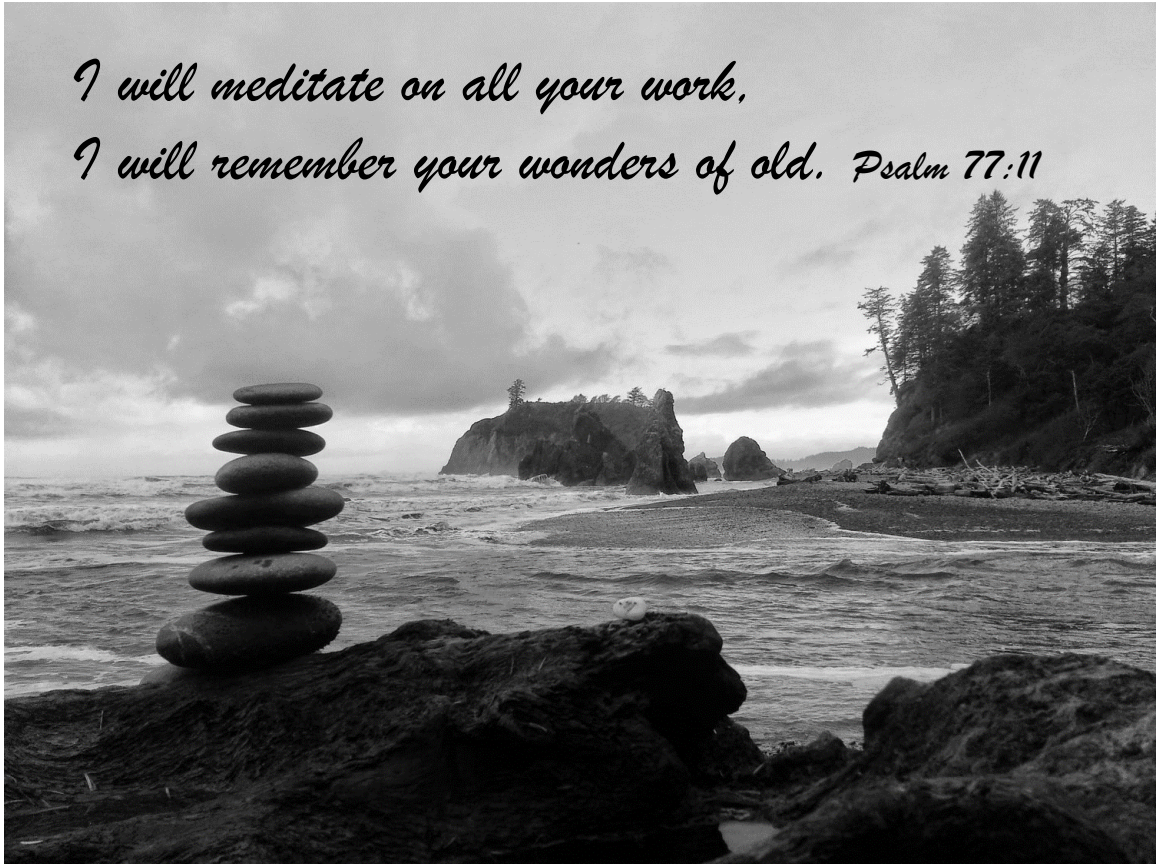
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"A Community Church with A Global Vision"

I will meditate on all your work,

I will remember your wonders of old. Psalm 77:11



Developing a Christian Memory

2 Timothy 1:1-7^{NRSV}

September 6, 2020

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 10:55am

Broadcast Live on 105.1 FM KBLP

A Service of the Word & Table

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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

Jake Pool

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jake Pool

***INTROIT**

O How I Love Jesus

UMH 170

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain:

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

2. It tells me of a Saviors love, who died to set me free,
it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.

[Refrain]

3. It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woes;
who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.

[Refrain]

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jake Pool

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

People: And also with you.

People: We are assured that the Lord is here. Our Risen Lord is here among us. Let's worship God together!

***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.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *This is Where Children Belong* FWS 2233
*This this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water,
 God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

Lacie Wilkins

Jake Pool

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. **4** Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. **5** I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. **6** For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; **7** for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

May God add a blessing to the reading of this Holy Word.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Broken Prayers

Lacie Wilkins

THE MESSAGE

Developing a Christian Memory

Rev. Jacki Banks

WE RESPOND IN THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

Eat This Bread

UMH 628

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare.

When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed.

People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide. And too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

All pray in silence.

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You are as present with your people

as the mountains that surround Jerusalem.

You are generous with those who are good,

who are upright in their hearts.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
who knew you as his loving parent
and thus called you “Abba!”**

**We, too, cry, “Abba!”
Knowing that when we do
It is the Spirit itself bearing witness
That indeed we are your children.**

**By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.**

**On the night in which he gave himself up for us
He took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”**

**When the supper was over,
he took the cup, gave thanks to you,
gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”**

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood
that our faith may show forth in our good works.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at the heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: And now with the confidence of children of God, we pray:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

***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.*

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION, in unison**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth confessing Jesus Christ as Lord of all. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN**

I Know Whom I Have Believed

UMH 714

1. I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he hath made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.

Refrain:

but I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day.

2. I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his word wrought peace withing my heart.

[Refrain]

3. I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing us of sin,
revealing Jesus through the word, creating faith in him.

[Refrain]

4. I know not when my Lord may come, at night, or noon day fair,
nor if I walk the vale with him, or meet him in the air.

[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.

***PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN AND COMMUNION CUPS WITH YOU AND
DESPOSE OF THEM IN THE TRASH RECEPTACLE IN THE NARTHEX***

DO NOT LEAVE THEM IN THE PEW

DEVELOPING A CHRISTIAN MEMORY – 2 TIMOTHY 1:1~7

I hope you are continuing to keep a journal. This week is full of memories.

DAY ONE – The Four Quaker Questions

Think back over your life and answer what has become known as the Four Quaker questions.

1. Where did your family live when you were seven and eleven years old and who were family for you?
2. How was your home heated?
3. Where did you look for personal warmth and affection?
4. When was the first time in your life that God became more than a word?

DAY TWO – Remembering Jesus in the Gospels – John 20:31

Choose one Gospel to journey through over the next year. My suggestion is Mark. It is the shortest one and is the most basic. Mark's gospel came before the other three and it was used as one of the resources used by Matthew and Luke. Set aside an hour or so and read through it in one sitting to bet the overall continuity and predominant emphases. Next, on as regular a basis as possible, read a short passage and keep company with Jesus. Try to understand his feelings about God, notice the way he relates to people, listen to the message he brings, explore his views about material things and watch what he does. Consider what meaning all this would hold for you if you were to live your life as Jesus would, if he were in your place.

DAY THREE – Remembering our Personal Stories – Stage one

Set aside a few hours spread over several days. Begin by making a random list of those key moments in your life when God seemed particularly close; moments when your life was touched by a sacred sense of awe and wonder and gratitude. Memories could range from a powerful awareness of life's utter giftedness, from witnessing the birth of a baby to an answered prayer for yourself or a loved one. Limit your list to about ten such memories.

Next to these experiences describe the feelings you had during them. Feelings of deep joy and wholeness are usually a sign of God's presence. Celebrate these experiences as sacraments of God's self-giving love, especially shared with you.

DAY FOUR – Remembering our Personal Stories – Stage Two

If you have painful memories that keep you torn up inside, this is an exercise that played the largest part in my own healing. When things get too painful, remember the beautiful words: The cross before me, the world behind me . . . I have decided to follow Jesus.

Make notes in your spiritual autobiography of memories of past pain. Pay particular attention to those feelings associated with each painful memory. Gently connect those memories with the ever-present suffering love of the crucified and risen Lord. Keep the cross before you. Commute for however long seems appropriate between the painful memory and the crucified Jesus. There is always a cross in the anguished heart of God.

DAY FIVE – Remembering our Personal Stories: Stage Three

Ask the Lord to bring to mind moments when you have been a bearer of his loving presence. Write them down, no matter how insignificant they may seem. Often the small gesture of love and kindness can carry a meaning for greater than what seems outwardly apparent. When your list is completed, give thanks to God for the privilege of being his copartner in his ongoing work in his world today.

DAY SIX – Remembering our Personal Stories in Present Day—Examen

Place yourself consciously in God's presence, asking for his light as you review the past few hours. Then ponder the following questions, which summarize the major emphases of the examen:

- What have I to be thankful for?
- What strong moods have I experienced, and what attitudes lie beneath them?
- For what do I need to ask forgiveness?
- For what do I need God's help and guidance tomorrow?

When you have completed this small experiment, you have just done your first examen.

DAY SEVEN: Psalm 139:1-18

Read the Psalm aloud. Identify a phrase that strikes you in light of your own experience of God over the years. Mark the phrase(s) and journal (or write in the margin of your Bible) about its meaning for you.

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), Jim Garrett, Jacob Loman, Leah Kennedy, Julia Murray, Bill Pool, Nancy Rogers, Katilyn Spencer, Mike Stevens ***Praises:*** Amanda (Bever) Gibson had her baby boy on Sept 1.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7 th Jana Boyce	15 th Phillip Crawford
8 th Ed Bevers	18 th Sara Boyce
Steve Pracht	20 th Maeve Amelia Cleary
12 th Mike Stevens	

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

6 th Doyle & Brenda Greteman	14 th Steve & Nancy Pracht
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OUR CALENDAR

Tuesday	6:00 PM	Prayer Team – complete a prayer card and place in offering box
Wednesday	5:30 PM	UMYF
	5:45 PM	Adult Bells
	7:00 PM	Choir
Nov 21-22	1:00 PM	Annual Conference @ Church of the Servant

The Special Offering for Annual Conference this year will be for the Disaster Relief Fund.

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Helping with worship this morning: Jake Pool, Liturgist and Music Leader; Miranda Edwards, Music Leader; Lacie Wilkins, Children's Message and Special Music; Alexia Herrin, piano/organ; Daniel Pool media/sound; Sharon Fisher, Communion Steward;  
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