

**Macon United Methodist Church**  
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**June 11, 2023** **Second Sunday after Pentecost**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

*"In the Bible, the Hebrew word for repentance is shub, which literally means to turn around. Repentance is a change of heart--a spiritual U-turn--not punishment or penance."*

### **RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

### **PRELUDE**

**GATHERING** Words of welcome and announcements

### **\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Come! Now is the time to worship!

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We gather today as people God calls to go and share the good news.

**We gather as God's sent-out people.**

We gather to listen and share God's work in our lives, our families, and our neighborhoods.

**We proclaim the goodness of God's love together.**

We gather to respond to God's grace as we continue on the path of discipleship.

**We hear God's call and learn to say "yes" to God together.**

We gather to again hear God's call to "Go!" as God commissions us to love God and neighbor in everything that we do.

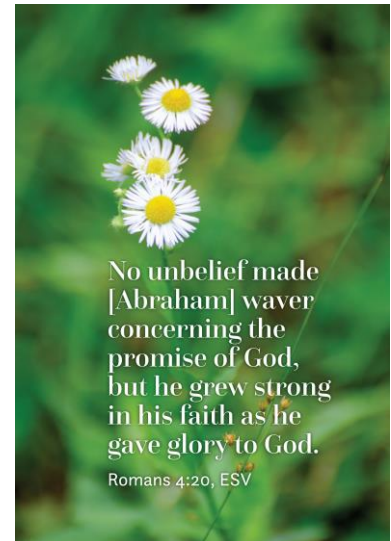
**We go knowing that as God's called, gathered, and sent-out people, we are not alone as we carry the weight of God's call into the world together. Amen.**

### **\* OPENING HYMN**

***"The God of Abraham Praise"***

**(UMH # 116)**

1. The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of Love;  
Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.



2. The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.  
I shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore,  
and sing the wonders of God's grace forevermore.
3. The heavenly land I see, with peace and plenty blest;  
a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.  
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.
4. The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry "Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:  
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM, we worship thee!"

#### **INVOCATION (unison)**

**We would sing glad songs to you, Commissioning God, as we enter your heart with thanksgiving on our lips, for you are that love which never ends; that joy which overflows; that faith which is always full. We would proclaim our praise to you, Voice of compassion, as you would send us into the world in which we live, for you are the Word we can speak to power; the healing we can offer to the broken; the justice which can replace oppression. We would offer our hands and hearts to you, Imaginative Spirit, as you teach us new steps in this dance we call life, the cleanser of our messy hearts, the breath of hope for shallow lungs, the password for access to grace. With our hearts, voices, bodies, souls, we offer joyful noise to you, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us lift our prayers in thoughts of praise.

#### **SILENT PRAYER**

Communicate with God about your faith.

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

**Romans 4:13-25(CEB)**

The promise to Abraham and to his descendants, that he would inherit the world, didn't come through the Law but through the righteousness that comes from faith. If they inherit because of the Law, then faith has no effect and the promise has been canceled. The Law brings about wrath. But when there isn't any law, there isn't any violation of the law. That's why the inheritance comes through faith, so that it will be on the basis of God's grace. In that way, the promise is secure for all of Abraham's descendants, not just for those who are related by Law but also for those who are related

by the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us. As it is written: *I have appointed you to be the father of many nations*. So Abraham is our father in the eyes of God in whom he had faith, the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that don't exist into existence. When it was beyond hope, he had faith in the hope that he would become the father of many nations, in keeping with the promise God spoke to him: *That's how many descendants you will have*. Without losing faith, Abraham, who was nearly 100 years old, took into account his own body, which was as good as dead, and Sarah's womb, which was dead. He didn't hesitate with a lack of faith in God's promise, but he grew strong in faith and gave glory to God. He was fully convinced that God was able to do what he promised. Therefore, it was credited to him as righteousness. But the scripture that says *it was credited to him* wasn't written only for Abraham's sake. It was written also for our sake, because it is going to be credited to us too. It will be credited to those of us who have faith in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was handed over because of our mistakes, and he was raised to meet the requirements of righteousness for us.

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**You call us to be a priestly people and a holy nation, but we, like lost sheep, go astray. We know that peace comes through openness to our neighbors, but we make little effort to crash the walls between us. We know that the soft answer turns away wrath, but we greet our enemies with hard words and even harder looks. We know that self-giving breeds self-givers, but we refuse others the grace with which you treat us. We criticize fellow believers for not patterning their lives after Jesus, yet we do not mirror his life. Forgive us, O God, for our betrayal of your call. Let us take our place at the foot of the mountain of revelation. Open our ears that we might hear your commandments, and transform our hearts that we might keep your covenant. Let us now, as when we first believed, exclaim, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient."**

#### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

**Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (CEB)**

As Jesus continued on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. He said to him, "Follow me," and he got up and followed him. As Jesus sat down to eat in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners joined Jesus and his disciples at the table.

But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

When Jesus heard it, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. Go and learn what this means: *I want mercy and not sacrifice*. I didn't come to call righteous people, but sinners."

While Jesus was speaking to them, a ruler came and knelt in front of him, saying, "My daughter has just died. But come and place your hand on her, and she'll live." So Jesus and his disciples got up and went with him. Then a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years came up behind Jesus and touched the hem of his clothes. She thought, if I only touch his robe I'll be healed.

When Jesus turned and saw her, he said, "Be encouraged, daughter. Your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that time on.

When Jesus went into the ruler's house, he saw the flute players and the distressed crowd. He said, "Go away, because the little girl isn't dead but is asleep," but they laughed at him. After he had sent the crowd away, Jesus went in and touched her hand, and the little girl rose up. News about this spread throughout that whole region.

## **A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN**

### **MESSAGE**

**"Faith and Righteousness"**  
**Rev. Terry McDorman**

### **HYMN**

***"Wounded World that Cries for Healing"***

**(FWS #2177)**

1. Wounded world that cries for healing--here we hold each other's pain,  
wounded systems, bruised and bleeding bear the load, the scars of strain;  
dollars ration out compassion, hard decisions rule the day,  
Jesus of the healing Spirit, free us to another way!

2. Through our nation's spent frustration, through the corridors of stress  
may there move a kindlier wisdom all may feel, and all may bless;  
tax and tithe are for a purpose shared to shield the poor and weak:  
past the symptoms of our sickness let the voice of justice speak.

3. Honor those whose loving spirit nurses hope, restores and heals,  
towel and basin used in service like the Christ who comes and kneels;  
in the tending, in the mending may we see the right and fair,  
in our common quest for wholeness heal each other by our care.

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### **OFFERTORY**

### **INVITATION TO SHARE**

*Jesus gave everything for us. Let us give just as generously for others.*

### **PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:**

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

**(UMH # 94)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

**God of eternity and God of the next moment: we offer our gifts today having heard your call through Jesus to follow. Remind us again this day that being a follower doesn't end at the offering plate. There is a weight to this call--one that demands we not only say "yes" to following but that we also say "no" to thousands of things that will lead us away from the discipleship path. Guide us that we might not wander off that road. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Alayna and Aubrey Bickel**

**CLOSING PRAYER (unison)**

**We are your people, O God; grant us the wisdom to affirm your claim upon us. We await your revealing word; grant us the sensitivity to hear your demands in clear and compelling language. We long to do your will on earth as in heaven, our Heavenly Father; grant us the courage to fail neither you nor your children.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Lord of the Dance*

**(UMH # 261)**

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
they came with me and the dance went on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high;  
and they left me there on a cross to die.  
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone'  
but I am the dance and I still go on.  
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
5. They cut Me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die,  
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.  
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

*All are invited to sit and reflect during the Postlude*

*Special thankyou's to all those that assisted with worship today.*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 32**

**ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70**

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## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND SERVICE**

Sun. June 11 9:00 am Sunday School  
Sun. June 11 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service  
Sun. June 18 9:00 am Sunday School  
Sun. June 18 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service  
Sun. June 25 9:00 am Sunday School  
Sun. June 25 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service  
Sun. June 25 11:00 am Community Picnic and Ice Cream Social

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

June 15 Carl and Joyce Craft      June 17 Richard Boggs

## **MISSIONS**



Items requested by the food pantry are: Vegetable, chicken-noodle and tomato soups, any kind of cereal and/or oatmeal, canned fruit, toilet paper and dish liquid. Cash Donations are always welcome.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY**

Macon Adult Sunday School Bible Study "Words of Life Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today" by Adam Hamilton concludes Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 9:00 am.

## **MACON UMC'S COMMUNITY PICNIC**

and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 25 at 11 a.m. Look for additional details on the church website.

## **CHURCH BENCH**

Plastic cap and lid collection continues. We still need about fifty pounds of plastic bottle caps and lids to reach our goal so that we may obtain a bench for in front of the church (made from recycled plastic). Be certain to wash the items thoroughly. The bench will be available to anyone that needs a respite while walking or running through town, a simple place of rest or to meditate.