

Macon United Methodist Church
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August 6, 2023 **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Christ has turned all our sunsets into dawns"
---Clement of Alexandria (c.150-c.215) Theologian

PRELUDE

GATHERING Words of welcome and announcements



***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

We need this kind of hope.

Come: worship the Holy One who meets you where you are. Come; open yourselves to the God who lifts us up.

We are here to worship; we are here to surrender to God.

***OPENING HYMN “When Morning Gilds the Skies” (UMH # 185)**

1. When morning gilds the skies my heart awakening cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer,
to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

2. The night becomes as day when from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear
when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!

3. Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised! In heaven's eternal bliss
the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this th' eternal song
through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

INVOCATION (unison)

Almighty and most gracious God, we give you thanks for this day and for calling us here to your place of online worship. We gather to praise your name, for your faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Signs of your faithfulness are all around us: love, mercy, forgiveness, new life, and the gifts of your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Help us claim your faithfulness as we seek to increase our faithfulness to you. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

Mark 1:14-20 (NIV)

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people! Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all his wondrous works! Give praise to God's holy name! Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the LORD! Pursue the LORD and his strength; seek his face always! Remember the wondrous works he has done, all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared—you who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

When God called for a famine in the land, destroying every source of food, he sent a man ahead of them, who was sold as a slave: it was Joseph. Joseph's feet hurt in his shackles; his neck was in an iron collar, until what he predicted actually happened, until what the LORD had said proved him true. The king sent for Joseph and set him free; the ruler of many people released him. The king made Joseph master of his house and ruler over everything he owned, to make sure his princes

acted according to his will, and to teach wisdom to his advisors.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:14-20 (Message)

After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the Message of God: “Time’s up! God’s kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message.”

Passing along the beach of Lake Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew net-fishing. Fishing was their regular work. Jesus said to them, “Come with me. I’ll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I’ll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass.” They didn’t ask questions. They dropped their nets and followed. A dozen yards or so down the beach, he saw the brothers James and John, Zebedee’s sons. They were in the boat, mending their fishnets. Right off, he made the same offer. Immediately, they left their father Zebedee, the boat, and the hired hands, and followed.

MESSAGE

**“The ‘Gone Fishin’ Sign”
Rev. Terry McDorman**

HYMN

“Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling”

(UMH # 348)

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home; ye who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?
Come home, come home; ye who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me;
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me.
Come home, come home; ye who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

4. O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.
Come home, come home; ye who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

OFFERTORY

INVITATION TO SHARE

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)**

May these gifts, given to these ministries of grace, be a blessing to friends and strangers, those like us and those not, those deserving and those not, for in this way the love of God reaches all of God's beloved.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. *The pastor may lift hands and keep them raised.*

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day
when justice shall roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
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.
At his ascension you exalted him
to sit and reign with you at your right hand.
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took 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.

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

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.
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 his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever.

Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SPECIAL MUSIC

Erin Moyer

CLOSING PRAYER (unison)

Insistent God, by night and day you summon your slumbering people, so stir us with your voice and enlighten our lives with your grace that we give ourselves fully to Christ's call to mission and ministry. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN “*Standing on the Promises*” UMH # 374**

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of Christ my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of Christ my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of Christ my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of Christ my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

All are invited to sit and reflect during the Postlude

**Please rise as you are able*

Special thanks to all those that assisted with worship today.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 36

ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70

Pastor Terry will indeed be ‘gone fishin’ the next two weeks. The Rev. Brennan Hurley of the Stonington, UMC will be available for pastoral emergencies.
1-217-781-2799

Sunday August 13, Mr. Kirk Yenerall, CLM will fill the pulpit. Pastor Terry will return August 20.

WELCOME HOME SUNDAY--September 10, 2023

This Sunday is set aside this year to welcome home all those returning from summertime adventures as well as anyone that has ever attended our church or has even considered it. This is a day to pack in the folks up to the rafters. Following worship, which will include Holy Communion, we shall have a time of fellowship with a potluck luncheon. Watch for additional news on the website and Facebook pages. *Please be certain to spread the news to everyone in the Macon area to come that day!*

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Be certain to check the church website, <https://maconilumc.net/> for update information about the church, events and news. Please use webmaster.maconumc@gmail.com to submit updates or additions to the church website.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND SERVICE

Sun. Aug 06 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. Aug 06 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Sat Aug 12 1:00 pm Rice Meal Packing in the Fellowship Hall
Sun. Aug 13 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. Aug 13 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 06	Janice Berry	Aug 08	Kerry Craft
Aug 11	Mike Baker	Aug 11	Megan Craft
Aug 11	Greg Smith		

MISSIONS



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

RICE MEALS



Join us Saturday, August 12, 2023 from 1 to 4 PM at the Macon UMC Fellowship Hall. All are invited to help pack rice meals for the hungry. One bag feeds six people and includes a vitamin packet, dehydrated vegetables, soy, and white rice. The packets are distributed through the Midwest Distribution Center and given to trusted non-profits throughout the world. To help, contact the Methodist outreach committee: Christine Cutler 217 433-4407; ccut31@gmail.com or Lori Nixon 217 972-6069; lawn64@yahoo.com. Please sign-up by August 1.

BACK TO SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

The Elwin NOW Committee is hosting an All-church Movie Night on Sunday, August 13 at 6:00 pm showing “The Jesus Revolution.” Elwin invites the Macon and Zion Chapel Churches (including the youth group) to join them at the movie. Popcorn and soda will be provided.



CHURCH BENCH

Plastic cap and lid collection continues. We still need about forty pounds of plastic bottle caps and lids to reach our goal so that we may obtain a bench 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 to rest or to meditate.