

June 2, 2024

Hear our prayers that we may love you with our whole being and willingly share the concerns of our neighbors. Amen.

Inviting the entire community to join in worship

welcome and announcements

Words of

The psalmist declares, “Lord, you have searched me and known me.” Will you open yourselves to be searched by God?

Search us, O God, and know our hearts.

God searches you, knows you, and loves you, and invites you to search out God in return. Will you seek the heart of God?

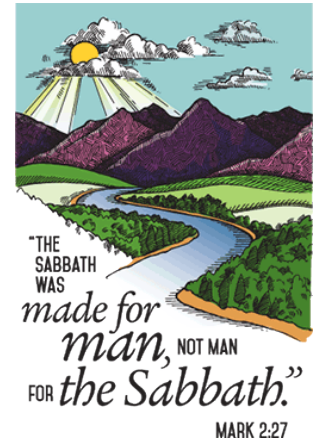
We will search you, O God, to know your heart.

The Triune God who creates all and knows all is revealed in running rivers and fluttering butterflies, in warm sunshine and the smell of the earth. Will you pay attention?

We will pay attention, O God, to your fingerprint of love on all of creation.

Open our hearts today to encounter your love, holiness, and glory that create and sustain all that was, is, and will be.

We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity, the all-knowing Creator and Sustainer of life.



1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart
and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

God, we cannot escape your love. We can find no place to hide. You search us out wherever we may be. Your love is like a mother's blanket, protecting us wherever we go. Your love shields us from evil. We may travel to the moon or to the depths of the ocean: your love is there. We may think ourselves to greater levels of sophistication: your love is there. We may fall in the pits of sin: your love is there. Thank you, Mother, for steadfast mercy. Thank you for being there, wherever we may be. Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Let us lift our prayers in thoughts of praise.

SILENT PRAYER

Let us share our doubts with God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

We don't preach about ourselves. Instead, we preach about Jesus Christ as Lord, and we describe ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. God said that light should shine out of the darkness. He is the same one who shone in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay pots so that the awesome power belongs to God and doesn't come from us. We are experiencing all kinds of trouble, but we aren't crushed. We are confused, but we aren't depressed. We are harassed, but we aren't abandoned. We are knocked down, but we aren't knocked out.

We always carry Jesus' death around in our bodies so that Jesus' life can also be seen in our bodies. We who are alive are always being handed over to death for Jesus' sake so that Jesus' life can also be seen in our bodies that are dying. So death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

I come before God knowing that “confession is good for the soul.” But the thought of opening up before you is overwhelming. At times, I cannot bear to remember how often I have gone astray. At other times, I cloud my memory, justifying what I know is wrong in your sight. I cannot trust myself to confess my sins as often as I should. I need you to help me to be honest. So, like the psalmist, I say, “Search me Lord.” You know me. You know my thoughts. You know where I have been and where I am going. Search me, Lord; and if there is any wicked way in me, deliver me and lead me into righteousness.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:23–3:6

Jesus went through the wheat fields on the Sabbath. As the disciples made their way, they were picking the heads of wheat. The Pharisees said to Jesus, “Look! Why are they breaking the Sabbath law?”

He said to them, “Haven’t you ever read what David did when he was in need, when he and those with him were hungry? During the time when Abiathar was high priest, David went into God’s house and ate the bread of the presence, which only the priests were allowed to eat. He also gave bread to those who were with him.” Then he said, “The Sabbath was created for humans; humans weren’t created for the Sabbath. This is why the Human One is Lord even over the Sabbath.”

Jesus returned to the synagogue. A man with a withered hand was there. Wanting to bring charges against Jesus, they were watching Jesus closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. He said to the man with the withered hand, “Step up where people can see you.” Then he said to them, “Is it legal on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they said nothing. Looking around at them with anger, deeply grieved at their unyielding hearts, he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” So he did, and his hand was made healthy. At that, the Pharisees got together with the supporters of Herod to plan how to destroy Jesus.

MESSAGE

“Summertime”

Pastor Terry

HYMN

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

(UMH # 206)

1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God sent the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus

In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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)**

Gracious God, in awe of your omniscience, we offer our gifts today. Just as you intimately know us, help us understand and trust in your vastness. As we reflect on our beliefs, may our stewardship reflect our trust in your guiding hand. Guide us to embody our creed, living as a community of faith in love, service, and action. Though your essence surpasses our comprehension, we find comfort in our relationship with you. As we declare our faith, may it ignite our actions, echoing your love and care for all creation. Bless these offerings as a symbol of our commitment to live out our beliefs. Amen.

HOLY EUCHARIST CELEBRATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

All are invited to the Lord's Feast. Please come forward taking a piece of the bread, dipping it into the cup of juice and partake. (The bread is gluten free) If you are unable to come forward, please let the usher know and the elements will be brought to you.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

CLOSING PRAYER (unison) A Statement of Faith

We, the disciples of Jesus Christ and members of the universal church, believe in one God, creator of all. We believe in the Holy Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, sent for our salvation and through whom we are reconciled with the Father. We believe that the Bible is the divine word. We believe in the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, and that grace and mercy are available to all. We believe in everlasting life. We believe that we are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Amen

***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

(Please be seated and silent during the Postlude)

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 33

ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING

If you are interested in becoming an Emergency Response Team member to assist UMCOR when disasters strike, there is a training session coming up very soon.

It is Wednesday, June 5th at Peoria First UMC. All the details, including registration information, can be found at this link.

<https://www.igrc.org/calendardetail/ert-basic-training-18169757>

Mr. Kirk Yenerall, CLM, will be filling the pulpit next Sunday as Pastor Terry will be celebrating the wedding of his son.

Be certain to check the church website, <https://maconilumc.net/> for updated 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 June 9 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. June 9 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Sun June 16 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. June 16 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Sun June 23 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. June 23 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Sun. June 23 11:00 am Outreach Committee Meeting; pastor's office
Sun June 30 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. June 30 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Sat. Aug. 03 1:00 pm Rice Packing

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

June 2 Brad Roush

June 7 Dan and Erin Moyer

MISSIONS



Items requested by the food pantry are: Any kind of cereal and/or oatmeal, canned fruit and vegetables, canned soup, and shampoo. Cash donations are always welcome.