

**Macon United Methodist Church**  
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**June 30, 2024** **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

*“one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all”*

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**Inviting the entire community to join in worship**

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING**

**Words of welcome and announcements**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The love of Christ touches every person, transforming us with grace. Greet your sisters and brothers with this love. Share God’s peace.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

Beloved, when hope is high, abundance surrounds us, and we bask in the goodness of God’s provision, God calls to us...

**Open your heart and your hands.**

When disaster strikes, need overwhelms the senses, and we carry the weight and worry of a perilous present and unknown future, God calls to us...

**Open your heart and your hands.**

When we are moved with compassion, our hearts urging us to reach out to support our siblings in Christ, God calls to us...

**Open your heart and your hands.**

Children of God, as we gather for worship today, listen! God call us to open our hearts and our hands to one another in need and in abundance.

**May our worship open our hearts and our hands to one another as we learn to share with one another in all seasons, for we are all one in the Body of Christ. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*“Abide with Me”*

**(UMH # 700)**

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me.



*“If I but touch his clothes,  
I will be made well.”*  
Mark 5:28, NRSV

3. I need thy presence every passing hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?

Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

### **OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

**Living and faithful Spirit, the God in whom we live and move and have our being, the God who is made known in Christ Jesus, bless us one and all as we wait on you this day. Please remove from our minds and hearts whatever impediments hinder worship or dampen our joy. Increase within us that holy longing for closeness which can open our lives to fuller delight and to a deeper commitment. May our hymns and prayers, our searching thoughts, and our hearing of the Scriptures, be an exercise in the holiest love making. By you, with you and for you, may our lives publish your praise. In the name of Christ Jesus. 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**

### **Psalms 130 (CEB)**

I cry out to you from the depths, LORD—my Lord, listen to my voice! Let your ears pay close attention to my request for mercy! If you kept track of sins, LORD--my Lord, who would stand a chance? But forgiveness is with you—that's why you are honored. I hope, LORD. My whole being hopes, and I wait for God's promise. My whole being waits for my Lord—more than the night watch waits for morning; yes, more than the night watch waits for morning! Israel, wait for the LORD! Because faithful love is with the LORD; because great redemption is with our God! He is the one who will redeem Israel from all its sin.

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

**We fill our lives with the fear of scarcity, assuming there is not enough money, time, patience or love. We turn away when a stranger asks for nourishment, claiming there isn't enough even for ourselves. Forgive us when we doubt your abundance and ignore the possibilities in what we have been given. We often sit with arms crossed and fists clenched, crying out that you have turned away and left us empty handed. Forgive us when we reject your abundance and neglect the possibilities in what we have been given. We easily give thanks for the good things in life, turning away from those which lead us to deeper community or second-guessing blessings as too good to be true. Open our eyes to the wonders that surround us. Help us surrender to the loving embrace that enfolds us.**

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

**Mark 5:21-43 (CEB)**

Jesus crossed the lake again, and on the other side a large crowd gathered around him on the shore. Jairus, one of the synagogue leaders, came forward. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet and pleaded with him, "My daughter is about to die. Please, come and place your hands on her so that she can be healed and live." So Jesus went with him.

A swarm of people were following Jesus, crowding in on him. A woman was there who had been bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a lot under the care of many doctors, and had spent everything she had without getting any better. In fact, she had gotten worse. Because she had heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothes. She was thinking, If I can just touch his clothes, I'll be healed. Her bleeding stopped immediately, and she sensed in her body that her illness had been healed.

At that very moment, Jesus recognized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?"

His disciples said to him, "Don't you see the crowd pressing against you? Yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus looked around carefully to see who had done it.

The woman, full of fear and trembling, came forward. Knowing what had happened to her, she fell down in front of Jesus and told him the whole truth. He responded, "Daughter, your faith has healed you; go in peace, healed from your disease."

While Jesus was still speaking with her, messengers came from the synagogue leader's house, saying to Jairus, "Your daughter has died. Why bother the teacher any longer?"

But Jesus overheard their report and said to the synagogue leader, "Don't be afraid; just keep trusting." He didn't allow anyone to follow him except Peter, James, and John, James' brother. They came to the synagogue leader's house, and he saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, "What's all this commotion and crying about? The child isn't dead. She's only sleeping." They laughed at him, but he threw them all out. Then, taking the child's parents and his disciples with him, he went to the room where the child was. Taking her hand, he said to her, "*Talitha*

*koum,*” which means, “Young woman, get up.” Suddenly the young woman got up and began to walk around. She was 12 years old. They were shocked! He gave them strict orders that no one should know what had happened. Then he told them to give her something to eat.

## **MESSAGE**

### **“A Simple Touch”**

**Rev. Terry McDorman**

## **HYMN**

### ***“He Touched Me”***

**(UMH # 367)**

1. Shackled by a heavy burden neath a load of guilt and shame,  
then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.  
He touched me, O, He touched me, and O, the joy that floods my soul!  
Something happened, and now I know, he touched me, and made me whole.

2. Since I've met this blessed Savior, since he's cleansed and made me whole,  
I will never cease to praise Him; I'll shout it while eternity rolls.  
He touched me, O, He touched me, and O, the joy that floods my soul!  
Something happened, and now I know, he touched me, and made me whole.

## **INVITATION TO SHARE**

Paul challenged the church at Corinth to recognize their abundance that they might share with those in need. God calls us to give out of our bounty, that all might have enough to live on without fear. With eager hearts, let us joyfully give out of our abundance.

## **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)**

**Generous God, we offer our gifts with open hearts, recognizing that our generosity reflects our faith in you and your actions in the world. Just as the Corinthian church desired to give, may our giving be a reflection of the gospel in which we believe. Help us to share according to what we have, knowing that in the body of Christ, we are bound together in a relationship, offering help and hope to one another. Amen**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Alayna Bickel, Vocalist**

## **CLOSING PRAYER (unison)**

**For those who are alone, Lord, let them know that they have a home in You. As you whisper to them of their importance, forge within them a new identity, the child of a King. Let everyone know they are welcome in Your Kingdom. And let us all focus on what we have in common rather than what might divide us—because You created this wide diversity of mankind, and the Bible says You created us in Your image. Help us see You in all the people we encounter and to reach out in kindness.**

## **\*CLOSING HYMN “Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother” (FWS #2225)**

1. Who is my mother, who is my brother? All those who gather round Jesus Christ: Spirit blown people, born from the Gospel sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.
2. Differently abled, differently labeled widen the circle round Jesus Christ: Crutches and stigmas, cultures' enigmas all come together round Jesus Christ.
3. Love will relate us--color or status can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ: Family failings, human derailings--all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.
4. Bound by one vision, met for one mission we claim each other round Jesus Christ: Here is my mother, here is my brother, kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

**(Please be seated and silent during the Postlude)**

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 32**

**ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70**

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

*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](mailto:webmaster.maconumc@gmail.com) to submit updates or additions to the church website.*

## **DARE TO DREAM LIKE JESUS**

The North District is hosting a conference-wide laity event on Saturday, August 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., featuring author Rebekah Simon-Peter.

Registration is currently underway through July 31. Cost is \$30 including continental breakfast and lunch. Register before July 15 and save \$5 per person. The event is limited to the first 200 persons registered.

Jesus' biggest dream was "Thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." This dream was so big that it guided his entire ministry, from birth to death, and beyond.

You may be asking: "How do we dream like Jesus when we are just desperate to stay alive?" "How do we dream like Jesus when we have few resources and few people?"

This day-long gathering at Normal: Calvary UMC will free you to Dream Like Jesus and inform you why it is crucial that you do. You will walk away understanding what a Jesus-sized dream is and learn how your church can create a Jesus-sized dream of your own. You will also learn specific actions you and your church can take to create and live out Jesus-sized dreams.

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND SERVICE**

Sun July 07 9:00 am Sunday School  
Sun. July 07 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service  
Sun July 14 9:00 am Sunday School  
Sun. July 14 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service  
Sun July 21 9:00 am Sunday School  
Sun. July 21 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service  
Sun July 28 9:00 am Sunday School  
Sun. July 28 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service  
Sat. Aug. 03 1:00 pm Rice Packing  
Sun. Aug. 11 11:30 am Picnic and Church in the Park

### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

July 01	Erin Moyer	July 01	Gary Berry
July 01	Jerri and Gary Henschen	July 02	Garry Cutler
July 02	Kate Huggins	July 02	Mike Snyder
July 03	Carl Craft	July 06	Jaxson Miller

### **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.

