

Macon United Methodist Church

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Third Sunday after Pentecost

“Prayer in action is love, and love in action is service. Try to give unconditionally whatever a person needs in the moment. The point is to do something, however small, and show you care through your actions by giving your time ... We are all God’s children so it is important to share His gifts. Do not worry about why problems exist in the world--just respond to people’s needs ... We feel what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean, but that ocean would be less without that drop.” **Mother Teresa**

Inviting the entire community to join in worship

GATHERING

Words of welcome and announcements

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

Some of us come today with hearts weighed down with anxiety, fear, despair, and hurt. Together we cling to this truth:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Some of us come today with hearts that feel light with relief, joy, comfort, and gratitude. Together we cling to this truth:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Some of us come today not knowing what we think about God, confused and disappointed that the world God made is so full of evils of every kind. Together we cling to this truth:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Be with us, God, in all that we bring with us, as we gather to encounter your unchanging love.

We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity who is immutable in love.

Amen.



OPENING HYMN**“Lead on, O King Eternal”*****(UMH # 580)**

1. Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.
2. Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords' loud clashing or roll of stirring drums
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.
3. Lead on, O King eternal; we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. 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****Romans 3:21-31 (CEB)**

But now God's righteousness has been revealed apart from the Law, which is confirmed by the Law and the Prophets. God's righteousness comes through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ for all who have faith in him. There's no distinction. All have sinned and fall short of God's glory, but all are treated as righteous freely by his grace because of a ransom that was paid by Christ Jesus. Through his faithfulness, God displayed Jesus as the place of sacrifice where mercy is found by means of his blood. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness in passing over sins that happened before, during the time of God's patient tolerance. He also did this to demonstrate that he is righteous in the present time, and to treat the one who has faith in Jesus as righteous.

What happens to our bragging? It's thrown out. With which law? With what we have accomplished under the Law? No, not at all, but through the law of faith. We consider that a person is treated as righteous by faith, apart from what is accomplished under the

Law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Isn't God the God of Gentiles also? Yes, God is also the God of Gentiles. Since God is one, then the one who makes the circumcised righteous by faith will also make the one who isn't circumcised righteous through faith. Do we then cancel the Law through this faith? Absolutely not! Instead, we confirm the Law.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Patient Lord, you know how we are. We let the frustrations and worries of our lives overcome us. Our hearts seem to buckle under the weight of anger and confusion. And we turn away from you, sure that you can do nothing to alleviate our strife. How foolish we are! How faithless we are! Please forgive us. Help us to learn that you are actively involved in our lives, not as a “puppet master” but as a creative co-worker, seeking healing and hope not only for each of us, but for the whole world. Make us into disciples of peace and compassion; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36-49

While they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones like you see I have.” As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, “Do you have anything to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish. Taking it, he ate it in front of them.

Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. He said to them, “This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Look, I'm sending to you what my Father promised, but you are to stay in the city until you have been furnished with heavenly power.”

MESSAGE

“Many Convincing Proofs”

Kirk Yenerall, CLM

HYMN

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

(UMH # 548)

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
3. In Christ is neither Jew or Greek, and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

INVITATION TO SHARE

St Paul writes of confidence in the power of God revealed in the resurrection of Jesus that must underlie a life of faithfulness and generosity: "I believed, and so I spoke," Today, let us believe, and give with generosity that God's goodness may be known in the world.

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, take our gifts this day and use them so that we may be part of your great work in this world. Through our giving, bring justice and love closer to all, not just in our community but in the world beyond these walls. Strengthen our church and the whole United Methodist Church so that we grow together each day into a powerful voice for healing and peace. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Bell Choir

CLOSING PRAYER (unison)

Unlike earthly kings, you, O Lord, are ever steadfast and faithful. You sent us your Son, Jesus the Christ, but as a gentle shepherd. Keep us united and strong in faith, that we may always know your presence in our lives, and, when you call us home, may we enter your heavenly kingdom where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN*“We Walk by Faith”****(FWS #2196)**

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight, no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice and cry, “My Lord and God!”
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found.
4. For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the Word, beneath the bread and wine.
5. We walk by faith, and not by sight, no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE****(Please be seated and silent during the Postlude)****ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 44****ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70**

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

Thank you to Kirk Yenerall, CLM for leading worship and providing an inspirational message for us all. Pastor Terry shall return next Sunday.

Please pray for Lori Nixon who has been attending the IGRC Annual Conference as your Lay Leader. She will have a report for us in the near future.

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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| June 10 | Ross Moyer | June 12 | Rene Knowles |
| June 15 | Carl and Joyce Craft | June 15 | Matt Roush |

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND 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
Sun Aug. 04 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. Aug. 04 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

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.