

Macon United Methodist Church
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August 11, 2024 **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“My trust in a higher power that wants me to survive and have love in my life, is what keeps me moving forward.” (Kenny Loggins)

PRELUDE *“Man on the Middle Cross”* *“How Good of God”*

GATHERING **Words of welcome and announcements**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We are not far from the kingdom of God. In fact, the kingdom of God is within you. Extend to those near you evidence of the kingdom in your greetings of peace and love.



***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

Out of the depths I cry to you. Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, that we might serve you with reverence.

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in God's word I put my hope.

Israel, put your hope in the Lord and in God's unfailing love.

Out of the depths I cry to you.

Lord, hear my voice.

***OPENING HYMN**

“They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

O Bread of heaven, come down. Come down and fill us with your Spirit—for your Spirit satisfies like no other. We hunger and thirst for you this morning and long to be nurtured in your love and forgiveness. So we come to this sacred time and place, where our hungers are finally and fully satisfied as only your bread can do. We will wait and listen for your leading in this hour. 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)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:43-51(CEB)

Jesus responded, “Don’t grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless they are drawn to me by the Father who sent me, and I will raise them up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets, and they *will all be taught by God*. Everyone who has listened to the Father and learned from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God. He has seen the Father. I assure you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that whoever eats from it will never die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God of compassion, if you kept a record of our sins, who could stand? We come before you with our brokenness and our wounds for all to see. We bring our anger, our bitterness, our unwholesome talk, and our deceitfulness. We try to do good, but sometimes fail. We choose to do evil, and sometimes succeed. Keep your promise to forgive us when we confess to you completely. Without you, we have no hope.

MESSAGE

“Going Forward”

Rev. Terry McDorman

HYMN

“Blessed Assurance (My King is Coming Soon)”

INVITATION TO SHARE

Freely we have received. Thus, we freely give: grace upon grace. Let us express our love and appreciation to God, by extending the grace and mercy of God to a hungry world.

(Please place your offerings in the basket on the tables.)

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! We bow before you and thank you for the privilege to participate in your acts of kindness and love here on earth. May these gifts truly become instruments of your purposes here in our church, our community, and around the world. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER (unison)

Oh Lord, as we work together to build your empire, let us be the light that leads the world to you. God, teach us to be good role models to the people around us, so that when they see you and your love within us, they would want to know you more and more. Grant us the patience to work together. Bring us all together as a family. Let us work together with understanding and compassion in our hearts. Let us not be rude or arrogant towards one another, as we light the way to your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

BENEDICTION/GRACE

POSTLUDE

"Be with Me"

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 29

ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70

Our sincere appreciation to all those that contributed to this worship experience!

Praise band: Louis Kappler, Ross Moyer

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. Aug. 18 9:00 am Sunday School

Sun. Aug. 18 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

Sun. Aug. 25 9:00 am Sunday School

Sun. Aug. 25 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

Sun. Aug. 25 11:00 am Worship Team meeting; Pastor's office

Sun. Sept. 1 9:00 am Sunday School

Sun. Sept. 1 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

Sun. Sept. 8 9:00 am Sunday School

Sun. Sept. 8 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

Sun. Sept. 15 9:00 am Sunday School

Sun. Sept. 15 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service Welcome Back Sunday

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 11 Mike Baker

Aug 11 Megan Craft

Aug 11 Gregg Smith

Aug 14 Lori Nixon

Aug 16 Shirley Kilzer

MISSIONS



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

Macon UMC is collecting canned vegetables for the food pantry for the next two months. Contest between female vs male. Let's have Great Participation!!