

Macon United Methodist Church
190 W Bell Street, Macon, IL 62544; (217) 764-5133
August 10, 2025 **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

GATHERING **Words of welcome and announcements**



***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 50:1-15 responsively)

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

He calls to the heavens above

and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

**‘Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!’**

‘Hear, O my people, and I will speak,

O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

I will not accept a bull from your house,
or goats from your folds.

For every wild animal of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know all the birds of the air
and all that moves in the field is mine.

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and pay your vows to the Most High.

Call on me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.’

***OPENING HYMN**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

(UMH # 61)

1. Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise! Father all glorious,
o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

2. Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend! Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success, Spirit of holiness, on us descend!
3. Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!
4. To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,
hence, evermore. Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!

OPENING PRAYER

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 3:5-17

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So



neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. For we are God's coworkers, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—the work of each builder will become visible, for the day will disclose it,

because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If the work that someone has built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a wage. If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

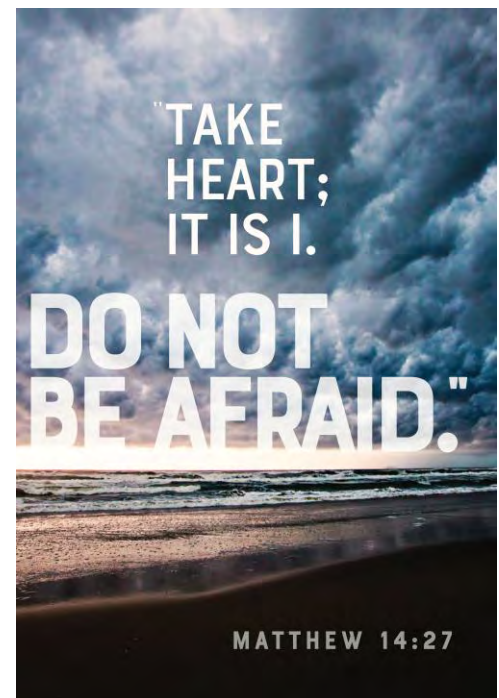
***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 14:22-15:2

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word to that whole surrounding region, and people brought all who were sick to him and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed. Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands before they eat."



MESSAGE

"Thou Who Rulest Wind and Water"

Kirk Yenerall

HYMN

“O Sing A Song of Bethlehem”

(UMH # 179)

1 O sing a song of Bethlehem, Of shepherds watching there,
And of the news that came to them From angels in the air:
The light that shone on Bethlehem Fills all the world today;
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth The angels sing alway.

2 O sing a song of Nazareth, Of sunny days of joy,
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, And of the sinless boy:
For now the flow'rs of Nazareth In ev'ry heart may grow;
Now spreads the fame of his dear name On all the winds that blow.

3 O sing a song of Galilee, Of lake and woods and hill,
Of him who walked upon the sea And bade the waves be still:
For though, like waves on Galilee, Dark seas of trouble roll,
When faith has heard the Master's word Falls peace upon the soul.

4 O sing a song of Calvary, Its glory and dismay;
Of him who hung upon the tree, And took our sins away:
For he who died on Calvary Is risen from the grave,
And Christ, our Lord, by heav'n adored, Is mighty now to save.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

(UMH # 95)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Gracious God, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude for your steadfast love. We offer these gifts as signs of our joy and devotion, knowing that you use them for good in the world. May they be a source of light and hope to all who are in need. Amen.

MUSIC REFLECTION

CLOSING PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN “I Sing The Almighty Power of God” (UMH # 152)**

1. I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food;
who formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the skies.
3. There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in your care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

Psalter Hymnal, 1987

POSTLUDE

BENEDICTION

May He who was transfigured in glory on Mount Tabor in front of His holy disciples and apostles, and rose from the dead, Christ our true God, have mercy on us and save us, as He is good, benevolent, and merciful God. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

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ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 32

ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND SERVICE

Sun. Aug 17 9:00 am Sunday School

Sun. Aug 17 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

Sun. Aug 24 9:00 am Sunday School

Sun. Aug 24 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

Sun. Aug 31 9:00 am Sunday School

Sun. Aug 31 10:00 am and Zoom Service

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 11 Mike Baker

Aug 11 Megan Craft

Aug 11 Greg Smith

Aug 14 Lori Nixon

Aug 16 Shirley Kilzer

MISSIONS



Items requested by the food pantry are: Any kind of cereal, cereal bars or oatmeal; canned fruits and vegetables; canned soup; canned pasta; Kleenex; shampoo; and antiperspirant. Cash donations are always welcome.