

**Macon United Methodist Church**  
**190 W Bell Street, Macon, IL 62544; (217) 764-5133**  
**August 3, 2025**                      **Eighth 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 (responsively)**

Children of God, we gather as people who have received new life in Jesus Christ

**We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

The world tries to distract us with anxious rumors, worrisome lies, and misleading half truths

**We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

In this place we gather to remind, remember, and renew our commitment to dwell in the love of Christ.

**We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

Children of God, come! Let us worship God who clothes us in new life and renews us in grace.

**Come, let us worship as we set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

**\*OPENING HYMNS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**God, our guide and protector as we gather today in your holy house open our minds and souls and hearts that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction of your Spirit in our lives. Help us follow you as you lead us to the land you have created for us where we may dwell with you and in you. Amen**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)**

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 12:13-21 (CEB)**

<sup>13</sup> Someone from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

<sup>14</sup> Jesus said to him, “Man, who appointed me as judge or referee between you and your brother?”

<sup>15</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one’s life isn’t determined by one’s possessions, even when someone is very wealthy.” <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: “A certain rich man’s land produced a bountiful crop. <sup>17</sup> He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! <sup>18</sup> Then he thought, Here’s what I’ll do. I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That’s where I’ll store all my grain and goods. <sup>19</sup> I’ll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?’ <sup>21</sup> This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren’t rich toward God.”



## HYMNS

## 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 THANKSGIVING (unison)

**With thankful hearts, Giving God, we rejoice in our capacity to bless others. We ask you to accept what we’ve offered in these moments, and that you help us grow in awareness and willingness of the needs to which we can respond. Fill us with your Spirit and draw us ever closer to you and to all who are our neighbors, Amen.**

## MUSIC REFLECTION

## CLOSING PRAYER

## **\*CLOSING HYMNS**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **BENEDICTION**

Children of God, receive this blessing. may the renewing grace of the Triune God surround you; may the steadfast love of the Triune God uphold you, and may the goodness of the Triune God entice you to set your mind on Christ that you may live as God's image bearers and gospel bringers wherever you go. Amen.

**Beverly J, Matthews, PsyD**  
**Certified Lay Minister, Assigned Supply Pastor**  
**217 825 9010**

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 46**

**ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70**

*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.*

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND SERVICE**

Sun. Aug 10 9:00 am Sunday School  
Sun. Aug 10 10:00 am Worship and Zoom 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 Worship and Zoom Service

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Aug 08 Kerry Craft

## MISSIONS



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