

Macon United Methodist Church
190 W Bell Street, Macon, IL 62544; (217) 764-5133
February 15, 2026 **Transfiguration Sunday**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

GATHERING **Welcome, Announcements, Celebrations**



***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Isaiah 58:1-12

Hear the word of God: “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

We choose holiness and reject futile thinking.

We look today at life and turn our eyes from the vanities of this world.

We want to be holy, for the Lord is holy.

We affirm that we belong to Christ.

We crave His wisdom and His ways.

***OPENING HYMN** *“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”* **(UMH # 176)**

Majesty, worship His majesty Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise

Majesty, kingdom authority Flow from His throne, unto His own His anthem raise

So exalt, lift up on high The name of Jesus

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King

Majesty, worship His majesty Jesus who died, now glorified King of all kings

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty Teacher, instruct us in your statutes today. Help us turn the other cheek when we are wronged and do so without bitterness. Inspire us to give to those in need and do so without resentment. Turn our hearts, that we may learn how to love our neighbor, even our enemies. Teach us and show us the way of holiness, that we may be a holy people. Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS (pastor)

SILENT PRAYER (pastor)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (all)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119: 33-37

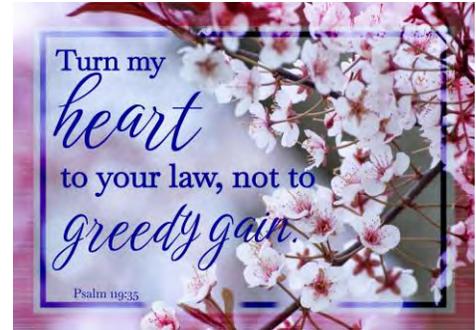
³³ Lord, teach me what your statutes are about, and I will guard every part of them.

³⁴ Help me understand so I can guard your Instruction and keep it with all my heart.

³⁵ Lead me on the trail of your commandments because that is what I want.

³⁶ Turn my heart to your laws, not to greedy gain.

³⁷ Turn my eyes away from looking at worthless things. Make me live by your way.

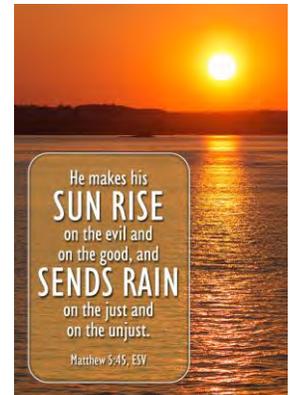


*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5: 38-48

³⁸ “You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.* ³⁹ But I say to you that you must not oppose those who want to hurt you. If people slap you on your right cheek, you must turn the left cheek to them as well. ⁴⁰ When they wish to haul you to court and take your shirt, let them have your coat too. ⁴¹ When they force you to go one mile, go with them two. ⁴² Give to those who ask, and don’t refuse those who wish to borrow from you.

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, *You must love your neighbor* and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who harass you ⁴⁵ so that you will be acting as children of your Father who is in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Don’t even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing? Don’t even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Therefore, just as your heavenly Father is complete in showing love to everyone, so also you must be complete.



MESSAGE

“Peace and Love”

Keith Baker, Lay Speaker

HYMN

“*There’s Something About that Name*”

(UMH # 171)

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; There's just something about that name! Master, Savior, Jesus; Like the fragrance after the rain. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; Let all heaven and earth proclaim; Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, But there's something about that name!

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)**

We bring these offerings to you, O Lord, not because you need them, but because you are holy. Through these resources we ask that he who is without a cloak be clothed, and she who is hungry be fed. We bring these offerings before you and ask that they be used to fulfill your holy purposes. Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

CLOSING PRAYER (pastor)

Dearest Lord, thank you for being a loving and forgiving God, and for Your example of how to live and walk in peace and forgiveness. Although the world may teach us to hold a grudge, we choose to follow Your way instead. Lord, search our hearts, and show us anyone that we may have negative feelings towards. We ask for wisdom on how to cultivate peace and walk free from bitterness. Give us a heart for those we don't understand and help us to always walk in Your love.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

(UMH # 431)

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other
in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live
each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

BENEDICTION (pastor)

Go now as children of your Father in heaven, who causes the sun to rise on the evil and the good. Do not repay evil with evil, but overcome it with love.
Turn the other cheek, go the second mile, and love those who seem unlovable. Pray for those who persecute you, that you may reflect the perfect love of God. And may the grace to love your enemies be yours, now and forevermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE

SPEAKER SCHEDULE

- Feb. 15 Keith Baker, Lay Speaker
Feb. 22 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor
Mar. 01 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor
Mar. 08 Kirk Yenerall, Certified Lay Minister
Mar. 15 Keith Baker, Lay Speaker
Mar. 22 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor
Mar. 29 Mark Dallner, Lay Speaker

CHURCH FINANCES 2025

Finances for our church finished in the black for 2025. The ending balance in our checking account is \$17,361, thanks to your faithful giving. It is always good to have a rainy-day fund. During our last checkup on our furnace boiler, the service technician estimated a new furnace boiler could be \$50,000 to \$60,000.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class will be first and fourth Sundays at 8:30 am for one hour in the pastor's office using the book Confirm which can be purchased online through Cokesbury.

BOOK FOR GRIEF

I have books for Grief Share in the trunk of my car if anyone is interested. They are free and are spiritually based.



He was transfigured before them ...
and his clothes became dazzling white ...
Mark 9:2-3, NRSV