

Macon United Methodist Church
190 W Bell Street, Macon, IL 62544; (217) 764-5133
June 28, 2026 **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

When scriptures make us want to flee, learn to stay, pray, sing and tell the story faithfully.



RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Welcome, Announcements, Celebrations

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

When our way seems unclear, and we are surrounded by loud and conflicting voices
God will provide.

When we, like Isaac, are led by those we trust into unjust and harmful situations
God will provide.

Family in Christ, we gather today to worship God; who meets us in places of fear, confusion, and despair.

We gather to worship God, who provides a way toward abundant life when no way can be found.

***OPENING HYMN** *“Blessed Assurance”* **(UMH # 369)**

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, may the time we spend together in your presence nourish our hearts and minds. May it strengthen our relationship with you and renew our commitment to live in this world as your faithful disciples. Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS (pastor)

SILENT PRAYER (pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 22: 1-14

After these events, God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" Abraham answered, "I'm here."

² God said, "Take your son, your only son whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him up as an entirely burned offering there on one of the mountains that I will show you." ³ Abraham got up early in the morning, harnessed his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, together with his son Isaac. He split the wood for the entirely burned offering, set out, and went to the place God had described to him.

⁴ On the third day, Abraham looked up and saw the place at a distance. ⁵ Abraham said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will walk up there, worship, and then come back to you."

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the entirely burned offering and laid it on his son Isaac. He took the fire and the knife in his hand, and the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father?"

Abraham said, "I'm here, my son."

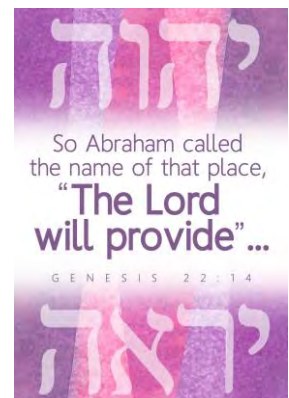
Isaac said, "Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the entirely burned offering?"

⁸ Abraham said, "The lamb for the entirely burned offering? God will see to it, my son." The two of them walked on together.

⁹ They arrived at the place God had described to him. Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He tied up his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. ¹¹ But the Lord's messenger called out to Abraham from heaven, "Abraham? Abraham?"

Abraham said, "I'm here."

¹² The messenger said, "Don't stretch out your hand against the young man, and don't do anything to him. I now know that you revere God and didn't hold back your son,



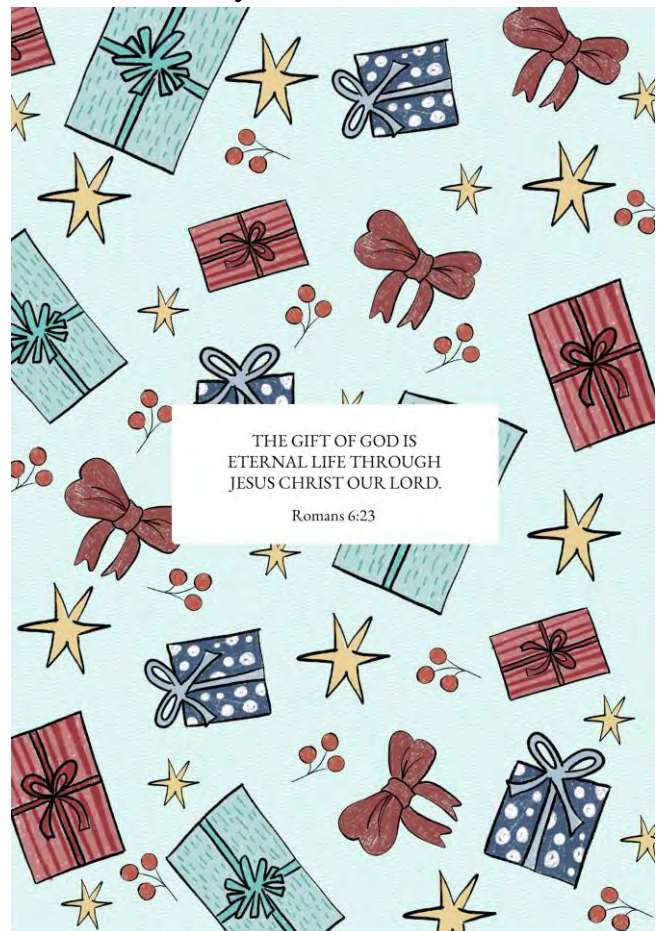
your only son, from me.”¹³ Abraham looked up and saw a single ram caught by its horns in the dense underbrush. Abraham went over, took the ram, and offered it as an entirely burned offering instead of his son.¹⁴ Abraham named that place “the Lord sees.” That is the reason people today say, “On this mountain the Lord is seen.”

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 6: 12-23

¹² So then, don’t let sin rule your body, so that you do what it wants.¹³ Don’t offer parts of your body to sin, to be used as weapons to do wrong. Instead, present yourselves to God as people who have been brought back to life from the dead, and offer all the parts of your body to God to be used as weapons to do right.¹⁴ Sin will have no power over you, because you aren’t under Law but under grace.

¹⁵ So what? Should we sin because we aren’t under Law but under grace? Absolutely not!¹⁶ Don’t you know that if you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, that you are slaves of the one whom you obey? That’s true whether you serve as slaves of sin, which leads to death, or as slaves of the kind of obedience that leads to righteousness.¹⁷ But thank God that although you used to be slaves of sin, you gave wholehearted obedience to the teaching that was handed down to you, which provides a pattern.¹⁸ Now that you have been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness.¹⁹ (I’m speaking with ordinary metaphors because of your limitations.) Once, you offered the parts of your body to be used as slaves to impurity and to lawless behavior that leads to still more lawless behavior. Now, you should present the parts of your body as slaves to righteousness, which makes your lives holy.²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.²¹ What consequences did you get from doing things that you are now ashamed of? The outcome of those things is death.²² But now that you have been set free from sin and become slaves to God, you have the consequence of a holy life, and the outcome is eternal life.²³ The wages that sin pays are death, but God’s gift is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



SCRIPTURE

Matthew 10: 40-42

Those who receive you are also receiving me, and those who receive me are receiving the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Those who receive a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Those who receive a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² I assure you that everybody who gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones because they are my disciples will certainly be rewarded."



MESSAGE

“God Will Provide”

Beverly Matthews

Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor

HYMN

“Trust and Obey”

(UMH # 467)

1. When we walk with the Lord, in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey
2. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.
3. But we never can prove, the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.
4. Then in fellowship sweet, we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

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.**

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.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 23

ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND SERVICE

Sun. July 05 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. July 05 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Sun. July 12 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. July 12 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Sun. July 19 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. July 19 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Sun. July 26 9:00 am Finance Committee Meeting; Pastor's Office
Sun. July 26 9:20 am Administrative Council Meeting; Pastor's Office
Sun. July 26 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Sun. July 26 11:15 am Confirmation Class

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

July 01	Erin Moyer	July 01	Jeri and Gary Henschen
July 02	Garry Cutler	July 02	Kate Huggins
July 03	Carl Craft		

MISSIONS



Items requested by the food pantry are: Any kind of cereal, cereal bars or oatmeal; canned soup (**chicken noodle and vegetable beef**); canned pasta; mac and cheese; shampoo; and antiperspirant and **toilet paper**. Cash donations are always welcome.

SPEAKER SCHEDULE

July 05 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor
July 12 Kirk Yenerall, Certified Lay Minister
July 19 Keith Baker, Lay Speaker
July 26 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor
Aug 02 Kris Shelton, Certified Lay Speaker
Aug 09 Kirk Yenerall, Certified Lay Minister
Aug 16 Keith Baker, Lay Speaker
Aug 23 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor
Aug 30

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class will be first and fourth Sundays at 8:45 am for one hour in the pastor's office using the book Confirm which can be purchased online through Cokesbury. On July 26, 2026 the class will meet at 11:15am. On July 26, the class will start at 11:15.

RICE MEAL PACKING

Rice Meal Packing August 8, 2026; 1-4 PM. Donations needed.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS ASSISTANCE

Considering giving to the Food Pantry jug at the back of the sanctuary. Their rent has increased. Make checks payable to Macon UMC, memo line: pantry.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Contact Susannah or Denise if you would like the confirmation kids to come to you to do a service project