

Macon United Methodist Church
190 W Bell Street, Macon, IL 62544; (217) 764-5133
June 7, 2026 **Second Sunday after Pentecost**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Be now, as the people of God, a family.

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE



GATHERING

Welcome, Announcements, Celebrations

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Like Abram and Sarai, God calls us to go into the unknown, trusting that God's promises are true.

Whether we are certain or full of doubts, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.

God sends us into the world to journey by faith, believing that God's blessings are greater than anything we can imagine.

Whether the path is straight or winding, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.

God gathers us today with trusted companions, those who also follow God's call, even when it does not make sense to the world around us.

Whether we journey with friends or feel all alone, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.

As we gather to worship, may we remember that we are God's people, blessed by God to be a blessing to our world that is hurting and desperately in need of good news.

God, form us today as a family of faith, that your blessings might flow out of us and into our world, drawing all people into your promise of abundant life and flourishing. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* (UMH # 57)

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
6. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;
Anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

OPENING PRAYER

**And now, O God, you ask these of us
The faith to count ourselves among the least
To find our place alongside the poor and broken
The faith to trust in your mercy and your promises
And to share what we have received
The faith to wait expectantly for your reign of justice and equity
Together with those who most need its gifts
The blessing of plenty shared with those who have need
The blessing of healing shared with those who are sick and wounded
The blessing of joy shared with those who celebrate
And of tears shared with those who grieve
The blessing of peace shared with those in conflict
And in some small way, may our faith and our sharing
Help to bring your promises into being in our world, Amen.**

COMMUNITY PRAYERS (pastor)

SILENT PRAYER (pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 33: 1-12

All you who are righteous, shout joyfully to the Lord! It's right for those who do right to praise God.

² Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre! Sing praises to him with the ten-stringed harp!

³ Sing to him a new song! Play your best with joyful shouts!

⁴ Because the Lord's word is right, his every act is done in good faith.
⁵ He loves righteousness and justice; the Lord's faithful love fills the whole earth.
⁶ The skies were made by the Lord's word, all their starry multitude by the breath of his mouth.
⁷ He gathered the ocean waters into a heap; he put the deep seas into storerooms.
⁸ All the earth honors the Lord; all the earth's inhabitants stand in awe of him.
⁹ Because when he spoke, it happened! When he commanded, there it was!
¹⁰ The Lord overrules what the nations plan; he frustrates what the peoples intend to do.
¹¹ But the Lord's plan stands forever; what he intends to do lasts from one generation to the next.
¹² The nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom God has chosen as his possession, is truly happy!



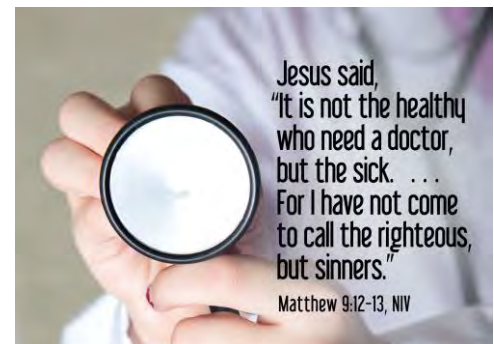
SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9: 9-13

⁹ As Jesus continued on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. He said to him, "Follow me," and he got up and followed him. ¹⁰ As Jesus sat down to eat in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners joined Jesus and his disciples at the table.

¹¹ But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹² When Jesus heard it, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: *I want mercy and not sacrifice.* I didn't come to call righteous people, but sinners."



MESSAGE

"We are Blessed to Give Mercy"

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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Calling God, you promised blessing, and with-it purpose. We come now as your people, also journeying by faith, offering these gifts not for our greatness, but so that your promise might be fulfilled through us. To bless the world. Use these offerings to build relationships, to mend the broken, and to draw all families of the earth toward your heart. May our giving reflect our trust, and may our trust lead us to go where you send, step by step, stage by stage, into your future. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Table I, (UMH # 9)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with you always
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,

that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

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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: 26

ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND SERVICE

Sun. June 08 6:00 pm Women of Faith Salad Supper; Fellowship Hall
Sun. June 14 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. June 14 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Sun. June 21 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. June 21 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Sun. June 28 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. June 28 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Sun. July 05 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. July 05 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

June 10 Ross Moyer

June 12 Rene` Knowles

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

June 07 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor
June 14 Kris Shelton, Certified Lay Speaker
June 21 Keith Baker, Lay Speaker
June 28 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor

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 May 24, 2026 the class will meet at 11:15am.

RICE MEAL PACKING

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

LOVE PACKAGES MATERIAL

Bring used devotional materials by June 1 to be mailed to Love Packages for worldwide distribution. Bring devotionals to Christine.

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

UWF will meet on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6 pm. This will be a salad supper so bring something to share. Our shepherdess, Sheryl Frye has been invited.