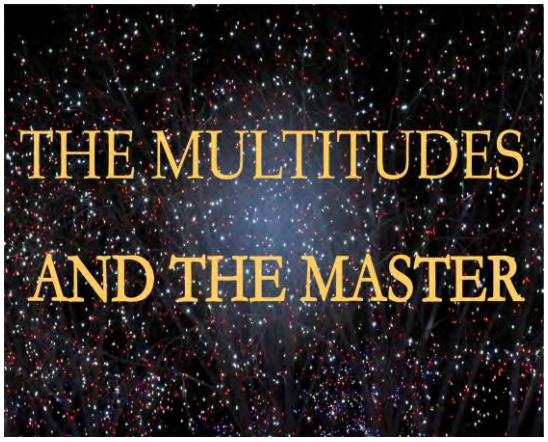
Macon United Methodist Church
190 W Bell Street, Macon, IL 62544; (217) 764-5133
November 8, 2026 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"And so the angels are here; they are at your side, they are with you, present on your behalf. They are here to protect you and to serve you. But even if it is God who has given them this charge, we must nonetheless be grateful to them for the great love with which they obey and come to help us in our great need." (Bernard of Clairvaux, Sermon 12, on Psalm 91)



RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

GATHERING Welcome, Announcements, Celebrations

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***CALL TO Worship (Psalm 70)**

Hasten, O God, to save me;
Come quickly, Lord, to help me.
May those who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion;
May all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.
May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" turn back because of their shame.
But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
May those who long for your saving help always say, "The Lord is great!"
But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer;
ALL: Lord, do not delay.

***OPENING HYMN *"I Need Thee Every Hour"* (UMH # 397)**

1. I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.
Refrain: I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

2. I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.
Refrain: I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

3. I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide, or life is vain.
Refrain: I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

4. I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.
Refrain: I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

5. I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.
Refrain: I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

OPENING PRAYER (*The Book of Common Prayer;* 24th Sunday After Pentecost)
O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS (pastor)

SILENT PRAYER (pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

SCRIPTURE **Hebrews 2:2-10**
For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will? For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. But one testified in a certain place, saying:

"What is man that You are mindful of him,

or the son of man that You take care of him?
You have made him a little lower than the angels;
You have crowned him with glory and honor,
And set him over the works of Your hands.
You have put all things in subjection under his feet."

For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

SCRIPTURE: **Luke 8:40-56) (NRSV-UE)**

Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus's feet and began pleading with him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying.

As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, and immediately her flow of blood stopped. Then Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds are hemming you in and pressing against you." But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I noticed that power had gone out from me." When the woman realized that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him and how she had been immediately healed. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

While he was still speaking, someone came from the synagogue leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer." When Jesus heard this, he replied, "Do not be afraid. Only believe, and she will be saved." When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James and the child's father and mother. Everyone was weeping and grieving for her, but he said, "Do not cry, for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand, he called out, "Child, get up!" Her spirit returned, and she stood up at once, and he directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded, but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

MESSAGE **"The Multitudes and the Master"**
Kirk Yenerall, Certified Lay Minister

HYMN **"*"I Sing The Mighty 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERRINGS

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)**

(from *"All Good Gifts",* John Tebelak & Stephen Schwartz (*Godspell*))

We thank thee now, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest; our life, our health, our food;
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts
But that which thou desirest: our humble, thankful hearts. Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

HYMN** ***"All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name" **(vs. 1,3,5,6)** **(UMH # 154)**

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

5. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

BENEDICTION (pastor) **(after 2 Corinthians 13:14)**
May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Beverly J, Matthews, PsyD
Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor
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ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 33 **ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND SERVICE

Wed.	Nov 11		Veteran's Day
Sun.	Nov 15	8:00 am	Men's breakfast; Fellowship Hall
Sun.	Nov 15	9:00 am	Sunday School
Sun.	Nov 15	10:00 am	Worship and Zoom Service
Sun.	Nov 22	9:00 am	Finance Committee Meeting; Pastor's Office
Sun.	Nov 22	9:20 am	Administrative Council Meeting; Pastor's Office
Sun.	Nov 22	10:00 am	Worship and Zoom Service
Sun.	Nov 22	11:00 am	Hanging of the Greens
Thur.	Nov 26		Thanksgiving Day
Sun.	Nov 29	9:00 am	Sunday School
Sun.	Nov 29	10:00 am	Worship and Zoom Service
Sun.	Dec 06	10:00 am	Worship and Zoom Service
Sun.	Dec 06	11:00 am	Cookie Walk

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MISSIONS



Items requested by the food pantry are: Any kind of cereal, or cereal bars; canned fruit; canned vegetables; canned pasta; shampoo; and antiperspirant; boxes of jello or pudding; corn muffin mix. Cash donations are always welcome.

SPEAKER SCHEDULE

Nov 08 Kirk Yenerall, Certified Lay Minister
Nov 15 Keith Baker, Lay Speaker
Nov 22 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor
Nov 29 Rev. Kris Shelton

Dec 06 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor
Dec 13 Kirk Yenerall, Certified Lay Minister
Dec 20 Keith Baker, Lay Speaker
Dec 24 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor
Dec 27 Kirk Yenerall, Certified Lay Minister

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast is November 15, 2026 at 8 am in Fellowship Hall.

PASTOR ABSENT

Pastor Bev to be gone November 12-14,2026. Kirk will cover pastoral duties.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

The Hanging of the Greens is November 22, 2026 following Worship Service.

FOCUS GROUP

December 16 at 9:00 to 11:00 am the Focus Group will meet. This group will address stress, grief, and mental health. No cost. Led by a CLM who is a licensed, clinical psychologist. Questions can be directed to Pastor Bev at 217 825 9010 call or text.