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Sunday Service Bulletin

October 6, 2024

Needles & Camels

Walking With Jesus Worship Series – Week 2

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



**** P – Pastor Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

P: We gather to listen to the voice of Jesus say, “Come, follow me!”
But will you follow when Jesus also calls you to release the hold
your idols have on you?

**C: We want to follow Jesus anywhere he leads, and we can with
God’s help.**

P: We gather to remember all that God has taught us through
scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. But what about
when we have to put what we know into action?

**C: We want to put our faith into action, and we can with God’s
help.**

P: We gather to live into God’s economy of abundance, recognizing
The riches of the prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
that surround us. But what about when the world tempts us back
into scarcity?

**C: We want to turn away from scarcity and choose God’s
abundance, and we can with God’s help.**

P: We gather to shine as a beacon of a new way of living where
following Jesus means sharing in God’s abundant gifts together.
But will you keep shining when others try to pull you astray,

putting the pursuit of wealth before the pursuit of God?

C: With God's help, we will resist the pull of wealth and the fear of scarcity and pursue the way of love, abundance, and flourishing for all creation. Amen!

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

**** All to recite in unison ****

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

*Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

Opening Hymn – My Faith Looks Up to Thee p. 452 UMH

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Psalm Reading – Psalm 22:1-5 (NRSVUE)

**** L (Leader) C (Congregation) ****

L: ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

C: ² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night but find no rest.

L: ³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

C: ⁴ **In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.**

L: ⁵ To you they cried and were saved;

C: **in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**

Congregational Hymn – Precious Lord, Take My Hand
p. 474 UMH vv. 1-3

New Testament Reading – Hebrews 4:12-16 (NRSVUE)

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed

through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Sermon – Needles & Camels

Closing Hymn – What A Friend We Have in Jesus p. 526 UMH

Benediction & Commission

May God bless you with courage to turn from the riches the world values, trust to choose God's economy over the world's economy, and opportunities to discover God's abundance over and over and over again. Amen!

Lectionary Readings for the week beginning October 14th:

- Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
- Hebrews 5:1-10
- Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
- Mark 10:35-45

Announcements

- **The Union UMC Annual Charge Conference will be held October 29, 2024 at 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend.**
- Faye Seats will be collecting money from all those who wish to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one. These beautiful flowers adorn the sanctuary throughout Advent and Christmas each year. The cost of a poinsettia is \$16.00. Please see Faye no later than Sunday, November 3 to place your order. Please tell her when you place the order how you want the memorial or honorarium to appear in the bulletin. The

poinsettia will be placed in the sanctuary by December 1, 2024 which is the first Sunday in Advent.

- The link to donate to the relief fund efforts provided by and supported by UMCOR and the Western North Carolina Conference of the UMC is <https://wnc-reg.brtaapp.com/br/HurricaneReliefDonations2018>

If you prefer to pay by check, you can make the check payable To **WNCC Treasurer**, note Disaster Response in the memo line and mail to:

Western North Carolina Conference
P.O. Box 2757
Huntersville, NC 28070-2757
Attn: Carol Bateman

- Boo! Save the Date. Trunk or Treat returns to Union on October 27th at 4 to 5:30 PM. Come with your trunk decorated and loaded with goodies. Remember, this is the fashion event of the year. Dress to scare.
- Congratulations to Tim Disher who is the 2024 deserving recipient of the Union UMC Laity Service Award. Thanks, Tim, for all you do for the church and community. The District Awards Program will take place at Lewisville Methodist Church on October 20, 2024 at 2:00 PM.

Prayer List

Military / Missionary

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Sherry Doub

Frances V. Gough

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

Frances Sisk

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost	Lynda Harper
Tammy Seats Boyd	Amber Lambert
Jimmy & Deborah Branch	Jeannette Lanier
Jane Bullin	Kevin McBride
Leisha Carpenter	Kevin McDaniel
Glenna Culler	Mark Megela
Joe Dean	Family of Marie Parrish
Amanda Doub	Dawn Proctor
Ruby Driver	Jay D. Prevette
Mack Edwards	Vivian Royal
Joanne Everhart	Mary Ellen Smith
Mary File	Mark Wall
Eddie Haire	Ann Wallace
Garry Harbin	Robert and Susan Warren
Kathy Harbin	Savannah Wooten

October Birthdays

Frances V. Gough	2	Mark Bumgardner	25
Cindy Ball Toshie	5	Cary Disher	28
Carlin Burton	7	Brittany Pitts Mote	28
Marshall Kellam	11	Mackenzie Mote	28
Debbie Wall Cooke	14	Dean Brown	31
Serena Manring	16		

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!