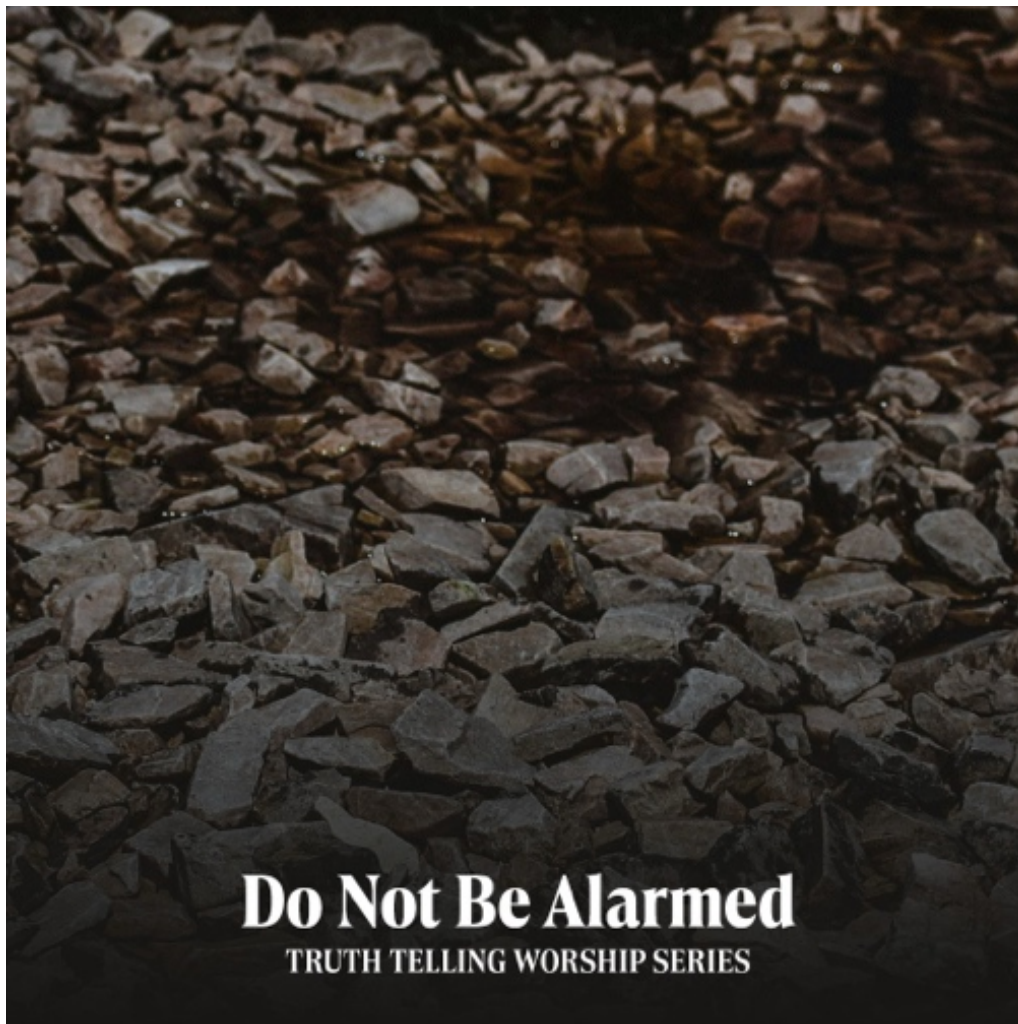


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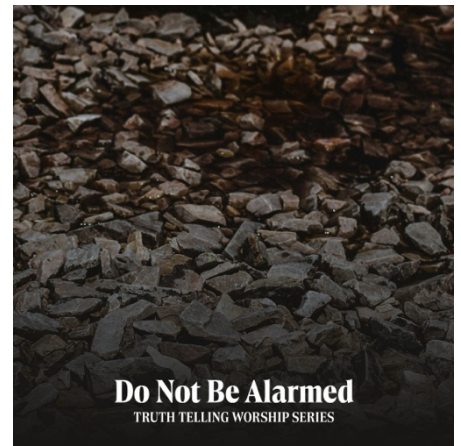
*Do Not Be Alarmed*

**Truth Telling Worship Series – Week 2**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**



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

P: Children of God, when wars and rumors of wars circle all around, Jesus says:

**C: Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.**

P: When earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, famines, and floods produce chaos and destruction, Jesus says:

**C: Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.**

P: When misinformation and disinformation try to dismantle relationships of trust in our families, churches, cities, and nation, Jesus says:

**C: Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.**

P: Children of God, whatever leaves you feeling unsteady, insecure, scared, and confused today—do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

**C: We come to worship God who inscribes our ending, our beginning, and everything in-between in Love. Thanks be to God. 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 – How Firm A Foundation**    p. 529 UMH  
vv. 1, 2, & 5

**Sharing Our Praises & Prayers**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s 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.*

**Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 16 (CEB)**

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

L: <sup>1</sup> Protect me, God, because I take refuge in you.

C: <sup>2</sup> **I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord. Apart from you, I have nothing good.”**

L: <sup>3</sup> Now as for the “holy ones” in the land,  
the “magnificent ones” that I was so happy about;

C: <sup>4</sup> **let their suffering increase because they hurried after a different god. I won’t participate in their blood offerings; I won’t let their names cross my lips.**

L: <sup>5</sup> You, Lord, are my portion, my cup; you control my destiny.

C: <sup>6</sup> **The property lines have fallen beautifully for me; yes, I have a lovely home.**

L: <sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who advises me; even at night I am instructed in the depths of my mind.

C: <sup>8</sup> **I always put the Lord in front of me; I will not stumble because he is on my right side.**

L: <sup>9</sup> That’s why my heart celebrates and my mood is joyous; yes, my whole body will rest in safety

C: <sup>10</sup> **because you won’t abandon my life to the grave; you won’t let your faithful follower see the pit.**

L: <sup>11</sup> You teach me the way of life. In your presence is total celebration.

C: **Beautiful things are always in your right hand.**

**Congregational Hymn – Soon and Very Soon p. 706 UMH**

**New Testament Reading – Mark 13:1-8 (CEB)**

<sup>1</sup> As Jesus left the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Teacher, look! What awesome stones and buildings!” <sup>2</sup> Jesus responded, “Do you see these enormous buildings? Not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives across from the temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> “Tell us, when will these things happen? What sign will show that all these things are about to come to an end?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus said, “Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>6</sup> Many people will come in my name, saying, ‘I’m the one!’ They will deceive many people. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and reports of wars, don’t be alarmed. These things must happen, but this isn’t the end yet. <sup>8</sup> Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other, and there will be earthquakes and famines in all sorts of places. These things are just the beginning of the sufferings associated with the end.

**Sermon – Do Not Be Alarmed**

**Closing Hymn – Swing Low Sweet Chariot** p. 703 vv. 1, 2, & 4

**Benediction & Commission**

May the Spirit that leads through fire and flood, the Spirit that baptizes with power, the Spirit of expectation and hope, lead, strengthen, and guide you, in the week ahead and always. Amen!

**Lectionary Readings for the week beginning November 18th:**

- **2 Samuel 23:1-7**
- **Psalm 132:1-12**
- **Revelation 1:4-8**
- **John 18:33-37**

## Announcements

- Decorating the church and fellowship hall for Christmas will take place on Monday, November 25, 2025 starting at 9 AM. Your help is needed. Come kick-off the Christmas season with us.
- 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.brtapp.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

## 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	Ronald Howell
Jimmy & Deborah Branch	Amber Lambert
Jane Bullin	Jeannette Lanier
Leisha Carpenter	Kevin McBride
Glenna Culler	Kevin McDaniel
Joe Dean	Mark Megela
Amanda Doub	Dawn Proctor
Ruby Driver	Jay D. Pevette
Mack Edwards	Vivian Royal
Joanne Everhart	Mary Ellen Smith
Mary File	Kim Triplette
Eddie Haire	Mark Wall
Garry Harbin	Ann Wallace
Kathy Harbin	Robert and Susan Warren

**November Birthdays**

David Disher	3	Carolyn Disher	21
Lynn Horne	15	Rodney Horne	23
Angela Luck	18	Barbara Hutchins	23
Franklin Dalton	19	Jake Disher	25
Paige Kovach	20	Reece Matthews	28

## **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!