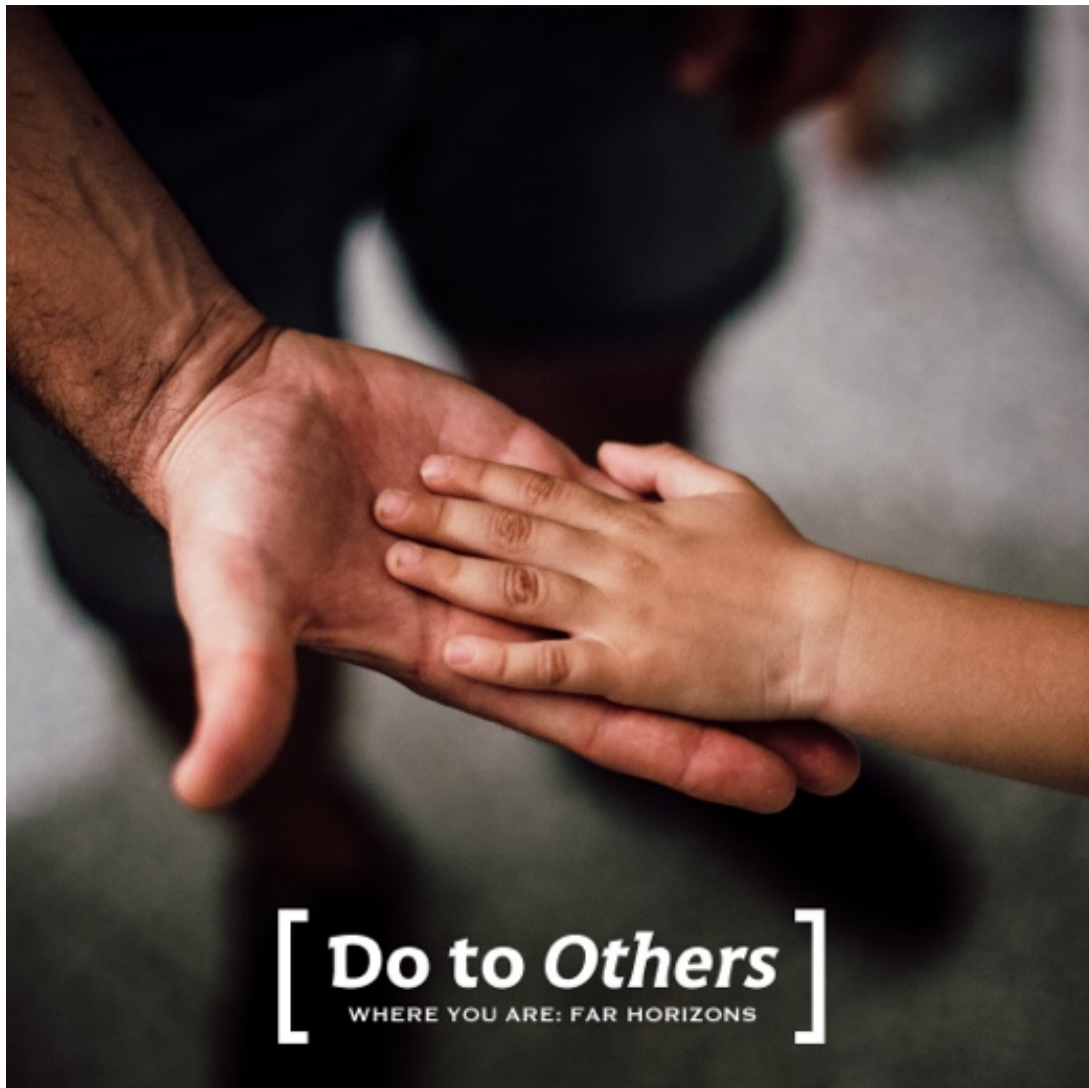


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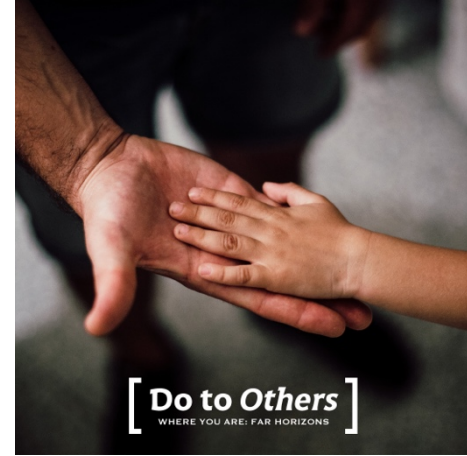
Do to Others

Where You Are: Far Horizons Worship Series, Wk. 3

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



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

P: Jesus teaches us, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” But who are the others?

C: Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.

P: Jesus teaches us, “Be merciful as your Father is merciful.” But what is mercy?

C: To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.

P: Jesus teaches us, “Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” But how do we forgive?

C: By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.

P: Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.

C: Come, let us worship! 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 – Now Thank We All Our God p. 102 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.*

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 (NRSVue)

L: ¹ Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of

wrongdoers,

C: ² for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

L: ³ Trust in the Lord and do good; live in the land and enjoy security.

C: ⁴ Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

L: ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

C: ⁶ He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

L: ⁷ Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

C: ⁸ Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

L: ⁹ For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

C: ¹⁰ Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

L: ¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

C: ³⁹ The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

L: ⁴⁰ The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked and saves them because they take refuge in him.

Hymn – Freely, Freely p. 389 UMH

New Testament Reading – Luke 6:27-38 (NRSVue)

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Sermon – Do to Others

Closing Hymn – Help Us Accept Each Other

p. 560 UMH. vv. 1, 2, & 4

Benediction & Commission

Beloved, go from this place ready to *listen*. Listen for the opportunities to extend mercy. Notice the moments to forgive instead of condemn. Watch for the person who needs help

without any strings attached. For the blessing of the Triune God goes with you, pouring out mercy and compassion on you so that you may share mercy and compassion with everyone you meet. Amen.

Lectionary Readings for the week beginning February 24, 2025

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36

Announcements

- No announcements today.

Prayer List

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

Harold Langley

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

Frances Sisk

Church Friend / Extended Family

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

February Birthdays

Hunter Potts	1	Bobby Faircloth	17
Johnlee Disher	9	Heather Perryman	18
Josh Doub	10	Tom Beroth	21
Lilly Cousins	12	Jessie H. Harmon	22

March Birthdays

Mary Jane Disher	2	Savannah Owen	10
Nyk Travis	7	Elizabeth Mark	11
Leroy Burton	8	Niki Pardue	11
David Luck	9	Joshua Doub	23
Peter Hogg	10	Hank Disher	23
Silas Hogg	10	Jimmy McBride	30

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!