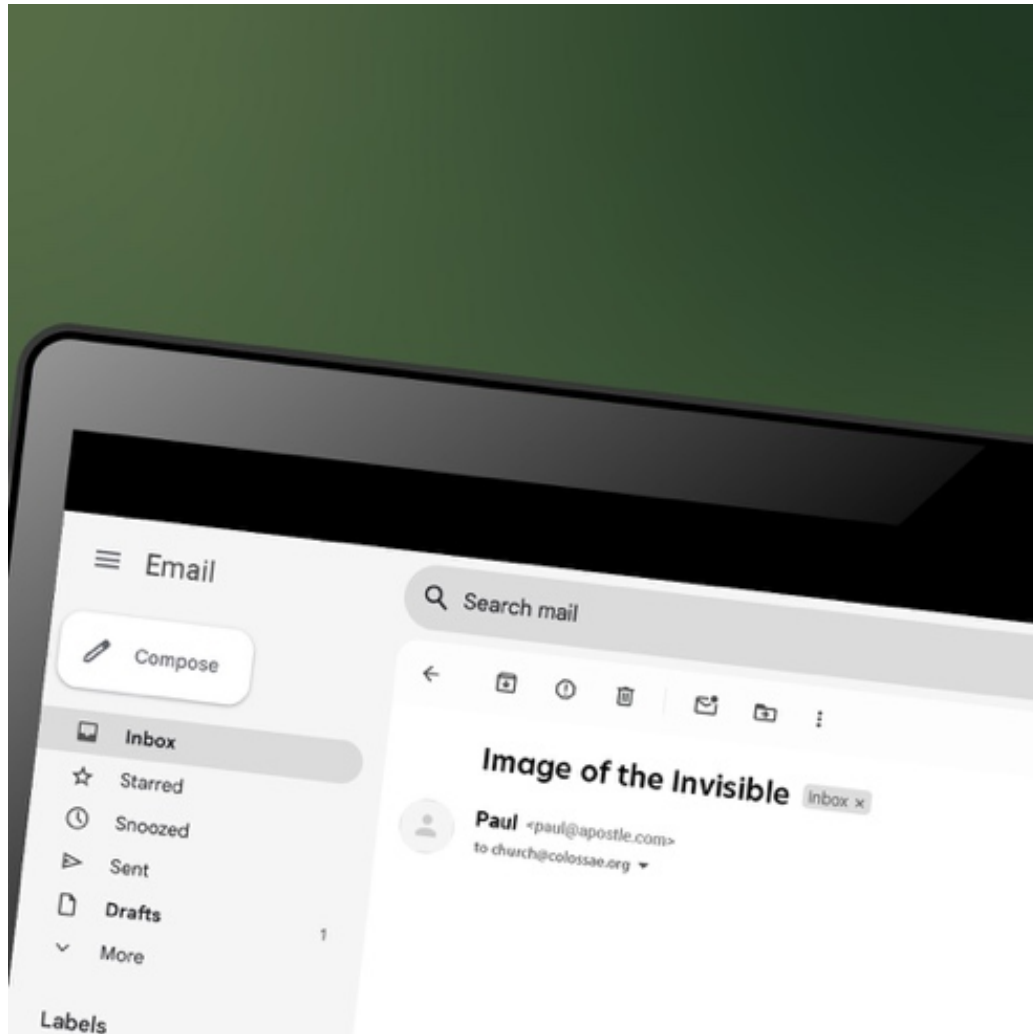


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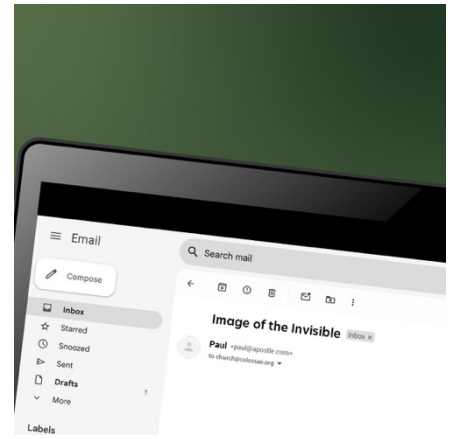
Image of the Invisible

6th Sunday After Pentecost, Year C

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



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

P: Children of God, in Jesus, Love became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.

C: We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

P: In Jesus, we meet the fullness of God with no barriers to access.

C: We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

P: In Jesus, our separation from God, neighbor, self, and creation has been removed. We are free for divine and loving connection once again.

C: We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

P: Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God, whose power makes Love visible to us so that we might reflect Love to the world.

ALL: Come, let us worship Christ, Love who came to dwell among us and within us!

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 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise p. 103 UMH

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 Reading – Psalm 52 (ESV)

****L – Leader Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

L: ¹ Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man? The steadfast love of God endures all the day.

C: ² **Your tongue plots destruction, like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit.**

L: ³ You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking what is right. *Selah*

C: ⁴ **You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.**

L: ⁵ But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. *Selah*

C: ⁶ **The righteous shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him, saying,**

L: ⁷ “See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!”

C: ⁸ **But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.**

L: ⁹ I will thank you forever, because you have done it.

C: **I will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.**

Hymn – Abide With Me

Carolyn Perdue, Soloist

New Testament Reading – Colossians 1:15-29 (ESV)

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold

together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation^[g] under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Sermon – Image of the Invisible

Closing Hymn: Victory in Jesus

p. 370 UMH

Benediction & Commission

Go now in the blessing of Christ, the image of the invisible, Love-made-flesh. May God's loving presence surround you on every side, guiding you and empowering you to share God's loving presence with everyone you meet. Amen!

Lectionary Readings beginning July 21, 2025

Hosea 1:2-10 | Psalm 85 | Colossians 2:6-19 | Luke 11:1-13

Announcements

- None 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

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

Frances Sisk

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Tommy Bost

Tammy Seats Boyd

Jimmy & Deborah Branch

Jane Bullin

Leisha Carpenter

Joe Dean

Mack Edwards

Mary File

Garry Harbin

Kathy Harbin

Lynda Harper

Ronald Howell

David Joyner

Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela

Jay D. Pevette

Vivian Royal

Mary Ellen Smith

Kim Triplette

Mark Wall

Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren 6

Savannah Wooten

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Tyler Manring	2	Randall Pitts	14
Samantha Gould	5	Cara Blackburn	15
Clint Hunter	5	Randy Edwards	17
Carolyn Perdue	5	Kathy Harbin	20
Peggy Willard	11	Alan Hunter	25
Erin Collins	12	Baron Tate Doub	29

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!

SERMON NOTES

- Where did you hear God speaking to you in today's message?
- What main thought(s) can you use this coming week?
- Did you hear anything new and/or different from the scripture or the message today?
- What reaffirmed or challenged you?
- Additional thoughts and/or ideas?