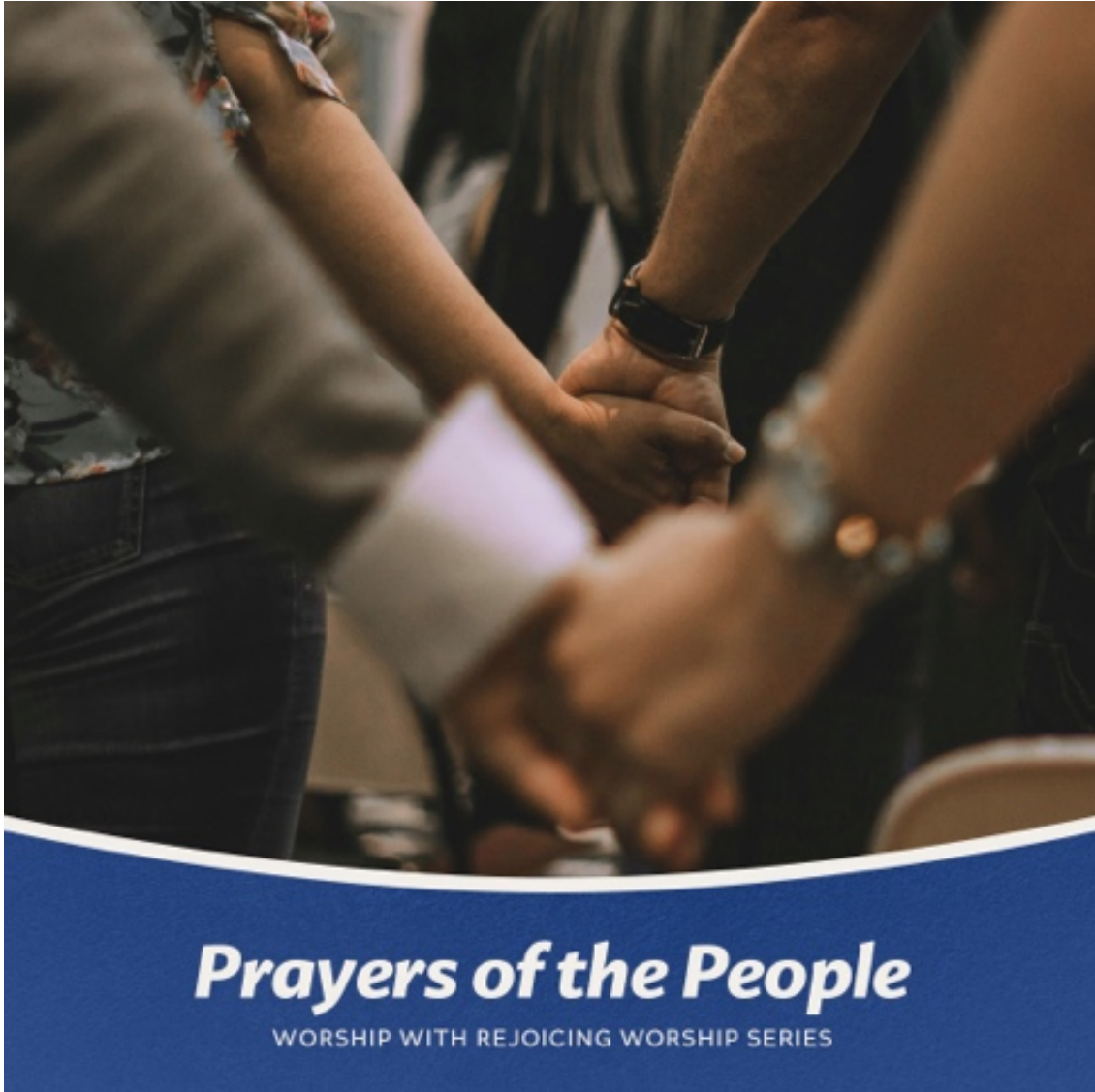


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Sunday Service Bulletin

August 11, 2024

Prayers of the People

Worship With Rejoicing Worship Series

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

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

L: We gather today knowing there are people in our world who are surrounded by violence and conflict on every side.

C: Our work of peace begins with prayer.

L: We gather today knowing there are people in our community who feel lost, alone, abandoned, and forgotten.

C: Our work of love begins with prayer.

L: We gather today knowing there are people in this place, this neighborhood, this world that we all share who experience overwhelming grief, despair, and sorrow.

C: Our work of hope begins with prayer.

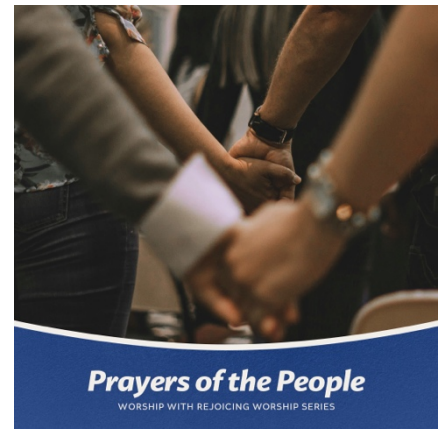
L: We gather not to look away from the world but to witness the needs of our neighbors through the lens of God's love.

**C: May we be a people who pray and, out of our praying, do the work of bringing peace, love, and hope to all we encounter.
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 – Be Thou My Vision p.451 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.

Psalm Reading – Psalm 130 (NRSVUE)

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

L: ¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

C: ² Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

L: ³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

C: ⁴ But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

L: ⁵ I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

C: ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

L: ⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

C: ⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Congregational Hymn – Open My Eyes, That I May See p. 454 UMH

Old Testament Reading – 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 (NRSVUE)

⁵ The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. ⁶ So the army went out into the field against Israel, and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. ⁷ The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. ⁸ The battle spread over the face of all the country, and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. ⁹ Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. ¹⁵ And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him and killed him. ³¹ Then the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord

the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.”³² The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to do you harm be like that young man.”³³ The king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept, and as he went he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

Sermon – Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn – Take Time to Be Holy p. 395 UMH vv. 1, 3, & 4

Benediction & Commission

Beloved, may God’s grace open your hearts to recognize the needs of your neighbors; may God’s mercy fill your prayers, and may God’s peace empower you to share the goodness and blessing you receive from God with all. Amen.

Lectionary Reading for the week beginning August 12th

Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14, Psalm 111, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

Announcements

- The Wesley Chapel UMC Bible study on Luke will continue with sessions being held on Tuesday evenings at 6 PM. We are all invited and encouraged to attend.
- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Eleanor Thompson by Fred Mock.
- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Eleanor Thompson by Jackie Seats, Susie & Randy Edwards.

- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Eleanor Thompson by Norma Jean Harbin.
- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Eleanor Thompson by Frank Dalton.
- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Eleanor Thompson by Annie McGuire.
- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Eleanor Thompson by Faye Seats.
- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Ida McHargue by Norma Jean Harbin.
- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Ida McHargue by Frank Dalton.
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- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Glenn Pilcher by Norma Jean Harbin.
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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

The Family of Eleanor Thompson

Church Friend / Extended Family

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

August Birthdays

Ed Doub	1	Molly Kellam	20
Carl Pellington	3	Martha Jane DeHart	22
John Thomas Collins	4	Samantha Perryman	23
Liz Seats Pellington	4	Norma Jean Harbin	24
Jackie Seats	6	Buddy Hutchens	25
Harold Langley	8	Colin Burton	26
Jeff Perryman	11	Pastor Randy Perdue	29
Angela Ball Brown	16	Abby Seats	30
James 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!