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Unity of Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

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

P: Family, we gather today to unite our voices and our lives in praise to God!

C: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

P: We gather to celebrate how God binds us together to live, work, play, and rest as the Body of Christ!

C: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

P: We gather to remember how God has worked through us to share Christ's love with one another and our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

C: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

P: Family of God, today we come as diverse and unique members of the Body of Christ to learn and grow not in uniformity but in unity to love God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

C: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

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 – My Hope is Built on Nothing Less p. 368 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 Lesson – Psalm 133 (NRSVue)

L: ¹ How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

C: ² It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

L: ³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

C: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Hymn – Lord I Want to Be A Christian p. 402 UMH

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 15:21-28 (NRSVue)

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’[\[a\]](#)table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

Sermon – Unity of Praise

Closing Hymn: Help Us Accept Each Other p. 560 UMH

Benediction & Commission

Family, how good and pleasant it is when we live, when we praise, when we weep, and when we find peace in unity together. May God bless you with the wisdom and grace to recognize and cooperate with the Spirit who binds us together in love, that we may grow in unity of praise now and forever. Amen.

Readings for the week beginning August 17, 2026

- Exodus 1:8-2:10
- Psalm 124
- Romans 12:1-8
- Matthew 16:13-20

Announcements

- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Victor Sisk's August 7th birthday by his wife, Frances Sisk, and his daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and David Joyner.

Prayer List

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner
Frank Dalton
Johnny Disher
Sherry Doub

Wanda Needham
Barbara Perryman
Frances Sisk
Peggy Willard

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost
Tammy Seats Boyd
Jimmy & Deborah Branch
Jane Bullin
Leisha Carpenter
Mack Edwards
Garry Harbin
Kathy Harbin
Lynda Harper
Ronald Howell
David Joyner
Charles Kurfees
Kevin McBride
Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela
Ronnie Mudd
Jay D. Prevette
Vivian Royal
Hal Seats
Phillip Seats
Mary Ellen Smith
Kim Triplette
Ann Wallace
Robert and Susan Warren
Tracy Webb
Jeremy Wilson
Savannah Wooten

August Birthdays

Ed Doub	1	Martha Jane DeHart	22
Angela Brown	3	Samantha Rose Perryman	23
Carl Pellington	3	Norma Jean Harbin	24
John Thomas Collins	4	Buddy Hutchins	25
Liz Pellington	4	Colin Burton	26
Jackie Seats	6	Randy Perdue	29
Jeff Perryman	11	Abby Seats	30
Molly Kellam	20	Bowen Blackburn	31

Wesley Covenant Prayer

(Adapted from Rev. Jeremy Smith on HackingChristianity.net.)

I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being. In truth, O God, I am Yours. Make me into what You will. Make me a neighbor with those whom You will. Guide me on the easy path for You. Guide me on the rocky road for You. Whether I am to step up for You or step aside for You; Whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low for You; Whether I become full or empty, with all things or with nothing; I give all that I have and all that I am for You. So be it. And may I always remember that you, O God, and I belong to each other. 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?