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Cannot Be Shaken

Dear Children of God: Dear Beloved Children

11th Sunday After Pentecost, Year C

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



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

P: Children of God, we gather today to encounter God.

C: We do not come expecting to be terrified or dismayed but to be welcomed and embraced.

P: We gather today to witness the gospel at work among us.

**C: We come to join the assembly of the kingdom of God,
to learn to live out God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.**

P: We gather today to declare our faith in God's unshakeable kingdom.

**C: We come with grateful hearts, trusting in the secure foundation
of God's steadfast love at work among us.**

All: 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 – O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing p. 57 UMH
vv. 1, 2, 3, 7

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 71:1-6 (NRSVue)

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

L: ¹ In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

C: ² In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

L: ³ Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are

my rock and my fortress.

C: ⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

L: ⁵ For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

C: ⁶ From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb.

All: My praise is continually of you.

Hymn – For the Beauty of the Earth p. 92 UMH vv. 1, 2, 5, 6

New Testament Reading – Hebrews 12:18-29 (NRSVue)

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly^[b] of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what

cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Sermon – Cannot Be Shaken

Closing Hymn: Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling p. 348 UMH

Benediction & Commission

Go now in the blessing of God’s love that cannot be shaken, trusting in God’s promises as you work for a world of justice and mercy for all.
Amen!

Lectionary Readings beginning August 25, 2025

Jeremiah 2:4-13 | Psalm 81:1, 10-16 | Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 |
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Announcements

- A memorial gift has been given by Frances V. Gough in memory of Leroy Burton.

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

Church Friend / Extended Family

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. Prevette

Vivian Royal

Mary Ellen Smith

Kim Triplette

Mark Wall

Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren

Savannah Wooten

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Ed Doub 1

Angela Brown 3

Carl Pellington 3

John Collins 4

Liz Pellington 4

Jackie Seats 6

Jeff Perryman. 11

Molly Kellam. 20

Samantha Rose Perryman 23

Norma Jean Harbin 24

Buddy Hutchins 25

Colin Burton 26

Randy Perdue 29

Abby Seats 30

Bowen Blackburn 31

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?