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**Bulletin – August 30, 2026**

***Acceptance***

**Lessons In Leadership Worship Series – Week 2**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**



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

P: Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes, telling us to go free a whole people despite our insecurities and fears.

**C: God, help us accept your call on our lives.**

P: Sometimes God calls us, and we don't understand the full meaning of the call, the ways our families, friends, and communities may resist the good news and us as messengers of it.

**C: God, help us accept your call on our lives.**

P: Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle, asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.

**C: God, help us accept your call on our lives.**

P: Beloved, God's call takes many forms. Sometimes it feels as natural as breathing, and sometimes we want to run as far as we can. But take assurance in this: You are not alone. God is with us, and God's call can be trusted, because no matter where it leads, God is there.

**C: God, help us accept your call on our lives and to trust that what you equip us to do is what you call us to do as members of the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen!**

**\*\* 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 & 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 105:1-6, 45b (NRSVue)

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

L: <sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

C: <sup>2</sup> **Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

L: <sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

C: <sup>4</sup> **Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

L: <sup>5</sup> Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,

C: <sup>6</sup> **O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

ALL: 45b **Praise the Lord!**

**Hymn** – What Wondrous Love Is This

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## Old Testament Lesson – Exodus 3:1-15 (NRSVue)

<sup>1</sup> Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up.” <sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>5</sup> Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup> He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup> Then

the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” <sup>12</sup> He said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” <sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

**Sermon – Acceptance**

**Closing Hymn:** Let There Be Peace on Earth

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**Benediction & Commission**

Beloved, when the path is easy and when the path is rough, when God calls through a burning bush or a still, small voice or a loving rebuke, remember, you are not alone. May God bless you with the

courage and humility to accept God's call and with the assurance that if God calls you, God will equip you. Amen.

## **Readings for the week beginning August 31, 2026**

- Exodus 12:1-14
- Psalm 149
- Romans 13:8-14
- Matthew 18:15-20

## **Announcements**

- None this week.

## **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  
Family of Rev. Dr. Paul "Peter" Hogg Jr.  
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 |

## September Birthdays

|                     |    |                  |    |
|---------------------|----|------------------|----|
| Brian Gough         | 9  | Liam Pellington  | 22 |
| Colleen Pellington  | 10 | Barbara Perryman | 23 |
| Chase Benjamin Mote | 12 | Bradán Burton    | 26 |
| Trey Mark           | 16 | Katy Mae Collins | 26 |
| Gray Lineberry      | 17 |                  |    |

## Wesley Covenant Prayer

(Adapted from Rev. Jeremy Smith on [HackingChristianity.net](http://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?