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**Bulletin – September 14, 2025**

***Our Hope Is In The Lord***

**I Will Call Upon the Lord Worship Series, Week 2**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**



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

P: We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness  
and good news can feel far away.

**C: God is our hope and our refuge.**

P: We come searching for safety in a world that often calls  
foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness.

**C: God is our hope and our refuge.**

P: We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all  
the ways people work against the abundant life and  
flourishing of their neighbors.

**C: God is our hope and our refuge.**

P: Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who  
delivers and restores us.

**C: May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge  
with and for our neighbors today and every day.**

**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 – Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us** p. 381 UMH

**Sharing Our Praises & Prayers**

**Pastoral 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 14 (NRSVue)**

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

L: <sup>1</sup> Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt;  
they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

**C: <sup>2</sup> The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.**

L: <sup>3</sup> They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

**C: <sup>4</sup> Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord?**

L: <sup>5</sup> There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

**C: <sup>6</sup> You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.**

L: <sup>7</sup> O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

**Hymn – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing p. 400 UMH**

**Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 (NRSVue)**

<sup>11</sup> At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse, <sup>12</sup> a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

<sup>22</sup> “For my people are foolish;

they do not know me; they are stupid children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil but do not know how to do good.” <sup>23</sup> I looked on the earth, and it was complete chaos,

and to the heavens, and they had no light. <sup>24</sup> I looked on the mountains, and they were quaking,

and all the hills moved to and fro. <sup>25</sup> I looked, and there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. <sup>26</sup> I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. <sup>27</sup> For thus says the Lord: The whole land

shall be a desolation, yet I will not make a full end. <sup>28</sup> Because of this the earth shall mourn and the heavens above grow black, for I have spoken; I have purposed; I have not relented, nor will I turn back.

## **Sermon – Our Hope is in The Lord**

**Closing Hymn:** Amazing Grace p. 378 UMH

## **Benediction & Commission**

May God bless you with the clarity to recognize the world as it is, the hope to dream God's dream together, and the power to make God's dream a reality here and now. Amen.

## **Lectionary Readings beginning September 15, 2025**

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 | Psalm 79:1-9 | 1 Timothy 2:1-7 | Luke 16:1-13

## **Announcements**

- The Administrative Board will meet Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- The Union UMC Charge Conference will be held on October 14, 2025 at a time to be determined in the Fellowship Hall.

## **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

## **September Birthdays**

Rosie Burton 1

Stephen McBride 4

Brian Gough 9

Colleen Pellington 10

Chase Mote 12

Sara Collins 15

Trev Mark 16

Gray Lineberry 17

Alicia Vaughn 21

Liam Pellington 22

Barbara Perryman 23

Bradán Burton 26

Katy Collins 26

## **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?