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**Bulletin – September 21, 2025**

***Foe the Glory***

**I Will Call Upon the Lord Worship Series, Week 3**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**



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

P: When we are surrounded on every side, wondering which way is up and which way is down...

**C: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.**

P: When we question which way to go and how to follow God's path for us...

**C: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.**

P: When we find our rest in God and long for others to know the sweet peace of God's embrace...

**C: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.**

P: Today, as we gather for worship, may we come ready to listen and discern God's help that meets us right where we are.

**C: Help us, God, to receive your help and to extend your help to our neighbors, all for the glory of your name.**

**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 – Near to the Heart of God** p. 472 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 79:1-9 (NRSVue)**

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

L: <sup>1</sup> O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;  
they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in

ruins.

**C: <sup>2</sup> They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food, the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.**

L: <sup>3</sup> They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.

**C: <sup>4</sup> We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by those around us.**

L: <sup>5</sup> How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?

**C: <sup>6</sup> Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you and on the kingdoms that do not call on your name.**

L: <sup>7</sup> For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation.

**C: <sup>8</sup> Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.**

L: <sup>9</sup> Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;

**C: deliver us and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.**

Hymn – Seek Ye First

p. 405 UMH

**Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1 (NRSVue)**

<sup>18</sup> My joy is gone; grief is upon me; my heart is sick. <sup>19</sup> Listen! The cry of the daughter of my people from far and wide in the land: “Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?” (“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?”)

<sup>20</sup> “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.”

<sup>21</sup> For the brokenness of the daughter of my people I am broken, I mourn, and horror has seized me. <sup>22</sup> Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of the daughter of my people not been restored?

9:1 O that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

**Sermon** – For the Glory

**Closing Hymn:** I Surrender All p. 354 UMH

### **Benediction & Commission**

Go now, in the blessing of God who covers you, protects you, delivers you, and helps you that you might reflect God's glory as you love and serve others. Amen.

### **Lectionary Readings beginning September 22, 2025**

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 | Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 | 1 Timothy 6:6-19 | Luke 16:19-31

### **Announcements**

- 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

Charles Kurfees

David Joyner

Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela

Jay D. Prevette

Vivian Royal

Hal Seats

Phillip Seats

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?