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Sunday Service Bulletin

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Chasing Wisdom



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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

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

P: The disciples argued about their own importance to Jesus.

C: Who would be first in His sight, they wanted to know?

P: And Jesus took a small child and placed the child in their midst.

Whoever receives this child in my name, receives me, He said.

C: And whoever receives the Lord, receives the one who sent him.

P: And they looked at the small child and wondered. Lord, help us to open our eyes to your love.

C: Remind us again, Lord, that we are called to ministries of service.

P: Get us ready, Lord, for the witness you would have us bear.

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 – I Need Thee Every Hour p. 397 UMC
vv. 1, 4, & 5

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 Reading – Psalm 1 (CEB)

**** L (Leader) C (Congregation) ****

L: ¹ The truly happy person doesn't follow wicked advice, doesn't stand on the road of sinners, and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.

C: ² Instead of doing those things, these persons love the Lord's Instruction, and they recite God's Instruction day and night!

L: ³ They are like a tree replanted by streams of water, which bears fruit at just the right time and whose leaves don't fade. Whatever they do succeeds.

C: ⁴ That's not true for the wicked! They are like dust that the wind blows away.

L: ⁵ And that's why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice—neither will sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

C: ⁶ The Lord is intimately acquainted with the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is destroyed. Amen!

Congregational Hymn – A Charge to Keep I Have p. 413 UMH

New Testament Reading – James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (CEB)

^{3:13} Are any of you wise and understanding? Show that your actions are good with a humble lifestyle that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ However, if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, then stop bragging and living in ways that deny the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above. Instead, it is from the earth, natural and demonic. ¹⁶ Wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and everything that is evil. ¹⁷ What of the wisdom from above? First, it is pure, and then peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good actions, fair, and genuine. ¹⁸ Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts.

^{4:1} What is the source of conflict among you? What is the source of

your disputes? Don't they come from your cravings that are at war in your own lives? ² You long for something you don't have, so you commit murder. You are jealous for something you can't get, so you struggle and fight. You don't have because you don't ask. ³ You ask and don't have because you ask with evil intentions, to waste it on your own cravings. ⁷ Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will run away from you. ⁸ Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners. Purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Sermon – Chasing Wisdom

Closing Hymn – I Surrender All p. 354 UMH vv. 1, 3, & 4

Benediction & Commission

Go in confidence and peace, joyfully serving the Lord who walks with you. Bring hope to the hopeless, joy to those who sorrow, peace to the afflicted. Be true witnesses to the love of God through Jesus Christ. Amen!

Lectionary Readings for the week beginning September 23:

- Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
- Psalm 124
- James 5:13-20
- Mark 9:38-50

Announcements

- Congratulations to Tim Disher who is the 2024 deserving recipient of the Union UMC Laity Service Award. Thanks, Tim, for all you do for the church and community.
- Gifts have been given to the glory of God and in memory of Marie Parrish by Frances V. Gough, Jackie Seats, Susie Seats-Edwards, and Randy Edwards.

- Gifts have been given to the glory of God and in memory of Ida McHargue, Eleanor Thompson, and Glenn Pilcher by Wanda Needham.
- Carson Peters and Iron Mountain will be performing bluegrass music today in the sanctuary at 4 PM. Admission is free as the band will gratefully accept love offerings. Light refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the performance. Please take advantage of this rare opportunity to hear this level of entertainment in our very own home church. (See page 8.)

Prayer List

Military / Missionary

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

Glenna Culler

Joe Dean

Amanda Doub

Ruby Driver

Mack Edwards

Joanne Everhart

Mary File

Eddie Haire

Garry Harbin

Kathy Harbin

Lynda Harper

Amber Lambert

Jeannette Lanier

Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela

Family of Marie Parrish

Dawn Proctor

Jay D. Prevet

Vivian Royal

Mary Ellen Smith

Mark Wall

Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren

Savannah Wooten

September Birthdays

Rosie Burton	1	Gray Lineberry	17
Stephen McBride	4	Barbara Perryman	23
Brian Gough	9	Bradán Burton	26
Chase B. Mote	12	Katy Collins	26
Trey Mark	16		

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!

Union United Methodist Church of Lewisville

Proudly Presents

Carson Peters & Iron Mountain



Carson has performed on *The Voice* and *The Tonight Show* as well as several times on the *Grand Ole Opry*

**Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 4 PM
Union UMC Sanctuary Free Admission**

**A love offering for the band will be gratefully accepted
Light refreshments will be provided after the performance
in the Church Fellowship Hall**