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**Bulletin – September 28, 2025**

***Safety In The Shadow Of The Lord***

**I Will Call Upon the Lord Worship Series, Week 4**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**

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

L: We gather today to worship God, who listens when we call.

**C: We gather to rest in the shadow of God's wings.**

L: We gather to pray to God, who answers us when we call.

**C: We gather to lift our voices in the shadow of God's wings.**

L: We gather to praise God, who rescues us when we call.

**C: We gather to rejoice in the shadow of God's wings.**

L: Beloved, come! Let us worship God, who covers and delivers us  
in Love.

**C: We gather to worship in the shadow of God's wings.**

**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 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** p. 110 UMH

**Sharing Our Praises & Prayers**

**Pastoral Prayer & The 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 91:1-6, 16-18 (NRSVue)**

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

**L:** <sup>1</sup>You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**C:** <sup>2</sup>**will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in**

**whom I trust.”**

L: <sup>3</sup> For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence;

**C: <sup>4</sup> he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense.**

L: <sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day

**C: <sup>6</sup> or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

L: <sup>14</sup> Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

**C: <sup>15</sup> When they call to me, I will answer them;**

L: I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.

**C: <sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.**

**Hymn – What Does the Lord Require** p. 441 UMH

**Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6:15 (NRSVue)**

**32** The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>2</sup> At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, <sup>3</sup> where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, “Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it. <sup>6</sup> Jeremiah said, “The word of the Lord came to

me: <sup>7</sup> Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.’ ” <sup>8</sup> Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. <sup>9</sup> And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup> I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. <sup>11</sup> Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy,<sup>12</sup> and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. <sup>13</sup> In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, <sup>14</sup> “Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. <sup>15</sup> For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.”

**Sermon – Safety In The Shadow Of The Lord**

**Closing Hymn:** Faith of Our Fathers

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**Benediction & Commission**

People of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight. Take hold of

eternal life. To God, who dwells in unapproachable light, and to Jesus Christ, the blessed Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, and to the Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen!

## **Lectionary Readings beginning September 29, 2025**

Lamentations 1:1-6 | Psalm 137 | 2 Timothy 1:1-14 | Luke 17:5-10

\*\* We will begin our new sermon series with the above scripture passages on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> which will be, *Choosing Faith*; the Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> sermon title, *Faith to Change*.

## **Announcements**

- Our Special Offering today is being taken to remember and continue to assist with the rebuilding of four churches in Western North Carolina from the destruction of Hurricane Helene, one year ago on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on October 5<sup>th</sup> this year. We are asked to prayerfully consider donating to this annual offering.
- The Union UMC Charge Conference will be held on October 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM 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

Ronnie Mudd

Jay D. Pevette

Vivian Royal

Hal Seats

Phillip Seats

Mary Ellen Smith

Kim Triplette

Mark Wall

Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren

Jeremy Wilson

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

## 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?