

# CAMPHOR

Memorial United Methodist Church

October 27, 2024



*"And a Little Child Shall Lead Them"*

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost | Children's Sabbath Sunday

585 Fuller Street | St. Paul, MN 55103

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# Order of Worship

† If you are able, please stand | Where indicated, speak or sing the words in **bold**

Prelude

Acolyte

Processional

*Everybody Clap Your Hands*

Voices of Grace

Welcome

Laura King

Announcements

Nieeta Presley

† Call to Worship

Laura King

Leader: We gather with love, in the name of God who loves each and every child.

**People: We gather with hope, as the body of Christ who is the hope of the world.**

Leader: We gather with justice, called by the Spirit whom Jesus called the Advocate.

**People: Come, let us worship on the Children's Sabbath with love, hope and justice.**

† Opening Prayer

Catalia Farmer

Dear God, We gather today to celebrate the joy and promise of Youth. Thank you for the gifts and talents you have given us. Guide us as we grow, lead, and serve in your name. Bless this service and all who are here today. Help us to shine your light in all we do. **Amen**

*(Worshippers May Enter)*

† Opening Hymn

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (AA/HH 175)*

**[Verse 1]**

**Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace!  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise:  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! O fix me on it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.**

**[Verse 2]**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help, I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home:  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.**

**[Verse 3]**

**O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.**

Passing of the Peace

Nieeta Presley

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation, peace, and love. Saying, to our neighbors, **"the peace of Christ be with you,"** the response is, **"And also with you!"**

*(Worshippers May Enter)*

What is Children's Sabbath?

Gloria Little

Children's Story *(Based on Mark 10:13-16)*

Barbara Harris O'Neal

Offertory

† Doxology

UMH 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*(Worshippers May Enter)*

Ministry of Music

*Rain*

Voices of Grace

† Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9 (NIV)

Toniya Farmer

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord— 3 and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; 4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. 6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. 7 The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. 8 The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. 9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

*(Leader: The Word of God for the People of God/ **All: Thanks be to God**)*

*(Worshippers May Enter)*

Praise Dance

Rose of Sharon Dance Ministry with Park Ave UMC  
and Creative Love Church

Sermon

*"...And a Little Child Will Lead Them"*

Min. JaNaé Bates

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Min. JaNaé Bates

*(Those who want to join the church, desire prayer or be anointed with oil may come at this time.)*

Children's Sabbath Litany and Prayer

Yaushua Thompson and Min. JaNaé Bates

Yaushua: Today we come together to celebrate Children's Sabbath.

*Youth: As children of God, we rejoice in His creation and His love.*

**Congregation: Today set aside time to celebrate children as active participants in the life of the church.**

Yaushua: Today we come together to celebrate Children's Sabbath.

*Youth: We give thanks for the blessings we receive, the love we share, and the love shared with us.*

**Congregation: Today we affirm the importance of nurturing young leaders in our church and in the community.**

Yaushua: We ask for guidance and strength as we grow into leaders of our faith and our communities.

**All: Lord, guide us in your wisdom and keep us in your care. Amen.**

† Benediction with Blessings

Min. JaNaé Bates

Recessional

The Blessing  
Voices of Grace

*(Worshippers may depart. Go in Peace)*

***Please join us after church for Ice Cream Sundaes, Polish Sausages, Activities and More!***

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*"Each child belongs to all of us and they will bring us a tomorrow in direct relation to the responsibility we have shown to them."*

*-Maya Angelou*

# What is Children's Sabbath



Today, we celebrate Children's Sabbath in The United Methodist Church. This occasion reminds us of the commitments we make to children and their parents during baptism. As congregation members, we are called to "do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love," reaffirming our shared dedication as a church community.

Our commitment to nurturing children is crucial for their spiritual development. Research from Barna indicates that by age 13, children have already formed their beliefs about God, the Holy Spirit, and their willingness to put their faith in Jesus Christ. Furthermore, Barna notes that only 6 percent of believers come to faith after the age of 12. Will we be those who walk alongside them, helping them grow in faith, hope, and love?

Children's Sabbath is also celebrated ecumenically, not just to honor the children among us, but to address the needs of children in our communities and the world. This observance calls to mind the children whom Jesus urged his disciples to welcome, insisting they "come to me." How will we respond to our duty to nurture the children in our midst and uplift those beyond our doors?

Celebrated in October, Children's Sabbath honors the lives of children in our churches while also directing our focus outward to the challenges faced by many children today. The United Methodist Church, alongside other faith traditions, participates in Children's Sabbath, supported by resources from the Children's Defense Fund, which encourages faith communities to address the needs of children and work towards reducing opportunity gaps.

The United Methodist Church's Four Areas of Focus guide us in caring for all children as if they were our own, especially by engaging in ministry with the poor and improving global health. Poverty affects children in many ways, from high childcare costs to food insecurity and inadequate education. These challenges hinder their ability to thrive. It is essential that we remember these children of God and act as the people of God.

*(from Resource UMC)*

# Sermon Notes

sermon title:

key verses:

Notes

Prayers

# Camphor Bulletin Board

## **This Week at Camphor Memorial UMC**

**Wednesday October 30th** 4pm- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

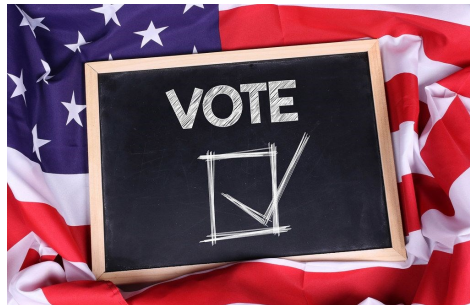
**Saturday November 2nd** 8:30am- Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
9am- United Church Ushers of MN Training (Sanctuary)  
9am-Trustee's Meeting (Zoom)  
10:30am- Worship Team Meeting (Conference Room)  
1:30pm- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Sunday November 3rd** 10am- Worship (Sanctuary and Live Stream)

*(Daylight Savings Time Begins)*

*All Saints Sunday*

## **Vote 2024 (Social Justice Ministry)**



As election season approaches, the Social Justice Ministry and ISAIAH are dedicated to increasing voter turnout among Black Minnesotans. Camphor Memorial UMC invites you to get involved!

Voter Pledge Sundays: From now until November 3rd, stop by the Narthex after services to pledge your vote. Help us reach our goal of 200 pledges and track our progress on the Democracy Builder Goal Tracker. Make sure you and your household are registered to vote between now and November 5th.

Register at [bit.ly/BlackMNVote](https://bit.ly/BlackMNVote). Your vote matters—let's make it count!

## **Prayer Corner**



### **Prayer of the Month: "Listen Lord" -James Weldon Johnson**

*O Lord, we come this morning knee-bowed and body-bent before thy throne of grace. O Lord - this morning - bow our hearts beneath our knees, and our knees in some lonesome valley. We come this morning like empty pitchers to a full fountain, with no merits of our own. O Lord, open up a window of heaven, and lean out far over the battlements of glory, and listen this morning. Amen.*

### **Celebration of Life: Shirley Cummings**

We send our prayers to the family of Shirley Cummings who joined the church triumphant. Mrs. Cummings is the wife of James Cummings. The church will keep you updated on the Celebration of Life services.

### **Celebration of Life: Gardea Clinton**

We send our prayers to the family of Gardea Clinton who had passed away recently in Liberia. He is the son of Rachel Forte.

### **Prayer Requests**

- William Watkins, Jr.
- Dr. Joi Lewis
- LaTonya Ross Hughes (Heart Surgery)
- Karen Morgan
- Calvin Morgan
- Willie P. McCoy, Jr.
- Sharon Martin
- Gary Martin
- Clifton Fuller
- Alton Campbell
- Mel Henderson

### **Seniors and Homebound**

- Verlene Booker
- Glenice Booker-Butler
- Margaret Carter
- James Cummings
- Ginnie Dennis
- Doris Douglas
- Charlotte Drake
- Johnette Houston
- Pat Jemie
- Carrie Lewis
- Barbara Wulf