### **Prayer Corner**

### **Prayer of the Month:**

# "Walk With Us, O God (Based on Micah 6:8)" Adapted from Church Assistant: Liturgy, Bible Study, Prayer

God of our weary years and silent tears, you have shown us what is good. You've told us to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. So help us, Lord. When the world chooses power over people, teach us to choose justice with courage. When love feels too hard, teach us to love faithfully—again and again. And when pride, fear, or weariness try to lead, remind us to walk humbly, trusting your hand is still holding ours. Walk with us in our families, in our communities, and in this church. Let our witness reflect your heart. Let our lives preach your truth. And let the legacy of faith behind us fuel the justice and joy ahead of us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

#### **Prayer Requests**

- Calvin and Karen Morgan: the passing of Calvin's brother, Darrell Morgan
- Jamaica and all affected by Hurricane Melissa
- Project 2027 (Black Faith Agenda)
- Rondo Community
- Those impacted by financial distress and food insecurity due to the government shutdown and federal funding cuts

#### **Covering in Prayer**

- Johnny Barker
- Rakesha Eaton (daughter of Theresa Phillips)
- Willie P. McCoy, Jr.
- Karen Morgan
- Juanita Robertson
- Joseph Towns (Son of Sanna Towns)

#### **Seniors and Homebound**

- Verlene Booker
- Glenice Booker-Butler
- Brenda Bolar
- Doris Douglas
- Johnette Houston
- Pat Jemie
- Barbara Wulf



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# November 9, 2025 | 10 am Grace, Gratitude and Double Blessings



# **Rev. Cynthia Williams | Lead Pastor**

# **Welcome to Camphor Memorial UMC!**

We are an open, welcoming, and affirming congregation, intentional and inclusive of all God's people. Camphor worship services are filmed, recorded and broadcast on line. Whoever you are – you are safe here.

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- **†** All stand
- Please be Seated
   Where indicated, speak or sing the words in **bold**

### **Centering Moment: Our Daily Bread**

Check out today's passage from "Our Daily Bread" to get centered for Worship.



#### **Prelude**

Welcome

## † Bringing in the Light | Processional

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Cynthia Williams

James McQuirter

One: We have come together, in this place, to worship God. Come into

God's gates with thanksgiving and into God's courts with praise. We have much to give thanks and praise to God for. God has been good.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say:

Many: Thank you God. You have been good!

One: God has delivered us from addictions, illness, financial problems,

homelessness, heartaches, oppression, and so much more. Today, we

have much to thank and praise God for. Let the redeemed of the Lord

say:

Many: Thank you God. You are always good!

One: We come this morning from the North, the South, the East, and the

West. We, your redeemed people of God say together.

Many: God, you are good and we thank and praise you today.

(From Africana Worship, Year C, Page 75, God is Good)

# **Camphor Bulletin Board**

#### S.E.R.V.E. @ Camphor Memorial UMC

Sharing Every Resource, Voice, & Experience | "Because ministry takes all of us."



Are you looking for a way to use your gifts and make a meaningful impact in the life of our church? S.E.R.V.E. @ Camphor is your invitation to share your God-given resources, voice, & experiences in service to our community. This is more than filling a spot—it's about living your faith out loud & strengthening the body of Christ through love in action. Join one of the ministry areas below & let your presence be a blessing.

<u>Usher Ministry:</u> Help create a welcoming environment for worshippers. Contact: Saran Cryer - sarancryer@gmail.com

<u>Communion Stewards:</u> Assist in preparing and serving Holy Communion. Contact: Harold Golden - harold.golden@comcast.net

<u>Digital Ministry:</u> Support worship and outreach through technology. Contact: Dr. Darlene Fry - darlene-fry1637@comcast.net

<u>Christian Education:</u> Help lead and grow our spiritual formation programs. Contact: De Anna Conover - deanna.conover@state.mn.us

<u>Congregational Care Team:</u> Support, prayer, presence, compassion, connection. Contact: Nieeta Presley - nieeta@yahoo.com

# Stay Connected with the Camphor Community by scanning the QR Code to subscribe & obtain updates in your inbox!



#### **All Black Affair Picture Purchase**



If you want to purchase one of your beautiful photos from the All Black Affair, Greta Oglesby will be at a table in the Fellowship/Narthex area today. They are only \$10 each and all proceeds go to Camphor.

# SermonMes

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† Hymn of Praise

"To God Be The Glory"

**AA/HH 157 | UMH 98** 

#### [Verse 1]

To God be the glory, great things God hath done!
God so loved the world that God gave us God's Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

#### [Refrain]

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear God's voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Creator thru Jesus the Son,
and give God the glory, great things God hath done!

#### [Verse 2]

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

#### [Verse 3]

Great things God hath taught us, great things God hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

(Worshippers May Enter)

#### **Centering Prayer (In Unison)**

James McQuirter

From the beginning of times you are God. Before the earth was formed and any human being was created, you were God. After time changes to eternity you will still be God. You are our Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end. Everything changes but you remain constant. Your power is invincible; your knowledge is unreachable; your presence is unfathomable. Yet you have condescended and taken up residence in our lives. We bless you for your love for us, and your ability to dwell in us, even us. Help us to keep on celebrating your goodness and your greatness throughout our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

(From Africana Worship, Year B, Page 133, From the Beginning of Times You Are God)

#### **Passing of the Peace**

James McQuirter

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)

# **Bearing Witness**

Sarah Atunah-Jay

## **Song of Intercession**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy one, Give thanks because He's given, Jesus Christ His Son.

And now, Let the weak say I am strong. Let the poor say I am rich. Because of what, The Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

#### **Joys and Concerns | Intercessory Prayer**

Rev. Theresa Mason

#### **Lord's Prayer (In Unison)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

#### **Gathering our Community/Announcements**

Pastor Cynthia Williams

#### **Ministry of Giving/Offering**

Pastor Cynthia Williams

Scan the QR Code to give online via Square or PayPal!

1st Offering: Change for Change 2nd Offering: Tithes & General Offering



## † The Doxology UMH 95 | AA/HH 651

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 Ministry of Music Woman's Chorale

† Scripture Lesson

Luke 17:11-19 (MSG)

Tonette Clardy

11-13 It happened that as he made his way toward Jerusalem, he crossed over the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men, all lepers, met him. They kept their distance but raised their voices, calling out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14-16 Taking a good look at them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." They went, and while still on their way, became clean. One of them, when he realized that he was healed, turned around and came back, shouting his gratitude, glorifying God. He kneeled at Jesus' feet, so grateful. He couldn't thank him enoughand he was a Samaritan. 17-19 Jesus said, "Were not ten healed? Where are the nine? Can none be found to come back and give glory to God except this outsider?" Then he said to him, "Get up. On your way. Your faith has healed and saved you."

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

**Ministry of Music** 

Greta Oglesby

Sermon

Grace, Gratitude, and Double Blessings Pastor Cynthia Williams

Pastor Cynthia Williams

**Invitation for Prayer** 

Pastor Cynthia Williams

(Those who desire prayer or anointing with oil may come at this time.)

† Benediction with Blessings

Pastor Cynthia Williams

Let the Church say Amen, Let the Church say Amen God has spoken, Let the Church say Amen

(Worshippers may depart. Go in Peace)

Please stay after service for new members class in the Fellowship/Narthex area

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#### **November Bible Study Series: Contentment: Gratitude, Generosity & Joy**

Please join Pastor Cynthia Williams, Rev. William Petty, and Spiritual Formation Leader De Anna Conover for an interactive and immersive time of learning and growing in God's Word. We invite you—and a friend—to take part in our three-week Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study Series: Contentment: Gratitude, Generosity, and Joy.

Please note twenty five people attended Session One; therefore, **Sessions Two and Three will be held in person** from 6:30-8 PM on November 12 and November 19.



#### **Camphor Bulletin Board**



# Saturday December 13 Agenda Launch & Anti-Authoritarianism Strategy Training

We are bringing 5,000 people across race, class and geography to come together on one of the biggest strategic events happening in MN this year (elected officials will be invited!)!

- 1) We will celebrate the multi-racial, multi-class, multi-faith, statewide organization we have grown to become now.
- 2) Ratify our ISAIAH statewide issue agenda and commit to build the power needed to have those running in the House, Senate, and Governor in 2026 be accountable to our agenda so we can protect our people and win!
- 3) Get connected to a national strategy to build enough people and political power to defend our democracy, prevent millions of Americans from losing their healthcare and food assistance, protect our public schools and put real restrictions on ICE to their brutalization of our neighbors and the military deployments in our cities.
- 4) Get trained on how to fight back against the impacts of the BIG federal bill passed on July 4 and the actions of the federal government in 2026!

Join Us!

# ISAIAH Agenda Launch & Anti-Authoritarianism Strategy Training

Saturday December 13th from 12-6pm
(arrive at the Convention Center, get signed in,
purchase/eat lunch, and be in your seat before 1pm!)
Minneapolis Convention Center
1301 2nd Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55404
Sign up here: https://bit.ly/ISAIAHDec13Event



#### **Camphor Bulletin Board**

#### **This Week @ Camphor Memorial UMC**

**Tuesday, November 11th** 6:30 pm- Trustee's Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 12th 4 pm- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

5 pm- Childbirth Education Class (Lower Level)

6:30 pm- Bible Study (Fellowship/Narthex Area)

<u>Friday, November 14th</u> 11 am- Dorcas Circle (Lower Level)

**Saturday, November 15th** 10 am- UWF Planning Meeting (Fellowship/

Narthex Area)

1 pm- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Sunday, November 16th** 8:45 am: Adult Sunday School (Conf. Rm)

10 am: Worship (Sanctuary and Live-Stream)

11:30 am: Congregational Team Meeting (Conf.

Rm)

## **Change for Change: Small Coins, Big Impact!**



Beginning in November, we'll introduce a "Change for Change" offering alongside our regular giving. The proceeds from this special offering will go to the Oglesby House of Blessing, supporting local nonprofits that meet community needs and make a positive impact right here at home.

Each month, our Change for Change offering will bless a different organization:

November: Halie Q. Brown Food Shelf - The Lighthouse of Community

December: Irreducible Grace Foundation - Fostering the holistic wellness of BIPOC youth in community

Bring your loose change each Sunday and join us in this small but powerful way to bless our neighbors and make a difference together!

# WHAT GOOD IS GRATITUDE? REASONS WHY IT'S BETTER TO LIVE GRATEFULLY

CHARITY



**PSYCHOLOGICAL** 

GRATITUDE IS RELATED TO AGE: For every 10 years, gratitude increases



COMMUNITY



HEALTH



WORK



FRIENDS

MORE SATISFYING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS, AND WILL BE BETTER LIKED

YOUTH





WHERE?



THE MOST GRATEFUL COUNTRIES ARE: S. AFRICA UAE PHILIPPINES & INDIA

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# A LIGHT IN THE STORM

**AGENDA LAUNCH & ANTI-AUTHORITARIANISM STRATEGY TRAINING** 







DEC. 13

12PM - 6PM

MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER, 1301 2<sup>ND</sup> AVE S. MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55404



THOUSANDS OF ISAIAH AND FAITH IN MINNESOTA
LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE WILL COME
TOGETHER TO LAUNCH OUR AGENDA THROUGH 2027 AND
PLAN A PATH IN THIS MOMENT TO PROTECT OUR STATE,
NEIGHBORS, AND FAMILIES IN THE FACE OF RISING
AUTHORITARIANISM. TOGETHER WE ARE GOING TO MAKE
MINNESOTA A PLACE WHERE FAMILIES ACROSS RACE,
PLACE, AND RELIGION CAN THRIVE.





