

Prayer Corner

Prayer of the Month:

"For All Who Come"

Sherrie Dobbs Johnson -Africana Worship Book (Year C)

Lord of abundance, for all who come this morning without a song, let us listen for the melody of our own breaths, breathing in and breathing out. You gave us that breath, Lord. Thank you. For all who come this morning seeing only the negative, let us see the beauty of this new day. For all who come this morning smelling the bitter stench of yesterday's hurt, let us smell the freshness of possibilities to begin again. For all who come this morning tasting dryness and staleness, let us taste the wine of Jesus' love. Let that wine make us drunk with generosity to share our food, privileges, and hearts with others. Touch our feelings once again. Amen.

Prayer Requests

- Linda Anderson-Hill
- Johnny Baker
- Gordon Edmond (Brother of Stacey Swain & Joel Edmond)
- Larry Gray
- Xavier Golden
- Melvin Henderson
- Dr. Joi Lewis
- Gary Martin
- Sharon Martin
- Willie P. McCoy, Jr.
- Carlton McQuirter (Brother of James McQuirter)
- Karen Morgan
- Calvin Morgan
- Pedro Ramos



Loving God. Loving People.

Seniors and Homebound

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



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June 29, 2025 | 10 am



Dear Children of God: OMG | Third Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Camphor!

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

† Acolyte

† Processional

Welcome/Announcements

Carlton Garner

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Carlton Garner

One: Beloved, have you ever wrestled with God's will?

Many: We have questioned, resisted, and sat beneath the weight of our own pride.

One: But even in our struggle, God meets us with grace.

Many: Even when we run, God still speaks.

One: Today we bring our honest hearts before the One who is slow to anger and abounding in love.

Many: We come not because we have it all together—but because God’s mercy still reaches us.

† Opening Prayer (In Unison)

God of truth and compassion, we come to You like Jonah—torn between what we want and what You’ve willed. We confess that we don’t always understand Your mercy, and we don’t always agree with Your grace. But still You meet us, speak to us, and cover us with patience. As we worship today, soften our hearts, open our ears, and teach us to trust Your love even when it challenges us. In the name of Jesus, who shows us the better way, we pray. Amen.

(Adapted from Church Assistant: Liturgy, Bible Study, Prayer)

This Week at Camphor Memorial UMC

***M-F: 7 am-CCEL/Bethel University Summer Gardening (Noah’s Ark)**

Tuesday, July 1st 10 am- Primary Medical Supplies (Large Sunday School Room)

Wednesday, July 2nd 10 am- UMM Weekly Bowling (Flaherty’s)

Thursday, July 3rd 12 pm- Primary Medical Supplies (Large Sunday School Room)

Sunday, July 6th 10 am- Worship (Sanctuary and Live-Stream)
12 pm-Under the Surface: Health, Illness, and Human Experience Talk (Fellowship/Narthex Area)

Volunteer Corner - Get Involved at Camphor Memorial UMC!

Are you looking for a way to serve and make a difference in the life of our church? Several ministries at Camphor Memorial UMC are currently seeking volunteers. Your time and talents are needed! Consider joining one of the following ministry teams:

Usher Ministry: Help create a welcoming environment for worshippers.
Contact: Saran Cryer – sarancryer@gmail.com

Communion Stewards: Assist in preparing and serving Holy Communion.
Contact: Harold Golden – harold.golden@comcast.net

Digital Ministry: Support worship and outreach through technology.
Contacts: Dr. Darlene Fry – darlene-fry1637@comcast.net

Christian Education: Help lead and grow our spiritual formation programs.
Contact: De Anna Conover – deanna.conover@state.mn.us

Volunteers are needed for the 2025 Black Affair to help ensure a successful event. Roles include Event Greeter, Silent Auction Assistant, and Ticket Table Assistant. To sign up, contact Dr. Beverly Hawkins at beverley.hawkins@comcast.net.

Sermon Notes

sermon title:

key verses:

Prayers

† Morning Hymn

"I Surrender All"

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[Verse 1]

**All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.**

[Refrain]

**I surrender all,
I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

[Verse 2]

**All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow;
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
Take me, Jesus, take me now. [Refrain]**

[Verse 3]

**All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Fill me with the Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine. [Refrain]**

[Verse 4]

**All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power;
Let Thy blessings fall on me. [Refrain]**

(Worshippers May Enter)



Call to Prayer

Carlton Garner

Beloved, some prayers come easy—and others come through tears and struggle. Like Jonah, we don’t always understand what God is doing, but we can still come close. Whether your heart is full of praise or full of questions, bring it. God can handle your honesty, and still meet you with grace. Let us now enter into silence.

(Offer Silent Prayers to God)

Prayer of Intercession

Rev. William Petty

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.

(Worshippers May Enter)

Passing of the Peace

Rev. William Petty

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)

Stewardship Moment

Rev. William Petty

Offertory

† The Doxology
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

Men’s Choir



† Scripture Lesson

Jonah 4:5-11 (NIV)

Carlton Garner

5 Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. 6 Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. 7 But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, “It would be better for me to die than to live.” 9 But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?” “It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.” 10 But the Lord said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. 11 And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

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

Ministry of Music

Men’s Choir

Sermon

Jonah’s Wrestling with God

Rev. William Petty

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. William Petty

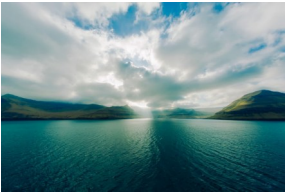
(Those who desire prayer or anointing with oil may come at this time.)

† Benediction with Blessings

Rev. William Petty

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

(Worshippers may depart. Go in Peace)



“The contradictions of life are not final. There is always a Presence, brooding over the contradictions, working through them, to bring forth meaning.”

-Howard Thurman

