

## Prayer Corner

### **"Prayer for the Season"**

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

*God of wind and fire, we come before You grateful for the gift of Your Holy Spirit. At Pentecost, You filled ordinary people with holy power and sent them into the world with boldness, truth, and love. As we enter this season of Ordinary Time, teach us how to carry resurrection power into everyday life and trust the strength You have placed within us. Remind us, O God, that You have sustained our people through every trial and guided us by Your Spirit generation after generation. Let the fire of Pentecost renew our hearts, revive our communities, and send us forth with power to go wherever You lead. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.*

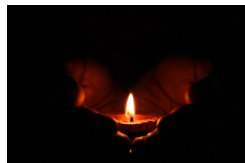
### Remembering Betsy Calkins

We extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to the family of Betsy Calkins upon receiving word of her passing on May 11, 2026. Betsy faithfully served as Camphor's Administrative Assistant from 1991 until her retirement in December 2023, serving under the leadership of Pastors Campbell, Roach-Thomas, Bell, and Oglesby. She has been cremated, and a Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Cards and expressions of sympathy may be sent to:

Angel Douglas (granddaughter)  
341 Winona St.  
West St. Paul, MN 55107  
651-706-9662

### Prayer Requests

- Florence Deputie
- Democracy, Voting Rights, & Civic engagement
- Global Community
- Our Children & Young Adults
- Our Community



### Seniors and Homebound

- Ginnie Dennis
- Doris Douglas
- Johnette Houston
- Pat Jemie
- T. Mychael Rambo
- Barbara Wulf

*Loving God. Loving People.*

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Memorial United Methodist Church

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**June 7, 2026 | 10 am**  
**Stories of Faith Everyone Should Know**



**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.

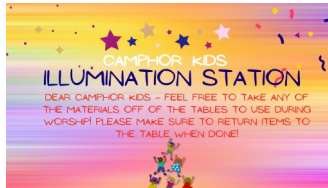
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- ↑ All stand
- \* Please be Seated

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.



**The Illumination Station** is a table for youth and families where youth can take items to use during worship before joining Children's Church, and where Akudo will also provide handouts and announcements for families to pick up.

### Prelude

### † Bringing in the Light | Processional

### Welcome

Pastor Cynthia Williams

### † Call to Worship

Min. JaNaé Bates Imari

One: We gather today to remember the stories that have shaped God's people across generations.

**Many: We come to remember, to learn, and to grow in faith.**

One: When Abraham was called to trust God beyond what he could understand, he chose faith over fear.

**Many: And God proved faithful, providing what Abraham could not yet see.**

One: There are moments when the road ahead is unclear and the future feels uncertain.

**Many: Yet the same God who guided Abraham still leads God's people today.**

One: As we begin this new series, let us open our hearts to God's voice and God's leading.

**Many: We will trust God's promises. We will follow God's leading. We will worship the God who always provides. Amen.**

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

## Camphor Bulletin Board

**Announcement Submissions: Submit announcements by 10 a.m. two weeks before publication (events: at least one month in advance).**

**Community Announcements: Information about events happening in the community may be placed on the table in the Narthex for sharing.**

### This Week @ Camphor Memorial UMC

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

#### Tuesday, June 9th

6:30 pm | Finance Team Meeting (Zoom)

#### Wednesday, June 10th

6:30 pm | Bible Study (Fellowship/Narthex & Zoom)

#### Friday, June 12th

9 am | Dorcas Circle (Lower Level)

#### Saturday, June 13th

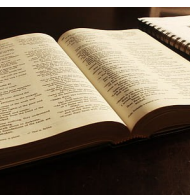
9 am | Praise Dance Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 10 am | UWF Meeting (Fellowship Area)  
 10:30 am | UMM Meeting (Conference Room)  
 12 pm | Dorcas Circle Knitters (Conf. Room)  
 3 pm | Women's Chorale Rehearsal

#### Sunday, June 14th

8:45 am | Adult Sunday School (Conf. Rm)  
 10 am | Worship (Sanctuary & Live-Stream)  
 1 pm | Usher Ministry Meeting (Conf. Room)

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Join us every Wednesday at 6:30 pm for Bible Study, offered in a hybrid format (in person in the Fellowship/Narthex area and via Zoom). We are currently studying A Walk Through the Book of Romans, exploring how God's grace through Jesus Christ calls us to grow in faith and live it out daily. Zoom Information can be found in Camphor Connects. All are welcome!



## Service of Word and Table (The Great Thanksgiving)

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks & praise.**

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God, and power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...Pour out Your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, and on us gathered here.  
**Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world. Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

### 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.**

**Sharing of the Meal** *Please come forward as the ushers direct to receive by intinction: taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)

**Faithful God, we thank You for this holy meal. In the bread and the cup, You have reminded us that Your love never fails and Your provision never runs out. As we leave this table, strengthen our faith, deepen our trust, and help us follow wherever You lead. Send us into the world as witnesses to Your faithfulness, trusting that the God who provided for Abraham is still providing for us today. Amen.**

### † Benediction with Blessings

Pastor Cynthia Williams

*(Worshippers may depart. Go in Peace)*

### † Hymn of Praise

“Standing on the Promises” AA/HH 373 | UMH 374

#### [Verse 1]

**Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,  
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.**

#### [Chorus]

**Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

#### [Verse 2]

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail.  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]**

#### [Verse 3]

**Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,  
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]**

#### [Verse 4]

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]**

*(Worshippers May Enter)*

### Centering Prayer (In Unison)

Min. JaNaé Bates Imari

**God of every generation, we thank You for the stories of faith that continue to guide Your people. As we remember Abraham's journey, teach us to trust You beyond our fears and beyond what we can understand. Remind us that Your faithfulness did not end in Scripture but continues in our lives today. Open our hearts to hear Your voice and strengthen us to follow where You lead. Amen.** *(Adapted from Church Assistant: Liturgy, Bible Study, Prayer)*

## Passing of the Peace

Min. JaNaé Bates Imari

At this time, children and youth are invited to Sunday School and as they make their way, 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!"**

*(Children & Youth are invited to Sunday School | Worshippers May Enter)*

## Intercessory Prayer

Pastor Cynthia Williams

## Gathering our Community | Announcements

Pastor Cynthia Williams

## Ministry of Giving | Offering

Pastor Cynthia Williams

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## † The Doxology

UMH 95 | AA/HH 651

## Ministry of Music

Sanctuary Choir

## † Scripture Lesson

**Genesis 22:1-14 (NRSVue)**

Carlton Garner

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." 6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. 7 Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

## † Scripture Lesson

**Genesis 22:1-14 (NRSVue)-Cont'd**

Carlton Garner

9 When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." 13 And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

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

## Ministry of Music

Sanctuary Choir

## Sermon

*Faith That Leads the Way*

Pastor Cynthia Williams

## Invitation for Prayer

Pastor Cynthia Williams

*(Those who desire prayer, want to become a member or be anointed with oil may come at this time.)*

## Call to Confession

Pastor Cynthia Williams

Faith is trusting God even when we cannot see the whole journey. Yet like Abraham, we often struggle with doubt, fear, and the desire to control what belongs to God; let us confess our sins before God and one another.

## Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

**Faithful God, You call us to trust You, yet we often place our confidence in ourselves and our fears. Forgive us for the times we have doubted Your provision, resisted Your leading, and chosen certainty over faith. When the path ahead is unclear, we confess that we too often worry instead of worship and control instead of surrender. Renew our hearts by Your grace and teach us to follow wherever You lead. Amen.**

## Words of Assurance

Pastor Cynthia Williams

One: The God who provided for Abraham has provided for us through Jesus Christ; in Him we are forgiven, loved, and made new.

**All: Thanks be to God. We are forgiven and free to walk by faith. Amen.**