

Prayer Corner

Prayer of the Month: "Lament: For Grieving" (Black Liturgies by Cole Arthur Riley)

God who knows sorrow, We have nowhere to hide from this void. Thank you for being a God who is moved to tears by death. For in doing so, you remind us that one can know healing is imminent and still make space to grieve what is. We're reminded that hope and grief are not mutually exclusive. Help us hold the departed in our minds, in our bones; help us hear their laugh echo, their voice hum across our skin. But also keep us from idolizing them in their absence, purging our memory of their flaws, cleansing them in death of all that made them human. May our mourning look how it must from one moment to the next, free from guilt about how much sadness we can muster. And as we meet grief in all its complexity, grant us a small company capable of remaining with us in our loss, those who journey with us as we heal. Not so they can speak platitudes or try to drag our souls towards happiness, but so they can hold space for our pain. Cast out any timeline we've made for our own healing. Remind us that grief rests and wakes as she chooses but remains with us across time. Help us hold our tears as sacred, never being too quick to wipe them away or keep them prisoner, knowing that our freedom is wrapped up in theirs. May it be so.

Prayer Requests

- Dr. Joi Lewis
- Percy Dawson
- Dorothy Richburg
- James Cummings
- Yahaya Kon (brother of Mary Toe)
- Calvin Morgan
- Karen Morgan
- Willie P. McCoy, Jr.
- Sharon Martin
- Gary Martin
- Clifton Fuller
- Alton Campbell



Seniors and Homebound

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



July 28, 2024



Worship with Rejoicing | Tenth 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.

Loving God. Loving People.

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

Centering Moment: Our Daily Bread

Check out todays passage from
 "Our Daily Bread" to get centered for Worship



Prelude

† Acolyte

† Processional

Welcome and Announcements

Nieeta Presley

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Nieeta Presley

One: God's love for us is great!

Many: God is like a loving parent, who watches over us.

One: God's mercy for us is great!

Many: God reaches out to us in healing patience and peace.

One: Praise be to God who has called us here.

Many: Praise be to God whose love and mercy is given to us. AMEN.

(From Ministry Matters)

† Opening Prayer (In Unison)

You who shepherd the lost and comfort the afflicted Guide our hands to touch the untouchable. Our ears to listen to the hopeless. Our eyes to see the misery of others. Our hearts to feel the pain of prisoners. Empower us to take risks to be channels of healing and mercy. So that this world may be a better place Amen

(Published in Cláudio Carvalhaes, Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the Ends of the World (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2020), 102.

(Worshippers May Enter)

This Week at Camphor UMC

Tuesday July 30th 6pm: Congregation/Community Conversation
 (Narthex/Fellowship Area)

Wednesday July 31st 4pm: Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 6pm: Camphor Connects Wednesday

Saturday August 3rd 10:30am: Worship Team Meeting (Narthex/
 Fellowship Area)

Sunday July 28th 10am: Worship (Sanctuary and Live-Stream)
 11:45am: Social Justice Training (Narthex/
 Fellowship Area)

Camphor Bulletin Board

Congregation and Community Conversation: Tuesday July 30th



Camphor Memorial UMC invites you to join us on Tuesday, July 30th, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Fellowship/Narthex area.

We'll be discussing proactive ways to address the needs of our unhoused neighbors, with representatives from the community joining us.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Theresa Neal, Lay Leader via tanayaneal@aol.com

We look forward to your participation in this very important discussion.

Sermon Notes

sermon title:

key verses:

Notes

Prayers

† Morning Hymn

"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

AA/HH 143

[Verse 1]

**Why should I feel discouraged,
Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely,
And long for heav'n and home;
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant Friend is He:**

[Refrain]

**His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.**

[Verse 2]

**"Let not your heart be troubled,"
His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth,
But one step I may see; [Refrain]**

[Verse 3]

**Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him,
From care He sets me free; [Refrain]**

(Worshippers May Enter)

Call to Confession

Nieeta Presley

We recognize our need for divine grace. Let us confess our sins before God and one another in humility.

(Offer Silent Prayers of Confession)

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Merciful God, when lashed by life's windstorms we often lash out in return. Forgive us when we blame you or others for our troubles. Teach us to find you in the eye of the storm. Show us the calm center that comes from a word of peace. Amen

Words of Assurance

Nieeta Presley

One: Hear the witness of scripture: God listens; God helps. Now is the day of salvation. Open wide your hearts and receive God's forgiveness.

All: Amen

(From Ministry Matters)

Passing of the Peace

Nieeta Presley

A word of peace can have awesome power. Let us share signs of this peace in the name of the One we follow. The peace of Christ be with you **(And also with you)**

(Worshippers May Enter)

Stewardship Moment

Nealie Christopher

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

T. Mychael Rambo

† Scripture Lesson

Mark 4:35-41 (NIV)

35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." 36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. 37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" 39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. 40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" 41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

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

Ministry of Music

T. Mychael Rambo

Sermon

"Let's Go"

Chaplain Michael Rivera

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Chaplain Michael Rivera

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

† Benediction and Blessings

Chaplain Michael Rivera

Let the Church say Amen.

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God has spoken, Let the Church say Amen

(Worshippers may depart. Go in Peace)

Grief Counseling Starting August 5th



It is essential to find solace and support within community during challenging times. We are pleased to announce that grief counseling will be offered to all members of our church.

The first session will be Monday August 5th from 5:30pm-6:30pm at Camphor Memorial UMC. Two more sessions will follow from this

Let's walk alongside each other with care and understanding.