

## 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

- James Cummings
- Yahaya Kon (brother of Mary Toe)
- Karen Morgan
- Calvin 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

*Loving God. Loving People.*

**July 7, 2024**



**Open Your Heart | Seventh 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.

- † 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

Mary Louise Archer

#### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Louise Archer

One: Come! Listen to the word of the Lord!

**Many: Help us to receive God's word and direction for our lives.**

One: Proclaim the goodness of God's love!

**Many: Let our voices and our actions be filled with love.**

One: Come, now is the time to worship.

**Many: Open our eyes, our hearts and our spirits this day, Lord. AMEN.**

#### † Opening Prayer (In Unison)

**Lord of mystery and community, you have called us here this day to remind us of the mission journey you set before us. Help us to pay attention to the words of Jesus as he sent out his disciples on a mission of healing and compassion. Remind us that success is not measured in the cures, but in the striving. Enable us to truly be your disciples in this world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

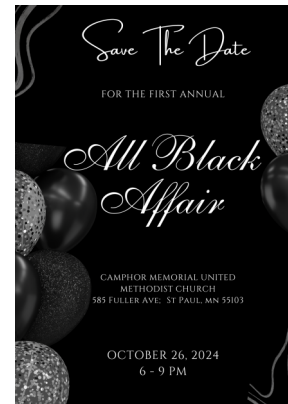
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*(Worshippers May Enter)*

### This Week at Camphor UMC

- Wednesday July 10th** 6pm: Camphor Connects Wednesdays
- Thursday July 11th** 3pm: Vaccine Clinic (Lower Level)
- Saturday July 13th** 9am: Praise Dance Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
10am: UWF Meeting (Fellowship/Narthex)  
10:30am: UMM Meeting (Conference Room)
- Sunday June 14th** 10am: Worship (Sanctuary and Live-Stream)

### Camphor Bulletin Board



#### **Save The Date: All Black Affair (Sat. October 26th)**

Please mark your calendars for our first annual Black Affair, scheduled for Saturday, October 26th, from 6pm to 9pm at Camphor Memorial UMC. This special event is dedicated to raising funds for our capital projects.

Tickets are priced at \$75 each. Now through September 1st, we are introducing a layaway ticket plan exclusively for Camphor congregation members. You can secure your ticket with a \$25 down payment, payable by cash or check, just 15 minutes after church.

For any questions or concerns about the layaway plan or the event itself, please reach out to Stewardship Chair Karen Carey Bonner.

#### **Vaccine Clinic: Thursday July 11th**

Protect yourself against COVID-19 this season by getting vaccinated! You can get your vaccine for COVID-19 on Thursday, July 11th, from 3-6 pm. Vaccines are available for people aged 12 and up, but children under 18 need to be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

For more information, please contact May Anderson at 651-331-9127.

## Service of Word and Table (The Great Thanksgiving) (Cont'd)

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

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### Giving of The Bread and Cup

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**  
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

### Hymn/Songs

### † Benediction with Blessings

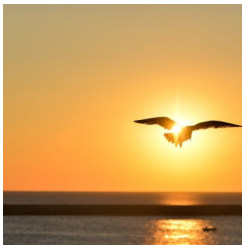
Dr. Leon Rodrigues

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

*(Worshippers may depart. Go in Peace)*

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### Celebration of Life: Christopher Sylvah



Our hearts and prayers are with the Sylvah family following Mr. Christopher Sylvah's sudden passing on Monday, July 1st. We will provide updates as soon as we have more information. Cards for the family can be sent to the church (585 Fuller Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55103). You can also scan the QR code to make a donation to support the family.



### † Morning Hymn

"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

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#### [Verse 1]

**What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought  
Since Jesus came into my heart!  
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,  
Since Jesus came into my heart!**

#### [Refrain]

**Since Jesus came into my heart,  
Since Jesus came into my heart,  
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,  
Since Jesus came into my heart.**

#### [Verse 2]

**I have ceased from my wand'ring and going astray,  
Since Jesus came into my heart!  
And my sins, which were many, are all washed away,  
Since Jesus came into my heart! [Refrain]**

#### [Verse 3]

**I shall go there to dwell in that city, I know,  
Since Jesus came into my heart!  
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,  
Since Jesus came into my heart! [Refrain]**

*(Worshippers May Enter)*

### Call to Confession

Mary Louise Archer

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*(Offer silent prayers of confession)*



## Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

**Puzzling God, we hear in the Gospel Message that Jesus was questioned and rejected by his own hometown, friends, and relatives, and we wonder how he was able to continue in ministry with such a lack of support. We want to enter our endeavors with full support and acclamation. We are afraid to begin a task if even our families, friends, and hometown folk belittle it and also us. So rather than face degradation, we back down. Forgive our lack of faith and vision. Empower us to be in service to you, even when we do not feel the support of our family. Let us trust in your power and presence with us. Heal us. Guide our lives and our journeys all our days. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

## Words of Assurance

Mary Louise Archer

One: Do not be afraid of the derision of others. Place your trust in God's call and guidance. Know that the Lord is with you always, even to the ends of the earth.

## All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

(From Ministry Matters)

## Passing of the Peace

Mary Louise Archer

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

Renee Neal

## 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

Samia Butler Alihad



## † Scripture Lesson

## Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. 5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. 7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." 8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." 9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

## Ministry of Music

Samia Butler Alihad

## The Sermon

*A Significant Presence*

Dr. Leon Rodrigues

## Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Dr. Leon Rodrigues

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

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

Rev. Dr. Theresa Mason

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 and 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.**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

...now and forever. **Amen.**

