

Prayer Corner

Prayer of the Month: "Help Us Face the Test" - Kwasi I Kena (from Africana Worship Book-Year B)

Gracious God, the trials of life often catch us unawares. We stumble, shocked, and wonder how it happened. But don't let us wallow in self-pity. As we struggle to stand again, remind us that today's faith came from yesterday's trials, that today's maturity came from yesterday's mistakes, and that today's endurance came from yesterday's exhaustion. Build a new character inside us- A character undaunted by trials and tribulations. Help us face the test that produces faith, the faith that produces endurance, and the endurance that leads to maturity along the way. We'll pause to pray and praise you for every new step and every inch of progress. Amen. battlements of glory, and listen this morning. Amen.

Celebration of Life: Joyce Wiley

We send our prayers to the family of Joyce Wiley who joined the church triumphant on Wednesday April 3rd.

Prayer Requests

- Horace Harper
- James Cummings
- Yahaya Kon (brother of Mary Toe)
- Karen Morgan
- Mario McCoy
- Corey Capers (Hospice Care)
- Sharon Martin
- Gary Martin
- Maxine Bogan (Recovering from Hip Surgery)
- Dr. Leon Rodrigues
- Clifton Fuller
- Renee Neal-Elzia
- Dr. Barbara Doyle
- Jackie Sinkfield Fleming



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

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How Shall We Live | Second Sunday of Easter

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.

Reverend Dennis M. Oglesby, Jr. , Pastor

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

Carlton Garner

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Carlton Garner

Leader: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

People: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

Leader: Walk in the light of his love.

People: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

People: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. AMEN.

† Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Lord of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus Christ. Erase our excuses for unbelief and exchange them for strong witness to the power of your mercy and love. Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps. In his name, we pray. AMEN.

(Worshippers May Enter)

This Week at Camphor UMC

Monday April 8th

6pm: Trustee Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday April 10th

4pm: Woman's Chorale Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6pm: Camphor Connects Wednesdays

Saturday April 13th

9am: Praise Dance Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

10am: UWF Meeting (Fellowship/Narthex)

10:30am: UMM Meeting (Conference Room)

1pm: Woman Chorale Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday April 14th

8:45am: Adult Sunday School (Conf. Room)

10am: Worship (Sanctuary and Live-Stream)

Camphor Bulletin Board

Pastor D Out (April 8th-April 16th)



Please note that Pastor D will be out of the office from April 8th to April 16th. During this time, Chaplain Michael Rivera will be covering Pastor D for pastoral care. Also, he will be our guest preacher for Sunday, April 14th. If you have any pastoral care needs, please contact Chaplain Rivera via phone at 612-735-8635 or email him at focusandvision564@gmail.com.

Mother's Day Project: Photo Submissions

Akudo O. is currently creating a video to be screened on Mother's Day and she would like your assistance. She is requesting the Camphor family to submit photos of their mothers or maternal figures to omeog006@gmail.com by April 21st.



On Mother's Day, it is requested that all Mother's wear their "Mother's Day Pin"

Please feel free to contact Akudo if you have any inquiries or concerns.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Giving of The Bread and Cup

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

Hymn/Songs

† Benediction with Blessings

Pastor D

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

(Worshippers may depart. Go in Peace)

***Indulge in a delicious meal for just \$12 at Camphor Café,
hosted by Camphor's United Women of Faith.***



† Morning Hymn

Spirit Song

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[Verse 1]

**Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love;
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole**

[Refrain]

**Jesus, Oh Jesus, come and fill your lambs
Jesus, Oh Jesus, come and fill your lambs**

[Verse 2]

**Oh, come and sing the song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name
Oh, give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name**

[Refrain]

**Jesus, Oh Jesus, come and fill your lambs
Jesus, Oh Jesus, come and fill your lambs**

(Worshippers May Enter)

Call to Confession

Carlton Garner

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.

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Carlton Garner

Patient Lord, you wait for us to understand. You wait for us to remove the blinders of prejudice, fear, unbelief, and confusion. You have offered to us the greatest miracle of all time: the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We sang and celebrated last Sunday, but a week has passed, and we have slid back into our old ways of perceiving your presence and love. Shake us up, Lord!

Prayer of Confession (Cont'd) (In Unison)

Carlton Garner

Shake us up and cause us to look with new eyes on our Savior, who came that we might have life, abundantly serving all who are in need. Forgive our stubbornness and our complacency. Reach out to us so we may reach out with healing love to others, for we pray this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

(Offer silent prayers of confession)

Words of Assurance

Carlton Garner

Leader: Let the stone of ignorance, stubbornness, and fear be rolled away from your heart. Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! Know that his love is poured out for you, for your healing. Be at peace and rejoice! Amen.

Words of Pardon

Carlton Garner

L: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, which proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

(Worshippers May Enter)

Passing of the Peace

Carlton Garner

Let us offer each other signs of reconciliation, peace, and love.

Stewardship Moment

Pastor D

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

Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Lesson**Jeremiah 31:1-6 (NIV)**

"At that time," declares the Lord, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people." 2 This is what the Lord says: "The people who survive the sword will find favor in the wilderness; I will come to give rest to Israel." 3 The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with un-failing kindness. 4 I will build you up again, and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt. Again you will take up your timbrels and go out to dance with the joyful. 5 Again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria; the farmers will plant them and enjoy their fruit. 6 There will be a day when watchmen cry out on the hills of Ephraim, 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'"

Ministry of Music

Sanctuary Choir

The Sermon*"A Time of Hope"*

Pastor D

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Pastor D

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

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 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.**