



May 21, 2023
10:00am



What's Goin' On Up There?

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 online. Whoever you are—you are safe here. You are loved here. You are invited into full participation in our life together.

*(The cross † invites you to stand if you are able.
Where indicated, speak or sing the words in **bold.**)*

*You are invited to center your heart and mind for worship with
the quote and question below.*

"...Beware of paying attention or going back to what you once were,
when God wants you to be something that you have never been. "

Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*

Scan the code to read today's devotion and bookmark the page!

Where is God calling you to be transformed?



Prelude

The Light Enters

Welcome

Acolytes

Rev. Frenchye Magee
Interim Pastor

You have called us to be the salt of the earth—
to preserve and enhance what is good.

**You have called us to be the light of the world,
beacons of your saving grace and love.**

You have called us to be peacemakers, to be blessed and to be a blessing.

**Accept our sacrifice of praise, take joy in our worship as we bless your
holy name and praise you this day! Hallelujah!**

†Opening Hymn

Bless the Lord/This is the Day

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name.**

**He has done great things. He has done great things,
He has done great things. Bless his holy name. (2x)**

**This is the day, (this is the day)
That the Lord has made (that the Lord has made)
We will rejoice (we will rejoice) and be glad in it (and be glad in it)
This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, (this is the day) that the Lord has made. (2x)**

Ministry Moment: A Response to the Events of 5/17

A Statement from the Administrative Council

Theresa Neal, Chair

Prayer of New Beginnings

Lord, we come to you in all humility, gentleness and patience,
supporting each other with love, living in peace,
that we may become "one body and one spirit,"
according to our common calling and vocation.

**With one voice, repenting of our divisions,
we commit ourselves to working together
for reconciliation, peace, and justice.**

We stand together asking you to help us to live as your disciples,
to overcome selfishness and arrogance, hatred and violence;

**Give us the strength to forgive.
Inspire our witness in the world.**

Help us create dialogue, share hope, and live the gospel we proclaim.

**Make us instruments of your peace,
so that our homes and communities,
our churches, and nations might be filled with the peace you desire
for all people. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

A Celebration of Mothers

The Mother of the Year Presentation

Offering Prayer

Offertory

"Everything's Gonna Be Alright"

Sanctuary Choir

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Scripture

Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive.

He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command:

"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them:

"It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermonic Song

"Yes, God is Real"

Sanctuary Choir

Sermon

"What's Goin On Up There?"

Rev. Magee

Intercessory Prayer

Invitation to Discipleship

†Closing Song

Family of God

**I'm so glad I'm a part of the fam'ly of God.
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by his blood.
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the fam'ly, the fam'ly of God.**

†Closing Blessing

Postlude



Camphor community members do amazing things every day! Share your photos of Transformation IRL with whole community!

Email them to
photos@camphorconnects.com



MEMBERSHIP VOWS

of The United Methodist Church

To renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of their sin;

To accept the freedom and power God gives them to resist evil, injustice, and oppression;

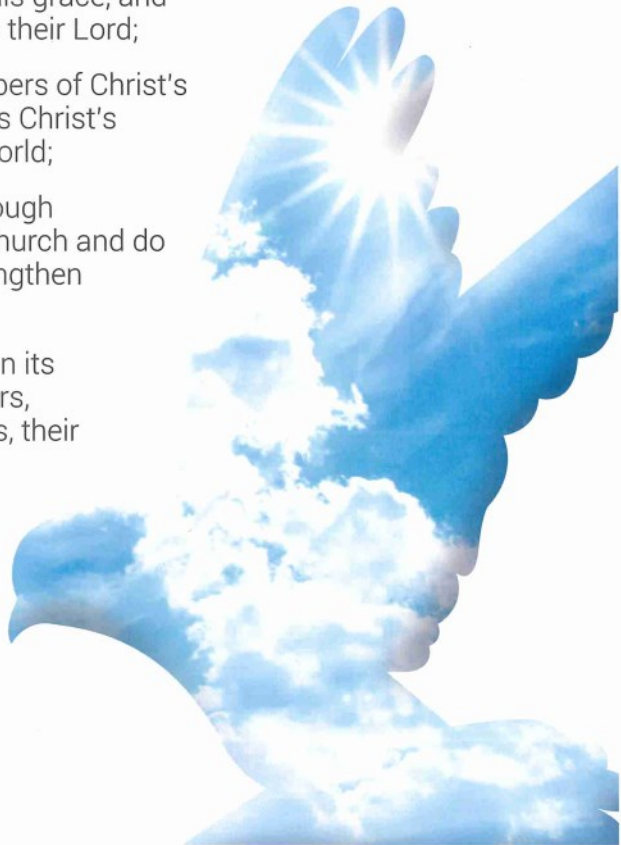
To confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put their whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as their Lord;

To remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world;

To be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in their power to strengthen its ministries;

To faithfully participate in its ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness;

To receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.



HOW TO JOIN CAMPHOR

(or any other United Methodist Church)

PROFESSION OF FAITH: If you have **never been a member** of any church, you may unite by professing Jesus Christ as your Savior. If you have not been baptized, you will **receive the sacrament of baptism**.

RESTORED: If you have been **been inactive for 3 years or more**, you may renew your faith in Jesus Christ and **restore your membership**.

TRANSFER: If you are a **member in good standing of another church**, you may unite by making a request to **transfer your membership to Camphor**. We will contact your previous congregation.

AFFILIATE MEMBER: If you are a member of a **UMC congregation in another city** living in this area, you may **unite as an affiliate member**. You will maintain membership in your home church, but be under the pastoral care of Camphor.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: If you are a member of **another Christian denomination in another city**, but living in this area, you may **unite as an associate member**. You will maintain membership in your home church but be under the pastoral care of Camphor.

READY TO JOIN?

Come forward during the Invitation to Discipleship,
or speak with the pastor after worship.

WANT TO TALK ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?

Make an appointment: pastor@camphorconnects.com

WANT TO BE BAPTIZED? Scan this QR code. <https://camphorconnects.com/baptism-request>





Next Week's Worship!

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

"It's On!"

We are praying for...

Condolences

- Robbie Boatwright (her husband, Craig)
- Florence Deputie (her dear friend, Alice Smith)
- Juliet Mitchell (dear friend Roxy Johnson, also a friend of Camphor)
- Winifred Sylvah (her stepmother, Ralphina Freeman (91, Wisconsin, svc 6/3)

Illness & Recovery

- Corey Capers
- Dr. Charles E. Crutchfield, III
- Leon Daisy
- Kim Dolan
- Fraun Foster
- Sandra McCoy Gaither
- Debora & Harold Golden & Family
- Karen Morgan
- Larry Neal
- Tony Spears
- Adele Watkins
- Mark Willis

Seniors and Homebound

- Verlene Booker
- Glenice Booker Butler
- Fannie Mae Coleman
- Shirley Cummings
- Ginnie Dennis
- Doris Douglas
- Charlotte Drake
- Johnette Houston
- Pat Jemie
- Carrie Lewis
- Fern Neal
- Barbara Wulf

Prayer Note: Kourvoisier Robledo

Bring your cards and prayers for Kourvoisier and place in the basket at the prayer wall. We will pray a special prayer for him next Sunday, May 21 and deliver the cards to him.

Loving God. Loving People.