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***If you have an announcement or prayer request, please email it to zionlexpk@gmail.com by Wednesday.**



“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Sunday, August 24th, 2025

Rev. Dr. Andreá Cummings, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, District Superintendent
LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Presiding Bishop



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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
****Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

Prelude~ “High Praise”

Welcome~ Rev. Dr. Andrea Cummings

****Opening Hymn~ “Blessed Assurance” #369 UMH***

Opening Prayer

****Offering***

***Doxology~ “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”~#650
AAHH***

***Prayer of Illumination: God of justice and mercy, by your
Holy Spirit, inspire us through your word, and shape our lives
according to your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.***

****The Scripture Readings***

***First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14: If you remove the yoke from
among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if
you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the
afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your
gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you
continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make
your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like
a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins
shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many
generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the
restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the
Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;***

Ready to Join?

*Please complete the form and hand it to an usher. Pastor
Cummings will reach out to you to arrange a time to discuss the
membership vows and the date for you to join.*

What are our membership vows?

*Vows are taken when a person joins a United Methodist Church
as a baptized or professing member. By taking the baptismal
and local church membership vows, the individual agrees to
covenant with God and the local church members to keep the
vows that are part of living the baptismal covenant and
reception into membership in the local church.*

*These vows have four parts: (1) to confess Jesus Christ as Lord
and Savior; (2) to believe in the Christian faith as contained in
the Old and New Testaments; (3) to support The United
Methodist Church; and (4) to uphold the local congregation
with one's prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.*

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone/Email _____

Mark your Calendar

The Unified Board Meeting is scheduled for Sept. 9th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom only. We encourage all members to attend. To submit an agenda item, email Sis. Stephanie Lee at stephanielee13@gmail.com ten days prior to the meeting. Please make plans to attend if you submit a request to the board.

Annual Homecoming is August 24, 2025. The theme is "Faith Through the Generations: A Legacy of Testimonials." Supporting Scripture: "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations. ~ Psalm 100:5." The colors are shades of blue and white. The committee is requesting a **donation of \$50.00** in addition to your regular tithes.

Pastor Cummings's 3rd Anniversary celebration will take place on September 14, 2025. Our theme is "A Good Example," inspired by 1 Peter 5:2-3. The guest speaker is Rev. Chania Dillard. There will be one service at 10:30 a.m., followed by a meal. The colors are purple and white. The committee requests a \$50 love offering in addition to regular giving. Members are encouraged to give cards and gifts to the pastor individually.

145th Church Anniversary celebration will be on Oct. 14th at 10:30 a.m. If you would like to join the planning committee, please contact Sis. Omega Taylor.

Flowers for the Sanctuary: Purchase flowers in honor of a loved one, anniversary, birthday, celebration, or other special occasion. Contact Sis. Janie, with any questions.

if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

****Psalm Reading~*** Psalter 824, verses 1-8

****Second Reading:*** Hebrews 12:18-29: You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Song of Preparation ~ “Total Praise”

****Gospel Reading:*** *Luke 13:10-17: Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.*

Proclamation~ Dr. Cummings

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith~ 881 UMH

Prayers of the People: Response - Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Prayer of confession, assurance, and pardon~ pg. 8 UMH

Thanksgiving & Communion~ pg. 9-11 UMH

Post Communion Prayer: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Announcements

****Closing Hymn~ “Always Remember” - #640 AAHH***

****Benediction~ Dr. Cummings***