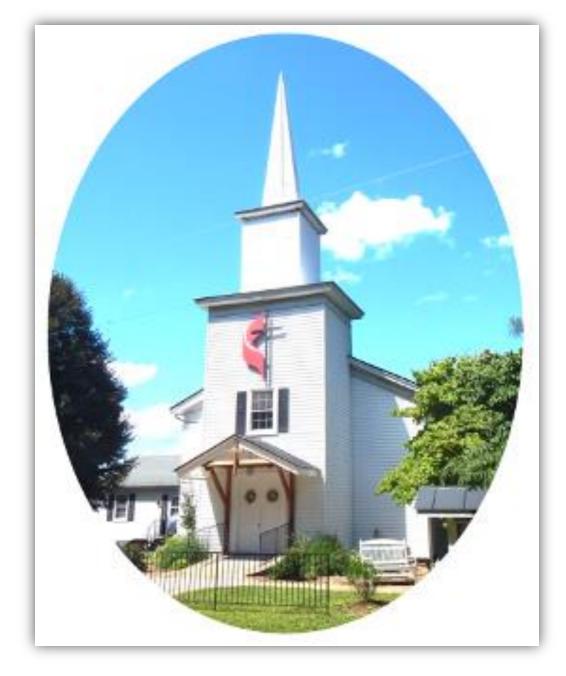
FRIENDLY REMINDER

Our Sunday service is livestreamed, and microphones pick up sound throughout the sanctuary. Recording begins at least 15 minutes before the service to include announcements.



Prelude

Pastor Eduardo Carrillo

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13th, 2025

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WELCOME,

ANNOUNCEMENTS,

and

CELEBRATIONS

Leader:

God stands in the divine assembly, calling for justice.

People: We come, ready to listen, ready to be challenged.

Leader:

The Lord says, "Rescue the weak and the needy."

People: We come to worship the God who sees injustice and demands mercy.

Leader: Jesus shows us a Samaritan who crossed the line.

People: May we go and do likewise.

All: Come, let us worship the God of justice, compassion, and holy disruption!

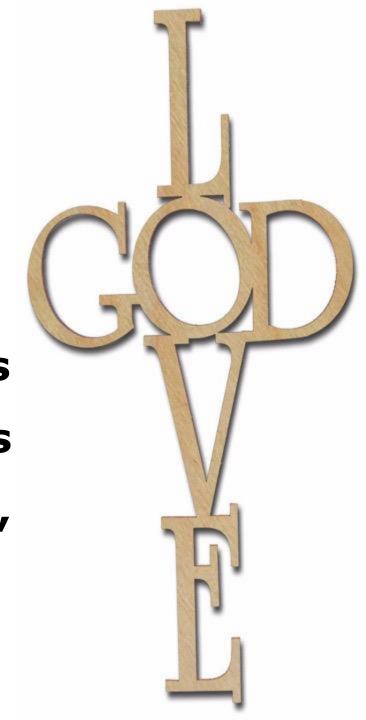
OPENING PRAYER

God of justice and mercy, you do not stay silent while the powerful exploit the weak. You do not walk past the wounded lying by the roadside.



OPENING PRAYER

You see what others ignore. You challenge what others accept. And through Christ, you call us to do the same. Forgive us when we do not see, hear, or follow you. Open our eyes this morning.



OPENING PRAYER

Not just to hear your Word, but to live it. Give us courage to move with compassion, to love without borders, and to follow Jesus wherever mercy leads. Amen.



WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874 *Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874 *Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874 *Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong;

WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874 *Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.



Prayer For Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.



Sung Response:

Deliverance belongs to the Lord. Arise, O Lord, deliver us.

Leader: ¹God is seated in the divine council; and in the midst of the gods holds judgment:

People: 2"How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?

Leader: ³Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

People: ⁴Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Leader: ⁵They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

People: ⁶I said, "You are gods, godlike offspring, all of you...

Leader: ⁷nevertheless you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

People: ⁸Arise, O God, judge the earth, for to you belong all the nations!"

Sung Response:

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Luke 10: 25 – 37

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²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law?
What do you read there?"

²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself."

²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead.

Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion.

³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God



Sermon

"Crossing the Line"

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1868 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1870

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1868 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1870

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief, kneeling there in deep contrition; help my unbelief.

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1868 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1870

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face; heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace.

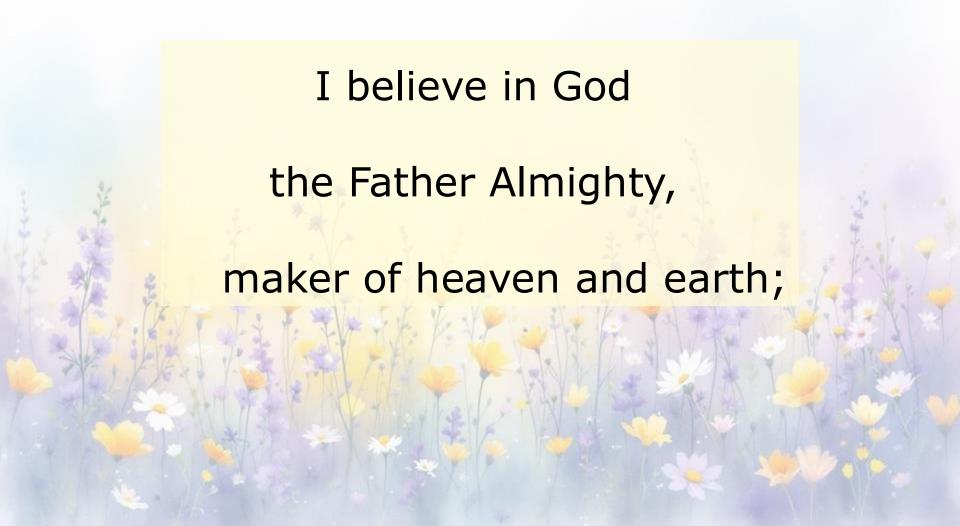
Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1868 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1870

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me, whom have I on earth beside thee: Whom in heaven but thee? Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

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And in Jesus Christ

his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

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the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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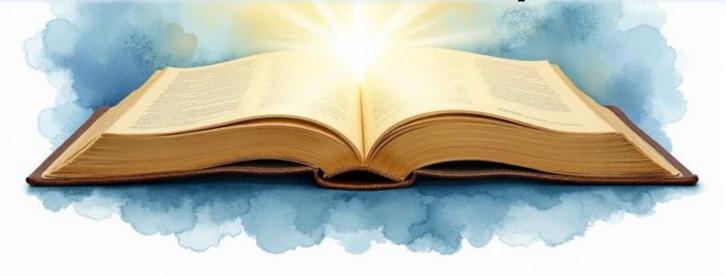
Prayers of the People

Lord,

hear our prayers as we lift up to you, our joys and concerns.



Pastoral Prayer



The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

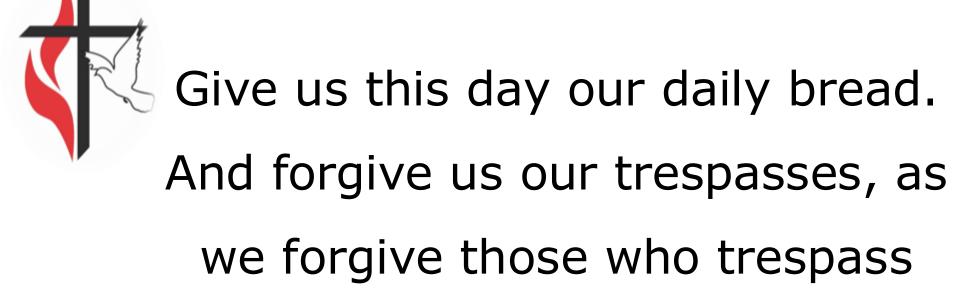


Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895



against us.

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895



And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

Amen

forever.

Tithes and Offerings

Worship through giving



"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapted by Gilbert H. Viera, 1978

MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623; harmonized by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offertory Prayer

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no opeing skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King? All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind. I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear. To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh, teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as tine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the kindling of the heaven descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.



BLESSING AND BENEDICTION



This service has ended, and now your service in the world begins!

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serving God with Prayer, Action, and Love through Service.