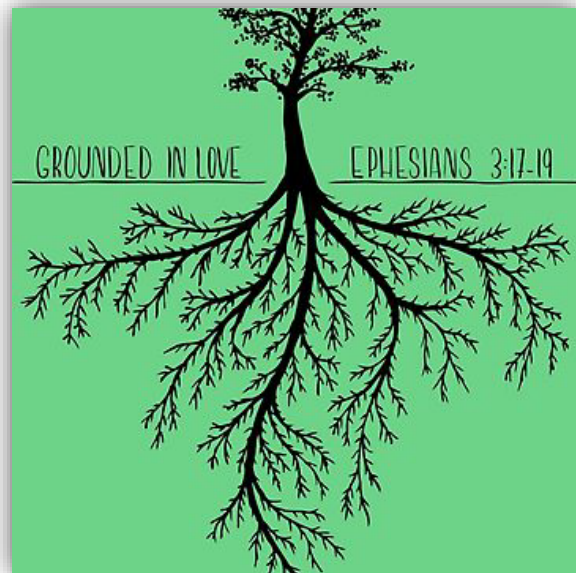


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July 28, 2024



**PRELUDE
 WELCOME**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, you are welcome here. All of who you are—even your regrets and failings—is welcome here.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.

Many of us find it easy to recognize our goodness and difficult to notice our sins.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.

Others of us live under a shroud of guilt and shame, believing we can never be good enough to receive the fullness of God’s love.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.

However you enter this place, know this: you are loved, accepted, and called. May God’s love draw us to honest confession; God’s acceptance assures us of the work of grace in our lives, and God’s call compels us to live in grace.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God who loves us, accepts us, and calls us. Amen.

***Song of Praise: “To God Be the Glory”**

UMH # 98

<p>1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.</p>	<p>Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!</p>
<p>2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Refrain)</p>	<p>3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)</p>

Lighting of Altar Candles

Centering Prayer Song:**“Spirit Song”****UMH #347**

1Oh 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 those things that hold you And His Spirit like a dove Will descend upon your life and make you whole	Chorus Jesus oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs Jesus oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs	Oh come and sing this 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
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CONFESSION: God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore we confess our sins—both things we have done and things we have left undone—in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love. Amen.

All pray in silence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**Prayer of the People****The Lord’s Prayer****Young Disciples Time****PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:****Lay Reader**

Holy God, may this your Word give us the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the length and width, the height and depth of the love of Christ and fullness of life in you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 3: 14-21

3:14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
 3:15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. 3:16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, 3:17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 3:18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 3:19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 3:20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, 3:21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Song of Preparation: “Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord” FWS #2131

1. Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord. Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord, And he shall lift you up, And he shall lift you up.

***SCRIPTURE: John 6: 1-21**

6:1 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.
 6:2 A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the

sick. 6:3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 6:4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 6:5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat? 6:6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 6:7 Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 6:8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 6:9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 6:10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. 6:11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 6:12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." 6:13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 6:14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." 6:15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. 6:16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, 6:17 got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 6:18 The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. 6:19 When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. 6:20 But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." 6:21 Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

SERMON: **Rev. Laura Becker**
“Grounded in Love”

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

***SONG OF THANKS:** **UMH #95 Doxology**

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

Song of Commitment: **“Lord, Be Glorified”** **FWS #2150**

<p>1. In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.</p>	<p>2. In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.</p>
<p>3. In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your church, Lord, be glorified today.</p>	<p>4. In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your world, Lord, be glorified today.</p>

BLESSING/BENEDICTION

(UMH=United Methodist Hymnal; FWS=The Faith We Sing)



Please pray for our members and loved ones who are homebound or residing in nursing homes. Also, please pray for:

The Families of..... Linnda Graham, Larry Kahan, Burley Polk.

..and for the following individuals: Judy Nash, Krystal & Steve (daughter of Joyce Arnold) and relative Annette and Family

Alzheimer/Dementia, Niki Bishop & family in Ozona, Lauren Hoerster, Jean Reardon, Cookie Underwood, Abel Alba, Carl Langley, Tiani Tovar Finn, Braden Kangos (5 yr old with Leukemia), Kathy McKeown, Anne Chappell, Connar Reardon, Jess Irwin's sister Sylvia, Mary & Darrell Vines, Everett Andrews (3 year old child of Candice and Nathan Andrews), Doris Grote, Lorine Metz, Kathy & Ted Kerr, Shirley Beth Lyles, Mark Lehmborg, Carlene Brollier, McKenna Brandenberger (missionary), Vernon & Kathy Fritze, Loy Williams, Terry Lange, Carol Jordan, the church, Steve and Debra Moore, and all those effected by war.

Please pray for our members and loved ones who are in the military.

U.S.Army: Joseph Alba, T.J. Schovajsa, Britney Schovajsa and Kalyn Bauer

USAF: Matt Adam & Kaleb Owen

US Navy: Ferd T. Slocum III, James Vacek & Truman Coe

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Back to School
is just around the corner!
We are needing your help
to purchase the supplies
needed for this school year.
We have set out envelopes
in the social hall for your
convenience. Thank you!
The Missions Committee

Giving and Attendance

LAST WEEK'S GIVING.....	\$1,345.00
YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING.....	\$151,044.91
LAST YEAR TO DATE	\$170,108.71
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE.....	56

This week's Calendar

Sunday, July 28th

Birthdays: Frank Brown

10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service

4:00 PM -5:00 PM Boy Scouts

Monday, July 29th

Birthdays: Kendra Klaerner & Andy Rosberg

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, July 30th

2:30 PM Steady Steps Chapel

Wednesday, July 31st

Birthdays: Kerri Bauer

10:30-11:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

Thursday, August 1st

Friday, August 2nd

10:30-11:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

Saturday, August 3rd

Sunday, August 4th *Prayer Shawl Sunday*

Birthdays: MJ Metzger

10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service

4:00 PM -5:00 PM Boy Scouts