



We Seek to Better Understand
the Teachings of Jesus—
and Live those Teachings.

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WELCOME

Whoever you are,
and wherever you find yourself
on the journey of faith, you are
welcome to this church as you
are to receive the riches of
God's grace...

The Way...

The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.

This weekly publication is provided to show
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.

9th Sunday after Pentecost July 30, 2023



Saturday,
August 5th
8am ~ 1pm
CHURCH
YARD
SALE
Participating in the
town-wide yard sales event.

Fear and faith, together

"I have a lot of faith and a lot of fear a lot of the time," writes Anne Lamott in *Small Victories: Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace* (Riverhead Books). As usual, the author tells it like it is.

In Mark 9:14-27, Jesus does that too, spewing frustration about his disciples' inability to heal a boy riddled with convulsions: "You faithless people! ... How long must I put up with you?" Jesus pulls no punches.

When Jesus tells the boy's father, "All things can be done for the one who believes," the man is also surprisingly frank. Had I been desperate for my child's healing, I probably would've fallen all over myself professing more belief than I actually had. But this father replies, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief." And Jesus heals the boy.

God doesn't expect us to have 100-percent-certain belief all the time. I suspect he finds our honest mix of fear and faith refreshing. And it might reassure other Christians who are struggling, as well. —Heidi Mann

More than skin deep

Gratitude, said Martin Luther, is "the basic Christian attitude." Yet gratitude is much more than a state of mind. Often it's a decision, and it becomes an act of humility when we recognize our depravity — and our need for a Savior.

The 10 disgraced lepers who beg Jesus for mercy (see Luke 17:11-19) are described as *allogenes*, Greek for "outcast." (All humans, sick with sin, fit that description!) The leper who returned to give thanks received more than just physical healing, according to Scripture. When Jesus says, "Your faith has made you well," he uses the Greek that means "Your faith has saved you." The grateful leper, recognizing his depravity, humbly decides to return and give thanks, knowing — through faith — that his skin and his soul have been healed.



Cold Sodas in the church kitchen
fridge, hot drink station and the
snack counter in fellowship hall
all benefit the
Back to School Bash.

Mark 5: 24-43

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amazement	twelve	ridiculed	sleeping
commotion	believe	Teacher	synagogue
faith	trembling	fearing	healed
touch	garment	disciples	



celebrate!

Terri Jarboe ~ 30th
Will & Heather Scott ~ 30th
Phil Scott ~ 1st
Beau Dilbeck ~ 3rd
Karen Windell ~ 3rd
Brandon Foster ~ 3rd
Lesa Prater ~ 5th

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when found in the Order of Service
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CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship
service! We do offer options. Following the
Children's Sharing, children may attend
Sunday School at Blythe Chapel or Nursery
at Fort Branch First.



† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

This Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

8am-12pm Ω Church Yard Sale

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PRELUDE

***THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US**

***HYMN # 452**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

*GREETING AND PRAYER

*We offer a cordial greeting to all worshipers who have come to praise the Lord.
Your presence helps lift our spirits, and we welcome you in Christ's name.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please add your name to the attendance register located in your pew and pass to
the next person until reaches everyone in your row.*

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN #453 *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

THE OFFERING:

The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with **DOXOLOGY:**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.**



Next Sunday's Message:

"Spiritual Healing Faith,"
Mark 5:25-34



CHILDRENS MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Jenna Schleiter ~ *Broken Vessels*

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** *insert* Mark 5:25-34 NLT

MESSAGE *“Healing in Response to Faith, Part 2”*

***HYMN #454** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

***BLESSING** Pastor

***THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD**
Acolytes

***DEPARTING SONG:**

Hymn # 717 The Battle Hymn of the Republic, chorus
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

***PASSING THE PEACE:**

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



**Friends
needing
prayers**

Prayer Requests —last names are printed for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or with explicitly given permission.

*Jane Marginet, Richard Michel,
Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson,
Connie Osborn, Tommy Osborn,
Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe,
Derek Barton, Jo Eckert, Ruby
Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts, Deanna
Wilson, Don Colvin, Gretchen
Young, Effie Dilbeck,
June Regenhold, Margie Beal,
Lesa Prater, Brian Price, Roger &
Nancy Jones, Triston, Tegan,
Chad Windell, Pastor John,
Kristi Pflug, Thelma & Len
Robicheaux,*



THANKFUL
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Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Blank lines for writing blessings.

Listening Guide
“Healing in Response to Faith – Part 2”
July 30, 2023

Scripture: Mark 5:25-34

How is this woman’s faith exercised?

Reached out to _____ (vs. 25-27)

Received _____ (vs. 28-30)

Through _____ (vs. 31-34)

Personal Application: This is one of two healing events based on faith in Jesus. Is that where you place your faith? Can you give examples?



*“If I but touch his clothes,
I will be made well.”*

Mark 5:28, NRSV