



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

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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.

Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024

MEMORIAL DAY

**PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD
IS THE DEATH OF HIS FAITHFUL ONES.**

PSALM 116:15, NRSV



The language of lament

Unlike nonbelievers, Christians can grieve with hope (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). On Memorial Day and at Christian funerals and burials, our lament is real — and it's a uniquely Christian concept, according to Pastor Mark Vroegop. "It takes faith to pray when you are in pain," he writes in *Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy*. "Belief in God creates challenging questions, and lament provides the opportunity to reorient your hurting heart toward what is true. But in order for that to happen, you have to turn to prayer. The silent treatment must end."

Vroegop, who had a stillborn daughter, says lament opens a door that leads to trust. Heartfelt lament, he says, can be brief or messy and can feel forced or uncomfortable. But the important thing is to "keep talking to God."

"Don't allow your fear, your despair or your track record of silence to cut off the flow of grace," he urges. "Your pain can be a path toward God if you'll allow lament to be your new language."

**CHURCH
YARD
SALE**



**Saturday,
June 8**

8am ~ 12pm

*Donations can begin to
be dropped off in
fellowship hall on
June 2, not before.
Contact is Kristi
812/664-1108*

*Please note, we will not be participating in the town
wide event in August.*

2 Timothy 2:1-13 NCV

A Loyal Soldier of Christ Jesus

² You then, Timothy, my child, be strong in the grace we have in Christ Jesus. ² You should teach people whom you can trust the things you and many others have heard me say. Then they will be able to teach others. ³ Share in the troubles we have like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ A soldier wants to please the enlisting officer, so no one serving in the army wastes time with everyday matters. ⁵ Also an athlete who takes part in a contest must obey all the rules in order to win. ⁶ The farmer who works hard should be the first person to get some of the food that was grown. ⁷ Think about what I am saying, because the Lord will give you the ability to understand everything. ⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead, who is from the family of David. This is the Good News I preach, ⁹ and I am suffering because of it to the point of being bound with chains like a criminal. But God's teaching is not in chains. ¹⁰ So I patiently accept all these troubles so that those whom God has chosen can have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus. With that salvation comes glory that never ends.

¹¹ This teaching is true:

If we died with him, we will also live with him.

¹² If we accept suffering, we will also rule with him.

If we say we don't know him, he will say he doesn't know us.

¹³ If we are not faithful, he will still be faithful, because he must be true to who he is.

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!



Cold Sodas in the church kitchen fridge, hot drinks and a fresh restocking of the snack bar in fellowship hall all benefit the Back to School Bash.

**Methodist Mountain
Mission Pick Up
Tuesday, June 4th**



Please use boxes when collecting your donations and stack neatly as possible in the church garage.



Cole Hollis ~ 26th

Mike & Sydney Russler ~ 28th

Roger Jones ~ 29th

Gracelyn Moskos ~ 31st

George & Crystal Smith ~ 31st

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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 Fort Branch First UMC

This Sunday

Memorial Day Weekend

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

3:30pm ~Port Gibson 4-H

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship



~Remember
& Honor~
Welcome!

Guest Speaker: Kristi Pflug

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 657 9:00am x2 This Is the Day
#102 10:30am Now Thank We All Our God

*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 # 393 9:00am Spirit of the Living God
#349 10:30am Turn Your Eyes
upon Jesus

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Derek Robicheaux
Sherry Michel ~ *This Is My Song*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Timothy 2:1-13 NCV

MESSAGE

“Remember”

*HYMN # 557 9:00am
717 10:30am

*Blessed Be the Tie That Binds
The Battle Hymn of the Republic*

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: #2152 *Change My Heart, O God*

*Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God may I be like you.*

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



*Memorial Day Weekend
Blessings to you!*

Prayer Requests

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

Jane Marginet, Richard Michel, Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe, Ruby Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts, Gretchen Young, June Regenhold, Pastor John, Mark Fear, Len Robicheaux, Cathy Starky, Kim Stratman, Deanna Wilson, Scott Ingler, Laynie Speicher, Norman Bullock, Terry Phillips, Riley Bryant, Liz & Alan Creamer

A prayer for roots

O God, we thirst for you, as dry tree roots thirst for water in hot, dusty soil. Help us send spiritual roots down deep into the grace and knowledge of the One who is the same yesterday and today and forever, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who gives us stability when the earth shakes and the storms of life swirl about us.

Rooted and grounded in your love, and strengthened and comforted by your grace and your Spirit who gives us hope, may we be steadfast and immovable in the work Christ gives us to do, until he comes again.

Amen.