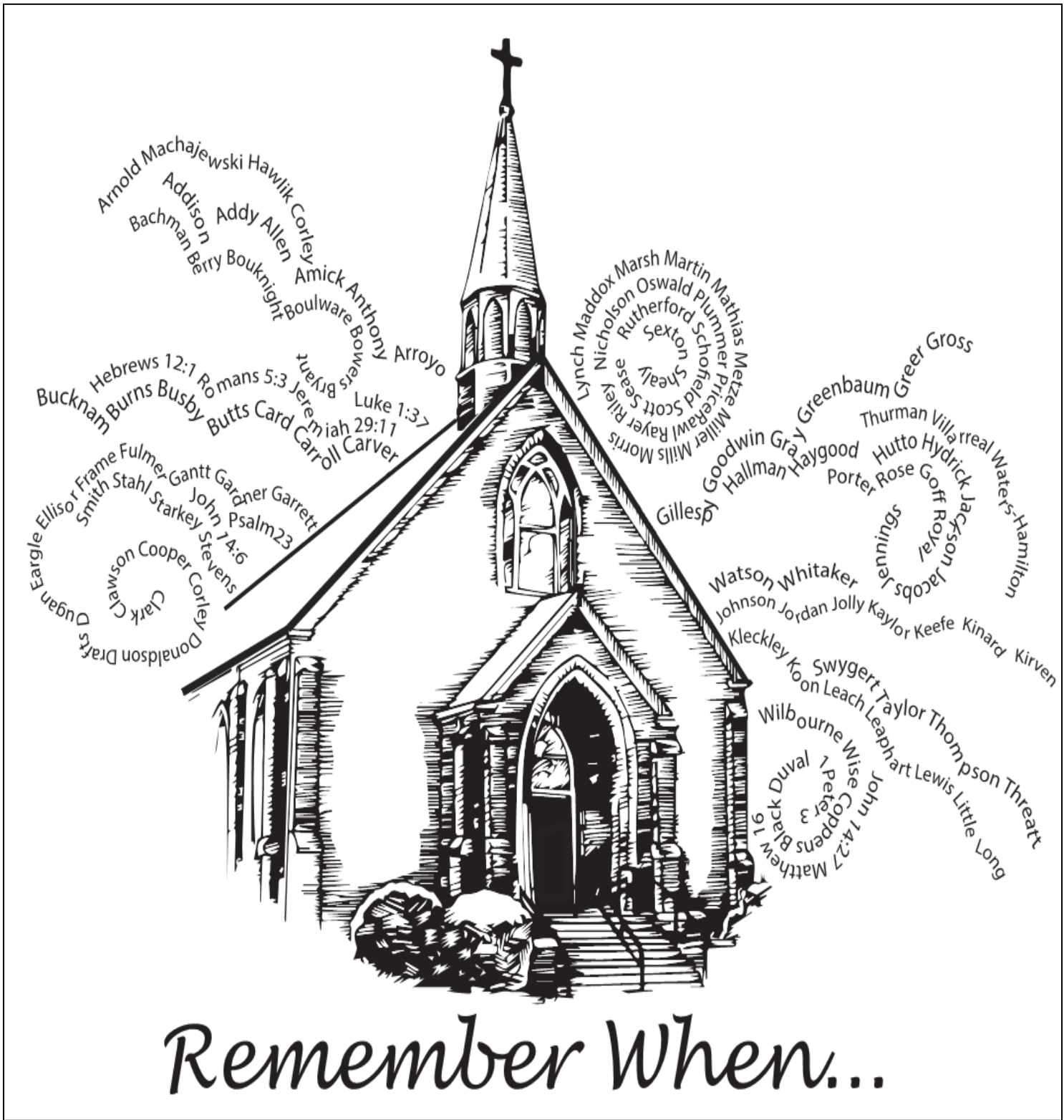


# HOMECOMING SUNDAY



*Remember When...*

# OCTOBER 6, 2024

# WELCOME

*We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME.*

*If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.*

*Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. If*

*you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,*

*Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!*

*Again welcome ...*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.*

*Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

*We prepare our hearts for worship.*

**PRELUDE**

*Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*

Thompson

*How Firm a Foundation*

Thompson

## THE GATHERING

*We stand and to face the baptismal font.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,

who forgives all our sin,

whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

*We turn to face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sin and asking for God's forgiveness.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Gracious God,*

*have mercy on us.*

*We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.*

*The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.*

*In our desire to be first*

*we make distinctions among ourselves.*

*We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.*

*In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.*

*Draw near to us with grace in time of need,*

*and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.*

*Amen.*

God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,

the source of eternal healing,

your sins are forgiven.

*Amen.*

*As fully forgiven children of God, turn and face the altar as the cross passes you.*

## HYMN

# *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

*Thompson/OneLicense #52301*



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

### *Refrain*



watch - ing for you and for me.  
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"  
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*And also with you.*

# KYRIE

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



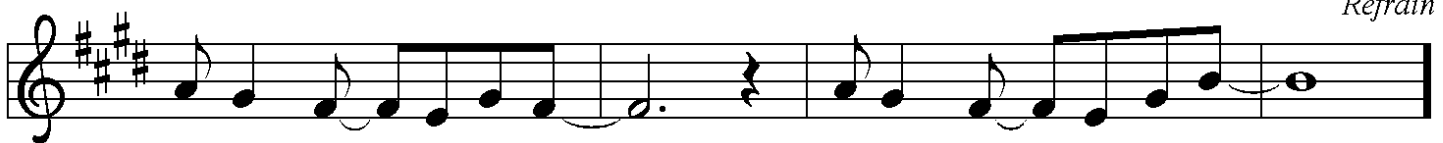
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We pray together.*

*Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

*We sit.*

## THE WORD

### EPHESIANS 1:1-14

*A reading from Ephesians.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus:  
<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been

destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of God for the People of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

*Oh, How I Love Jesus*

*Whitfield/OneLicense #30328*

CHILDREN'S TIME

*a little Jesus*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.*

*Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.*

SERMON

*an inheritance*

*We stand.*

## HYMN

# *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

*Converse/Public Domain*



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

## APOSTLES' CREED

*Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,***



*suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living 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.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.*

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. ***Amen.***

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,  
and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*We sit.*

# OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting [www.WeAreMtHermon.org](http://www.WeAreMtHermon.org) and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship. **Friendship pads** have returned to the pews. Please take a moment to sign the forms so that we may get to know our neighbors and we will also have a record of your communing.

# ANTHEM

## *We Are Not Alone*

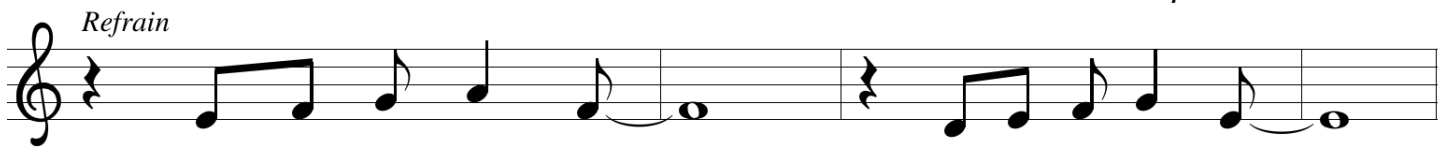
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*We stand.*

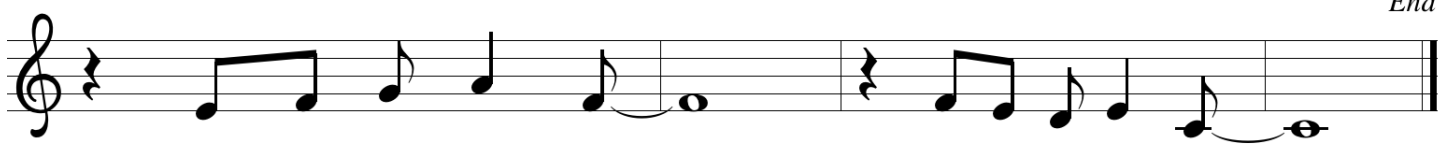
# OFFERTORY

## *Change My Heart, O God*

*Espinosa/CCLI #1565*



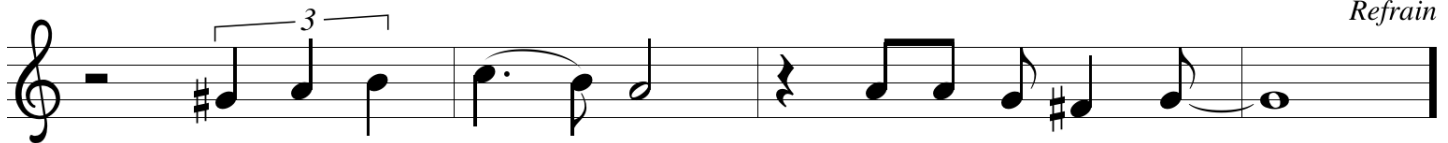
Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

## OFFERING PRAYER

*We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.*

*Blessed are you, O God,*

*source of every gift of your creation.*

*By these gifts and with our lives,*

*help us to serve one another and all in need,*

*through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## THE MEAL

*Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.*

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection, opened to us the way of everlasting life.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup, we declare You, your Word, and your Spirit. As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim Christ in our lives. *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

O God of resurrection and new life, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Shine your light on us. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

We are empty vessels that need to be filled. Send your Spirit to fill us. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

We humbly seek your face, and we seek to do your will. Give us your strength and your wisdom to empower us. *Amen.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.*

*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 and ever. Amen.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

*We sit.*

## COMMUNION

*Please come forward using the center aisle to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second chalice of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the outside aisles. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation.*

## MUSIC

*Here I Am, Lord*

*Schutte/OneLicense #80670*

*We stand.*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. ***Amen.***

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*We pray together.*

*Holy God,*

*you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## THE SENDING

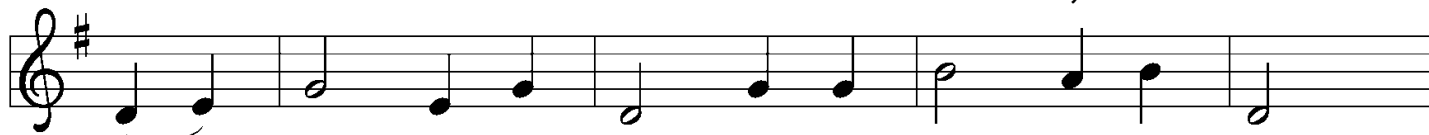
### BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace. ***Amen.***

# HYMN

## *How Firm a Foundation*

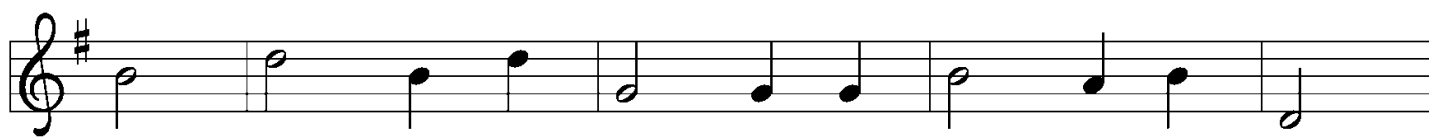
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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

*As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.*

## SENDING

## The Blessing

*Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtick/CCLI #7147007*

The Lord bless you — and keep you,  
make his face shine — up - on — you and be gra - cious — to you.  
The Lord turn his — face toward you and give you peace.  
— A — men, a —  
-men, a — men. A — men, a —  
-men, a — men. D.C. || D.S. |  
-men, a — men. — men.

## SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

*We have gathered. We have been fed.*

*Now, we go out to make a difference in the world.*

*Amen.*

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents, Frances and LaGree Porth and all the other Saints that have gone before us by Earl & Mary Frances Sease.

Hurricane Helene efforts: As we wait, we pray.

There are many organizations beginning to plan for help from us. We are monitoring those efforts and will soon have a list of ways we can help. Please continue to pray for workers who are the first responders. Us, the second and third responders, wait for their work to be completed and ours can begin. You may give to the Lutheran Disaster Response through their website at by following links at ELCA.org.





# *All Saints Sunday*

## *November 3rd, 2024*

*Memorials to honor loved ones who has passed away and listed in a special bulletin.*

*Due to the office by October 28th*

*Funds received will be used to assist in the feeding of bereaved families.*

**LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL AGES!**

# Harvest Festival

**Saturday, October 26**

**Needs:**

**candy, volunteers, trunks,  
candy, musicians, cooks,  
candy, support staff, more  
candy**

**If you have any questions,  
please contact Frankie or  
Melanie Jackson**



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**Movies on the Mount  
returns!**

**October 4th – November 22**

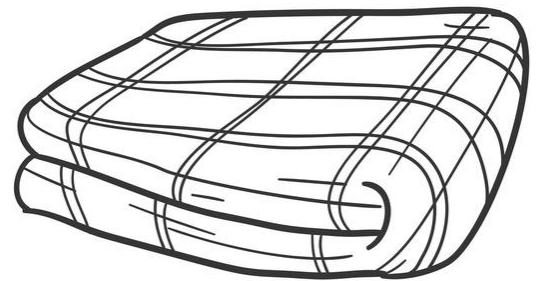
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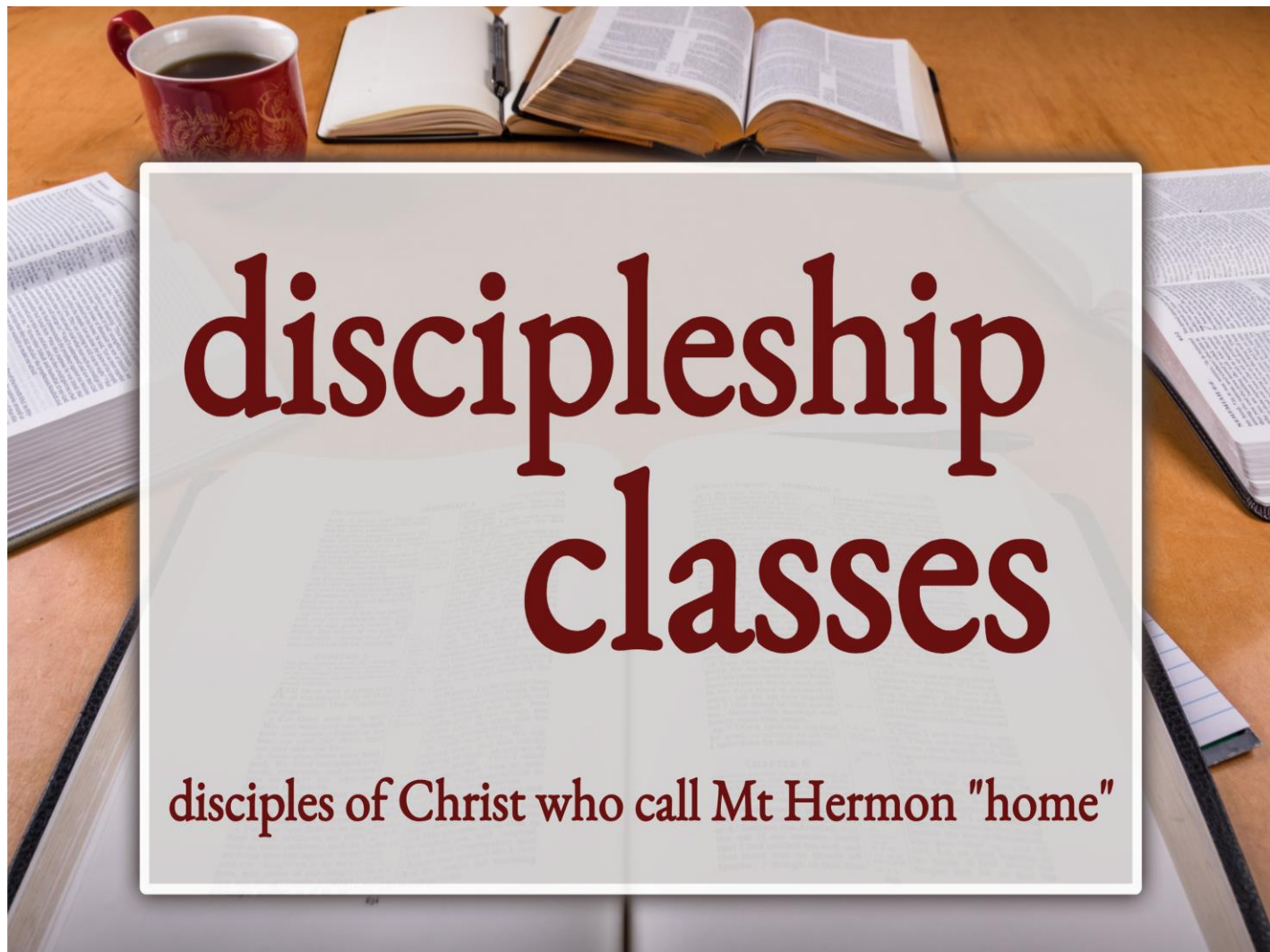
***Watching "The Chosen"  
Season 4***

## **Wrap a Child in a Warm Blanket**

Many of the students at one of the local elementary schools need warm blankets for this winter. They need twin blankets that are warm and a solid color or a simple pattern to help prevent jealousy among the children.

We will be collecting these now through Thanksgiving. Please donate if you can. We will be collecting these also as a special offering at the Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 24.





### **New Discipleship Class:**

If you are interested in becoming a “disciple of Christ who calls Mt. Hermon “home”, please meet on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 in Pastor Gina’s office.

# TITHES AND OFFERINGS

09/29/2024

In Person 89 + Live Stream Worship 114 = 203

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,575.68
Building Fund	Received	\$400.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$105.00

## Honorariums and Memorials:

In memory of **Gene Sexton** by Richard and Kristin Hook

In memory of **Tom Roof** by Fred Vallejo, Ryan & Jennifer Price

In memory of **Alberta Berry** by Ryan & Jennifer Price

In memory of **Dot Mathias** by Angie Hydrick

In memory of **Melvina Jordan**, mother of Andy Jordan, by Andy and Beth Jordan

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Ronnie Fulmer	Joel Price, Jr
	Danny Scott	Cindy Price
Crucifer:	Tanner Addy	Connor Eargle
Acolyte:	Hayden Eargle	Jacquelynn Hawlik
Lector:	Ronnie Fulmer	Devona Price
Communion Assts:	Ronnie Fulmer	Connor Eargle
	Danny Scott	Joel Price, Sr
	Tanner Addy	Devona Price
	Hayden Eargle Debbie Fulmer	Joel Price, Jr
	Susan Busby	Cindy Price
Nursery:	Melanie Jackson	Cassie Swygert
	Katie Donaldson	
Flowers:	Earl & Mary Frances Sease	Terry & Allison Swygert

## SERVING IN OCTOBER

COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP: Laura Stevens

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price, Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Arron & Quentin Kinard

# MT HERMON PRAYS

*\*family of Shirley Cooper*

## **Continual Prayer**

Patricia Bachman, *Asbury Arms*  
Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*  
Bobby & Doris Carver, *Presby Home*  
Georgianna Gray, *home*  
James Hallman, *Lakeside Place*  
Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care*

Gloria Mathias, *home*  
Jane Sexton, *Phoenix Asst Living*  
Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*  
Cyndi Thurman, *home*  
Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

## **Members in Special Need of Prayer**

Bonnie Bouknight	Parker Boulware	Chris Carroll
Mary Frances Sease	Jim Whitaker	Amanda Robinette
Erin Rose	Bryson Johnson	Marie Garnder

## **Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers**

Stetson Cooper,  
*grandson of Dan & Shirley Cooper*  
Paula Miller, *friend of Brittany Allen*  
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*  
John Catoe, *family of the Ellisors*  
Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn),  
*friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*  
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*  
Mrs. Cruz, *teacher of Abbey Carroll*  
Carla Thompson, *friend of Dion & Pastor Gina*  
Katy Madigan, *friend of Marie Carroll*  
Phil Dennis, *brother of Lavonne Roof*  
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,  
*friends of Debra & Dave Butts*  
Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*  
Sandra Watson, *aunt of Courtney Bucknam*  
Sarah Harmon, *friend of Courtney Bucknam*  
Quentin Oswalt, *Angie Hydrick's nephew (Iraq)*  
Jaimie Womack, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*  
Cynthia Rabon, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*

Blase Rhine,  
*grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight*  
Cynthia Mallard,  
*friend of Sheila Starkey & Beth Jordan*  
Lucas, *friend of Hayes Wingard*  
Jeslyn, *friend of Scarlett Bryant*  
Tom Shaul, *friend of the Kinard Family*  
Debbe Dearman, *neighbor of Kathy Cooper*  
Jillian Stover, *friend of Erin Rose*  
Bryce McKelvey, *friend of Regan Gross*  
Max Schronce,  
*friend of the David & Scottie Marsh*  
Faye McCartha, *mother of Debra Butts*  
Hayes Wingard,  
*grandson of Sam and Kathy Cooper*  
Robbie Rector, *friend Jennifer Miller*  
Amy Morrison, *friend of many*  
Bill Geddings, *father of Allison Swygert*  
David Busby, *brother of Susan Busby*  
Jane Baxley, *cousin of Michelle Gantt*  
Mark King, *coworker of Michelle Gantt*  
Joyce Davis, *grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik*  
Will & Summer Satcher,  
*friend of Courtney Bucknam*  
Family of David Kaylor,  
*friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*

Please note that this prayer list has been updated. If you wish to add someone back to this list, please send an email to [office@WeAreMtHermon.com](mailto:office@WeAreMtHermon.com)

# NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

## Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Children's Choir
- 10:30 am Sunday School
- 3:00 pm Confirmation Class for confirmands only

## Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30 pm Lutheran Men & Women

## Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

- 6:00 pm GR: Grief Group
- 6:00 pm CR: Finance Team
- 6:30 pm Life Group at The Jacksons

## Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 am Food Pantry  
(Rick & Debbie Duval, Parker & Diane Boulware)
- 6:00 pm Handbells
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

- 6:00 pm BYODinner
- 7:00 pm Movie on the Mt.

## Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 am Food Pantry (Al & Laura Stevens)



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### CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Frankie Jackson, <i>President</i>	Terry Swygert, <i>Vice President</i>
Sheila Eargle, <i>Secretary</i>	Frank Bouknight, <i>Treasurer</i>
Annette Price/Karen Nicholson, <i>Financial Secretary</i>	Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, <i>Sextons</i>

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Worship HOMECOMING  
10:30 am Combined Sunday School  
11:00 am Homecoming Meal  
3:00 pm AR: Shirley Cooper visitation

### Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm CR: Care Team  
3:00 pm Funeral: Shirley Cooper

### Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

3:00 pm Funeral: Dot Mathias  
5:00 pm Executive Team  
6:00 pm GR: Grief Group

### Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Food Pantry (Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe)  
12:05 pm FH: OneBody Worship  
6:00 pm Handbells  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm BYODinner 7:00pm Movie on the Mt.

### Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Food Pantry (Swygerts & Carrolls)