



Sunday, April 14, 2024

Culmore
United Methodist Church

Welcome and
Good Morning

Happy Birthday, Bernadette and Emily!

Once again it's your birthday. Once again the time is here.

What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.

Happy time is your birthday, happy time this year.

What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.

Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.

For you have Jesus Christ everyday of your life.

Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.

The Lord bless and keep you.

Happy birthday to you. And to Jesus with you.

God bless you and keep you. Happy birthday to you.



A perspective view of a dark asphalt road with two yellow lines in the center and white lines on the sides. In the middle of the road, there is a low, rectangular barrier made of grey stone blocks. The background shows a desert landscape with brown ground, sparse green bushes, and blue mountains under a clear blue sky.

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS



Be Still My Soul – UMH 534

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change God faithful will remain.
Be still my soul your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while He dwelt below.



Photo by Cally O'Brian

Responsive Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-7

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,

a time to plant and a time to uproot.

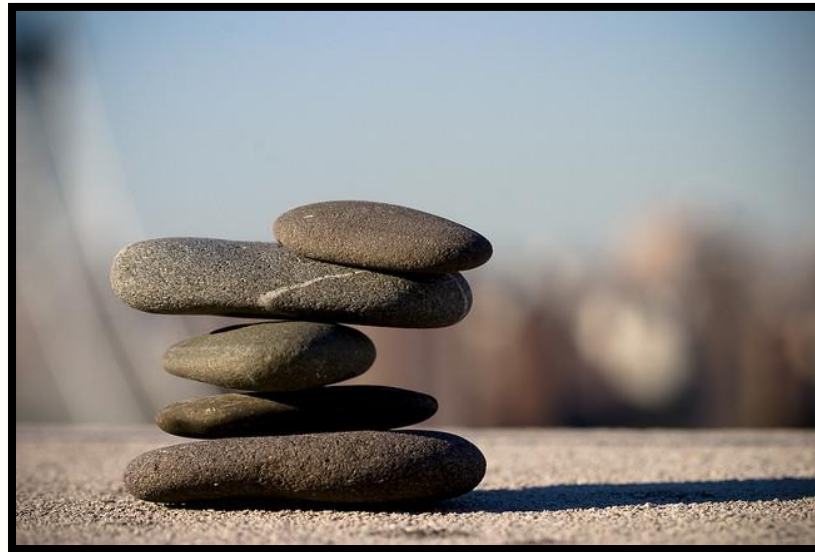
a time to kill and a time to heal.

A time to tear down and a time to build.

a time to weep and a time to laugh,

a time to mourn and a time to dance,

a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them.



A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend.



A time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

There is a time for everything.



A time to be silent
and a time to speak.

Photo by Dr. Wonhee Kang

May panahon para tumahimik at may panahon para magsalita.

침묵할 때가 있고 말할 때가 있습니다.

沈黙するのに時があり、
話すのに時がある。

Hay un tiempo para callar
y un tiempo para hablar.

There is a time to be silent and a time to speak.

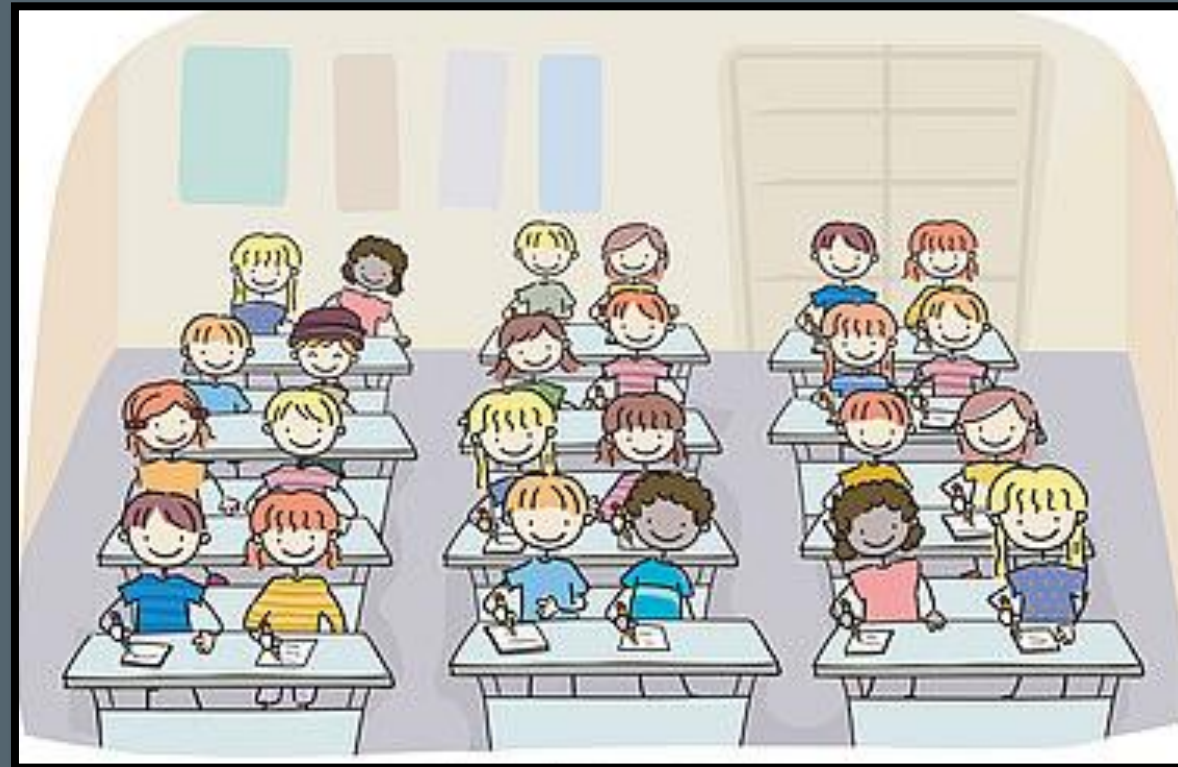
有沉默的时候，也有说话的时候。

Ada waktu untuk diam dan ada waktu untuk berbicara.

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Il y a un temps pour se taire
et un temps pour parler.

Lessons for the Young and Young at Heart



Think before you peep!



Opening Prayer - Reinhold Niebuhr

O God and Heavenly Father,

Grant us the serenity of mind to accept that which cannot be changed, courage to change that which can be changed, and wisdom to know the one from the other through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

Be Still



Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear
In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.

...He burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight, our radiant king of light!



There is a time for
everything under the sun.

Photo by Dr. Wonhee Kang

Matthew 22: 15-22

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words.... “Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

**But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said,
“You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap
me? Show me the coin used for paying the
tax.” They brought him a denarius, and he
asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose
inscription?”**

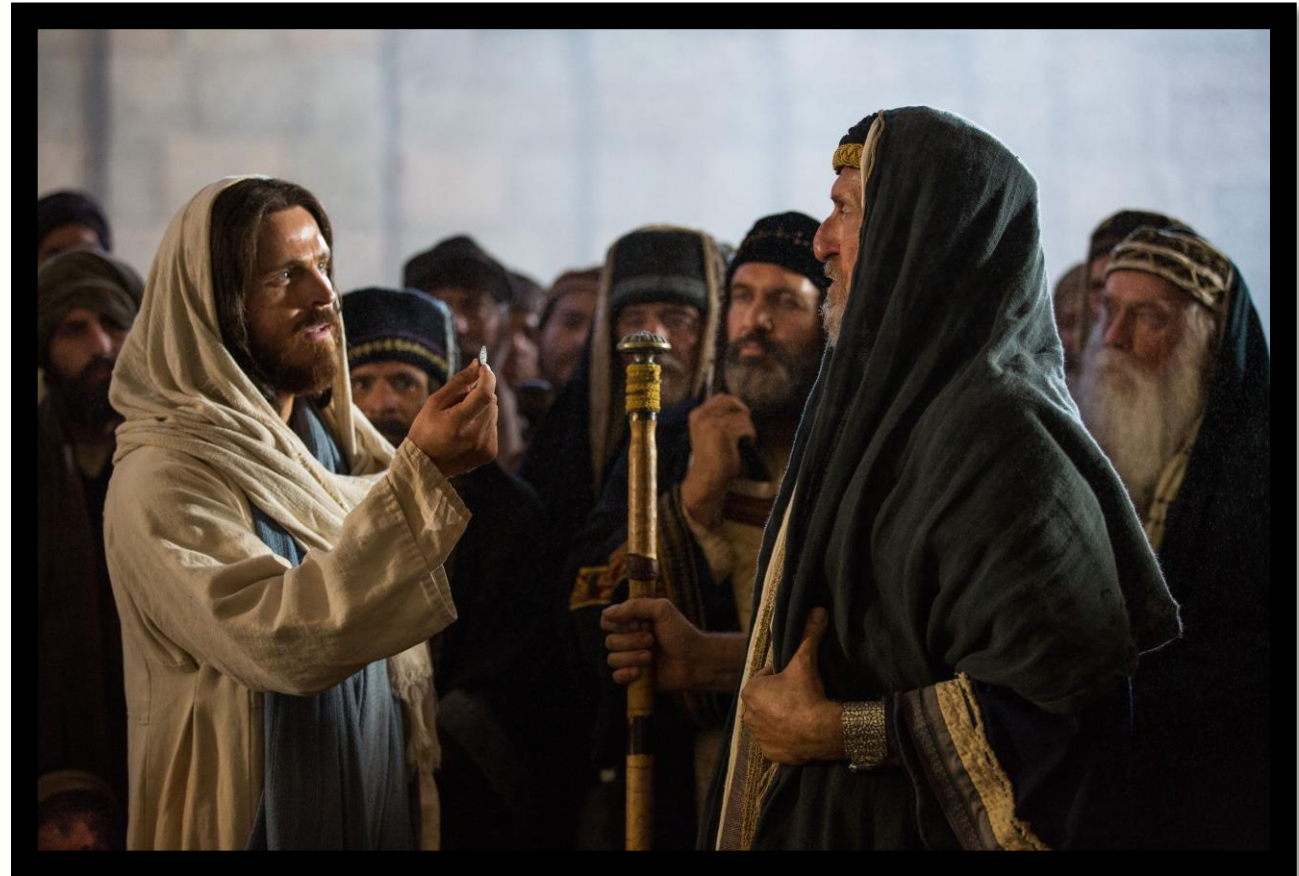
“Caesar’s,” they replied.



Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

When they heard this, they were amazed.

So they left him and went away.



See, I am sending you out like sheep among wolves;
so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

Be on your guard. ~ Matthew 10: 16



Community Prayer

Gracious and Loving Father,

How often we find ourselves saying, "It's not fair!" We want there to be equal treatment, but that often does not happen. Remind us when there are times forgiveness of others is needed, that You taught us and showed us how that should be done. And help us to keep our spirits full of gratitude for the many blessings we have been given.

When we encounter times when others are clearly receiving unfair treatment, we want to bring Your presence into those situations. If we don't speak up, sometimes nothing is done that is needed to fix things. It is a privilege to be Your instrument of grace! *Amen.*



Offering and Doxology

UM Hymnal 95



We give thanks for this wonderful,
generous community of faith.

Benediction



Art by Kim DeGroat