Art by Sue Carroll

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Culmore United Methodist Church

Welcome and Good Morning!

Happy Birthday

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.

Prayer: Communing with God

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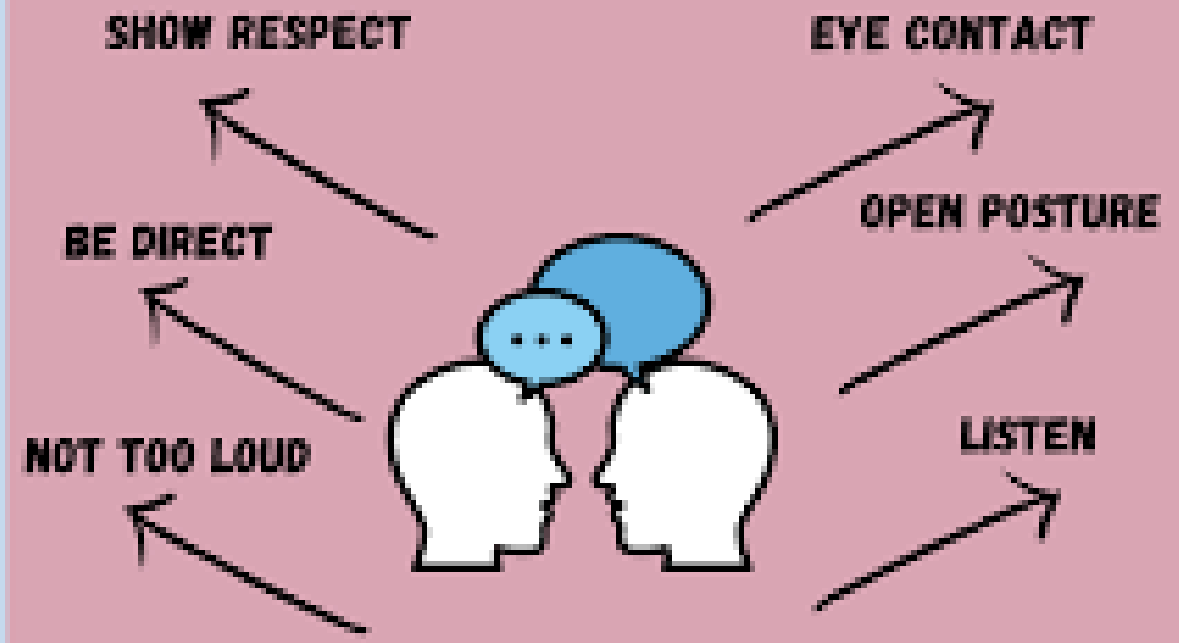

Psalm 111:1 I will give thanks to God with my whole heart.

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When I remember to slow down — pay attention to the things around me that are lovely (or smell good, or taste good, or just make me smile for whatever reason) — and lift my whole heart to God in gratitude…

well, that puts me in a different frame of mind for the rest of the day.

I need to remember to do that more often.

Thank you, Psalmist, for reminding me.

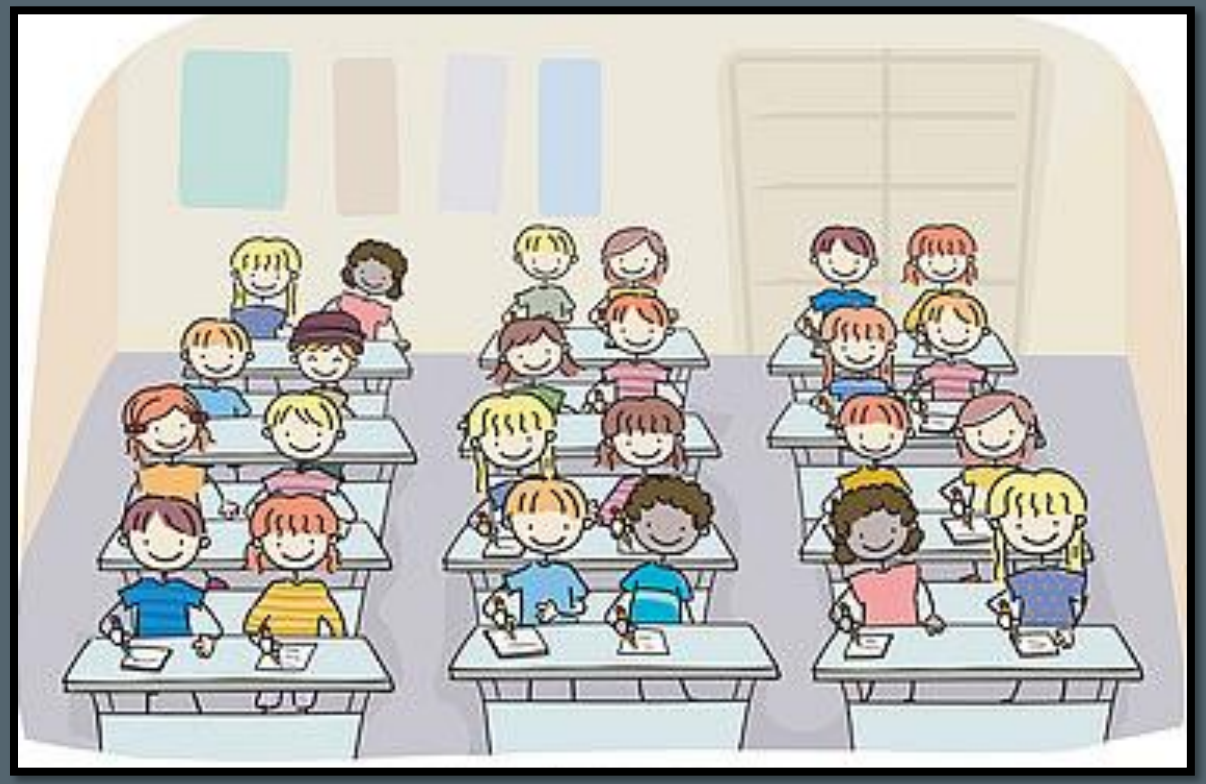
Opening Prayer

Dear Lord,

Prayer is the song of our heart. We rejoice with all of our being that You are there, watching over us, guiding us, comforting us, healing us. What joy is ours when we turn to You and get back on course. We don't have to hold all our worry and troubles to ourselves.

You are the One who lifts us when we fall, who forgives us when we fail, loves us no matter what, and never stops believing in us, even when the way forward isn't clear. You give us the strength to continue and the power to grow. Our soul rejoices! ***Amen***

Lessons for the Young and Young at Heart



Just a Little Talk with Jesus – W&S 3107

Responsive Reading: Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

Whom shall I fear?

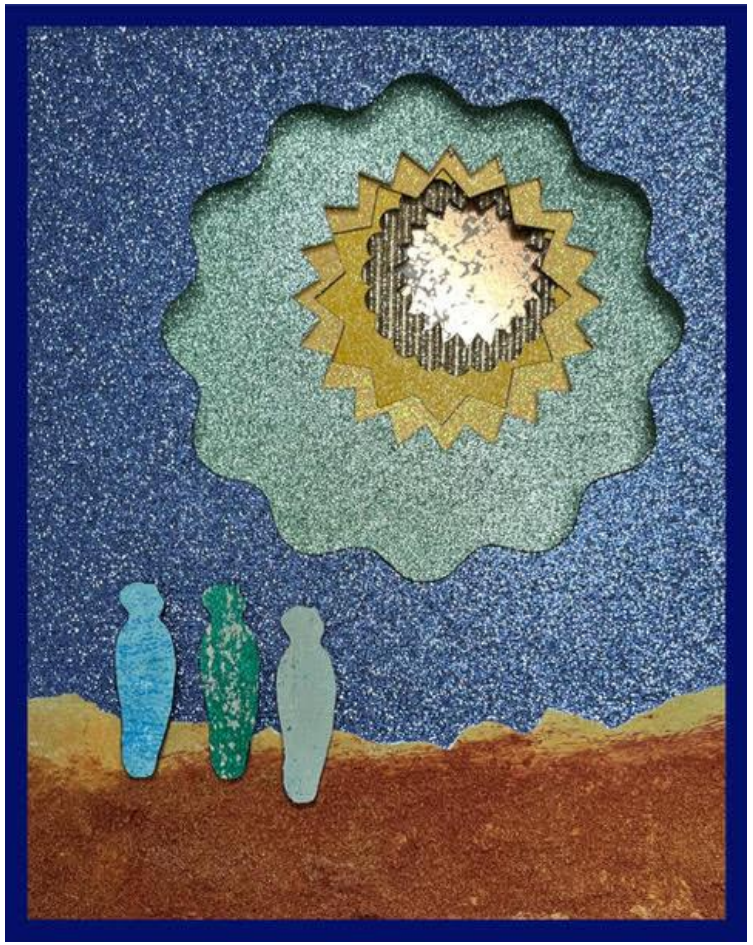
The Lord *is* the strength of my life;

Of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the Lord,

and to inquire in his temple.



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I believe that I shall see the goodness

of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage.

Wait for the Lord!

Luke 12: 7

Even the very hairs on your head

are all numbered. So don't be afraid.

Isaiah 41: 10

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Do not fear, for I am with you.

Do not be afraid, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you; I will help you.

I will uphold you with my victorious

right hand.

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Philippians 4: 10

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Cry of My Heart

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It is the cry of my heart to follow You
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You
It is the cry of my heart to follow
All of the days of my life.

Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord
So I can walk in Your truth
Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord
And make me wholly devoted to You.

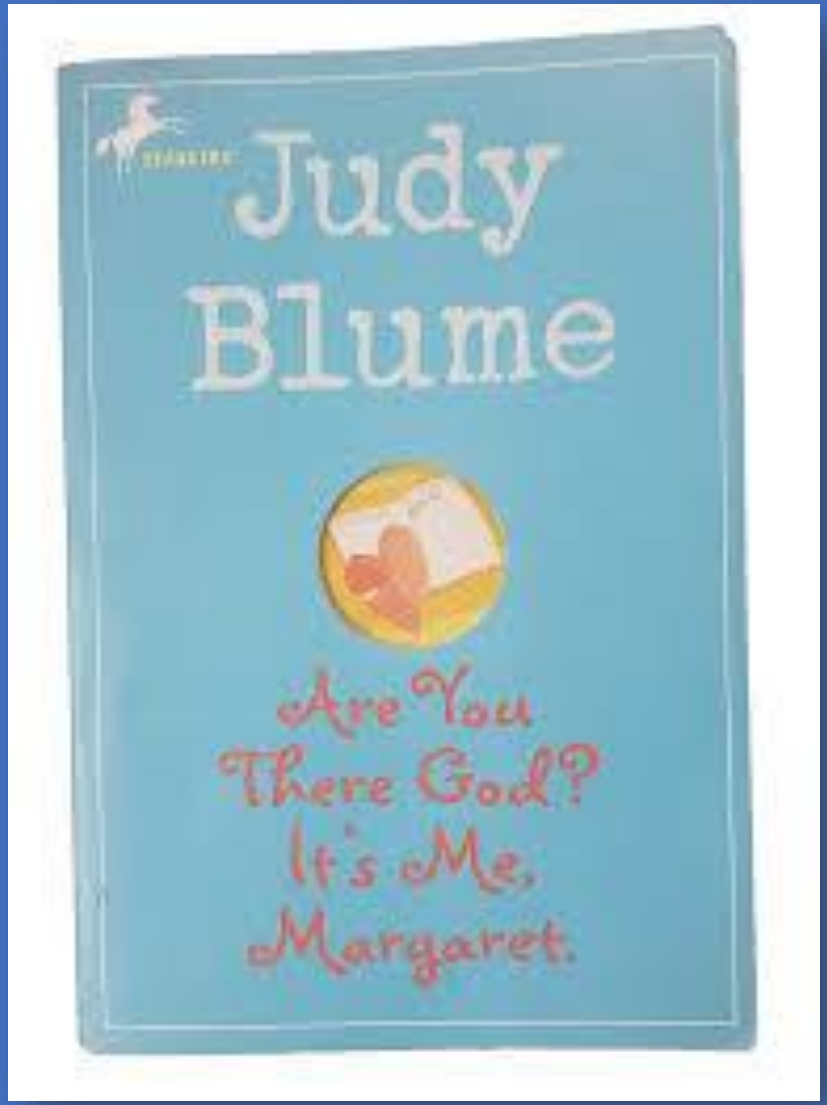
Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do
Open my heart up more and more
And make it wholly devoted to You.

Community Prayer

Lord Jesus, help us never to forget that we received the ability to pray directly to God the Father through the gift of Your death on the cross and the power of Your resurrection. We never want to ignore that powerful privilege we have been given. But sometimes we do, either in times of great distress, or when issues arise that don't seem important enough to bring to God's throne of grace. At times we even might think we are just "too busy to pray."

We need to keep our "lifeline" of prayer open all of the time. Not only is it the way to bring forward our concerns, but also it is the way to listen to what You want us to hear every day, about everything we are doing. We need to keep our lives so centered on You that we continually employ Your power to work through all the situations we encounter in our lives. This is the way we can live the joy-filled and abundant lives You intend…and we always need to remember that we are never alone! ***AMEN***

Prayer:
Lifeline to God


Judy
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Are You
There God?
It's Me,
Margaret.

Offering and Doxology
UM Hymnal 95

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

Doxology - UM Hymnal 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Benediction