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Sunday, November 9, 2025

Culmore
United Methodist Church

Welcome and
Good Morning!

Welcome and Announcements

Art by Sue Carroll

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.

Hearing God

God is always here, but we sense Him only when we search.
He teaches, but only when we are ready to learn.
He speaks, but only when we listen.

The question is never, "*Where is God?*"
It is always, "*Where are we?*"

God lives where we let Him in.

-- Menachem Mendel

LISTEN UP!

WAIT

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W A I T

Why am I talking?

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God Is Speaking – W&S 3025

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God is speaking, God is speaking
Do you hear? Do you hear?
Trust and you will hear him.
God is love. God is love.

God is speaking, always speaking,
Using needs, using joys.
Speaking in his wisdom,
  speaking in his mercy,
Calling hearts, changing lives.

God is speaking, God is speaking,
Do you hear? Hear his heart?
Trust and you will hear him,
   if you want to hear him.
God is love, always love.

Opening Prayer: (Psalm 37: 3-7)

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him.

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land

and enjoy safe pasture.

Lord, it's hard for us to let go of control and trust,

really trust in You. Show us how to lean on You

and not our own understanding.

Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Father, we always seem to be running after things which don't satisfy—bigger house, bigger car, bigger job. Help us stop and see where the real treasure lies: delighting in relationship with You.

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this…

Trust is hard, for that means letting go of control

…and we love being in control. Help us trust You.

He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Father, help us be still and wait patiently for You.

Amen

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Listening for God...

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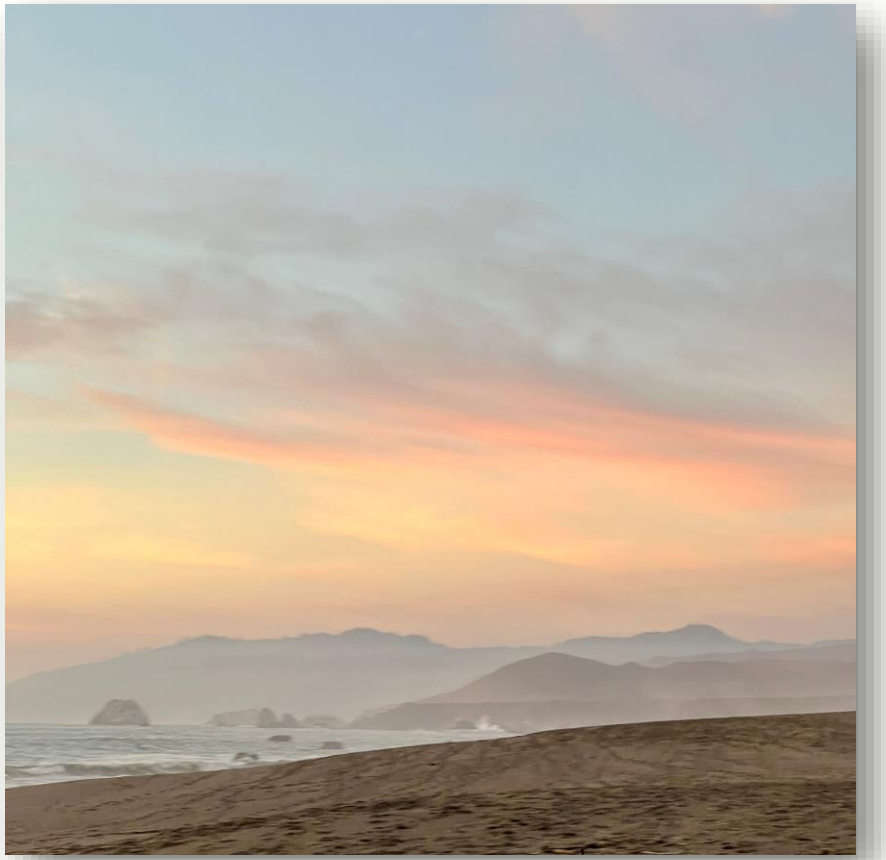

- to listen
- to hear
- to pay attention
- to understand
- **to respond with action**

InSIGHT

HindSIGHT

"SEEING IS BELIEVING"

Understanding

VISION

PERSPECTIVE

ForeSIGHT

Lord, let us listen and act
when You call.
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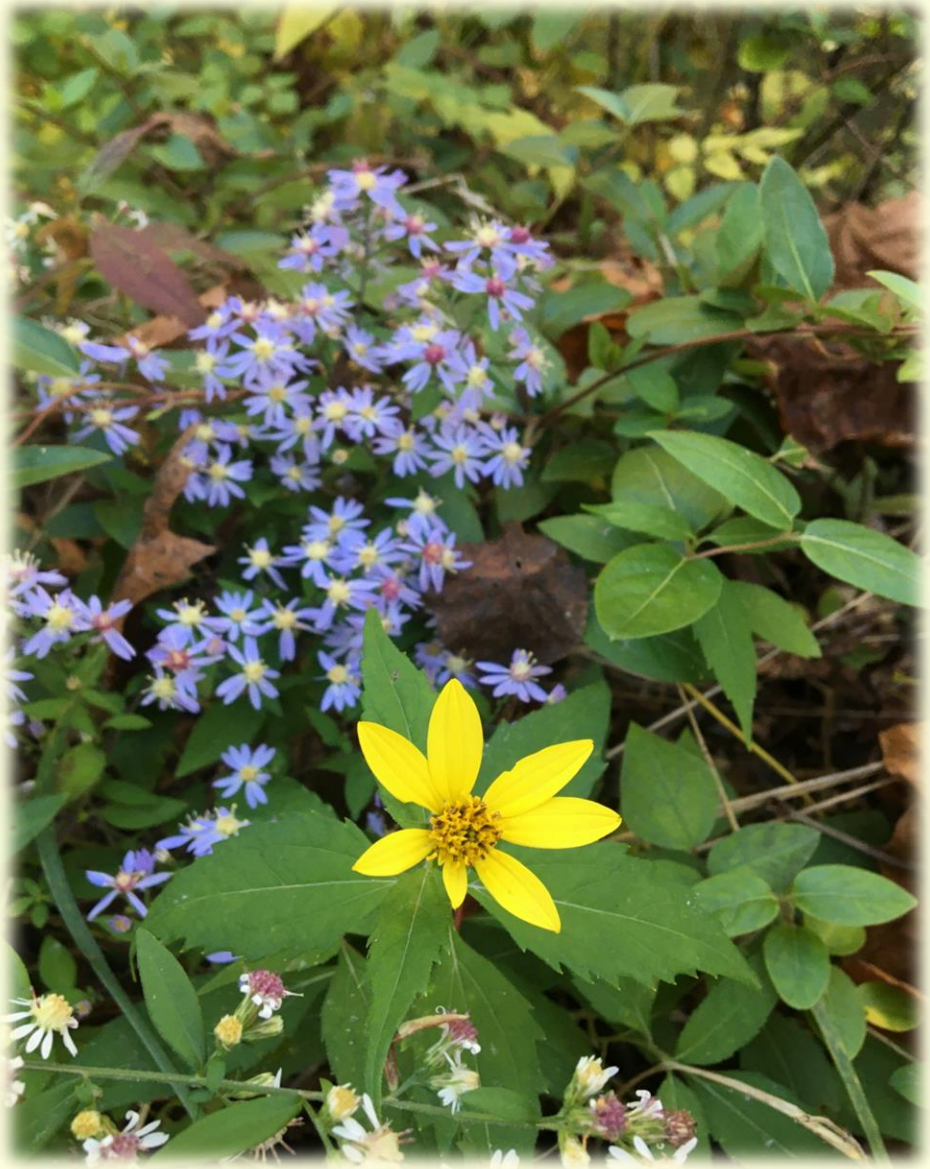
HELP
NELSON
OUT!
EAT THE
LAST PIECE!

God is present to us and loves us all the time,
but we are often not quiet and alert enough
to be aware of it.

~Irma Zaleski



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Be Still

Be still for the presence of the Lord; the Holy one is here.
Come bow before him now in reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found. We stand on Holy ground.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around
He burns with Holy fire; with splendor He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight- our radiant King of light.

Photo by Cally O'Brien

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace
No work too hard for Him. In faith receive from Him.
Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

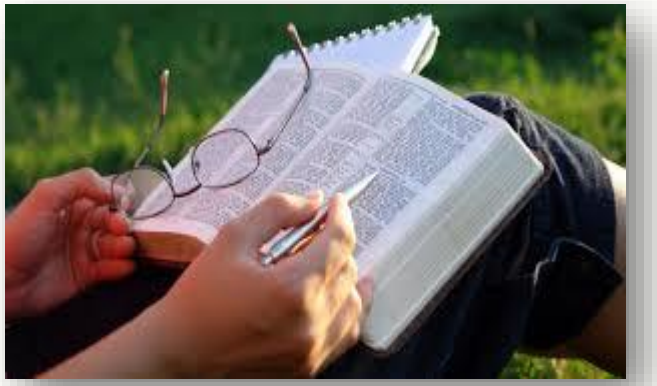
Community Prayer

Gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise that You have so many ways of communicating with Your children. You patiently teach each of us the ways You do so.

We need Your guidance in how to draw closer to You, as we learn to recognize Your voice over those that are often louder than Yours.

With time, we come to hear Your ***still, small voice*** and learn to pull away from the many other things that distract us. The closer and longer we walk with You, the easier this will become.

When we then respond to Your call, how blessed we find ourselves in seeing how You work. Unfortunately, sometimes we ignore Your still small voice and then see the work You had for us left undone.



It helps so much when we spend time studying Your word to get instruction and clarification. How awesome it is that You want there to be true communication between Yourself and Your children, as we go about serving You. ***Amen***

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!

Benediction

I Kings 19: 1-13

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