Sunday, January 11, 2026

Culmore
United Methodist Church

Welcome and
Good Morning!

Photo by Wonhee Kang

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.

Opening Prayer – read responsively

Father, in the silence of this moment,
we ask you for peace, wisdom, strength and joy:

To see the world with loving eyes.

To be patient, understanding, loving and wise.

To look beyond the pretentiousness
and see your children as you see them.

To see the goodness that lies in all of us.

To be deaf to all criticism

so that only good thoughts fill our souls.

To be so kind and joyful that all who meet us feel Your presence.

Shine Your spirit on us, Father, that we may share it with the world. *Amen*

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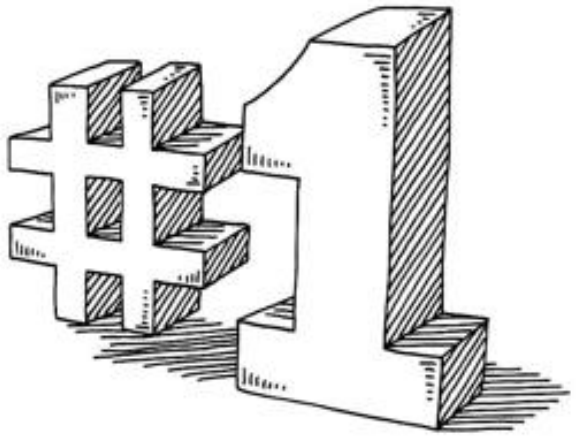

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Hertz is #1

Avis is only No.2
in rent a cars.
So why go with us?

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We try harder.®

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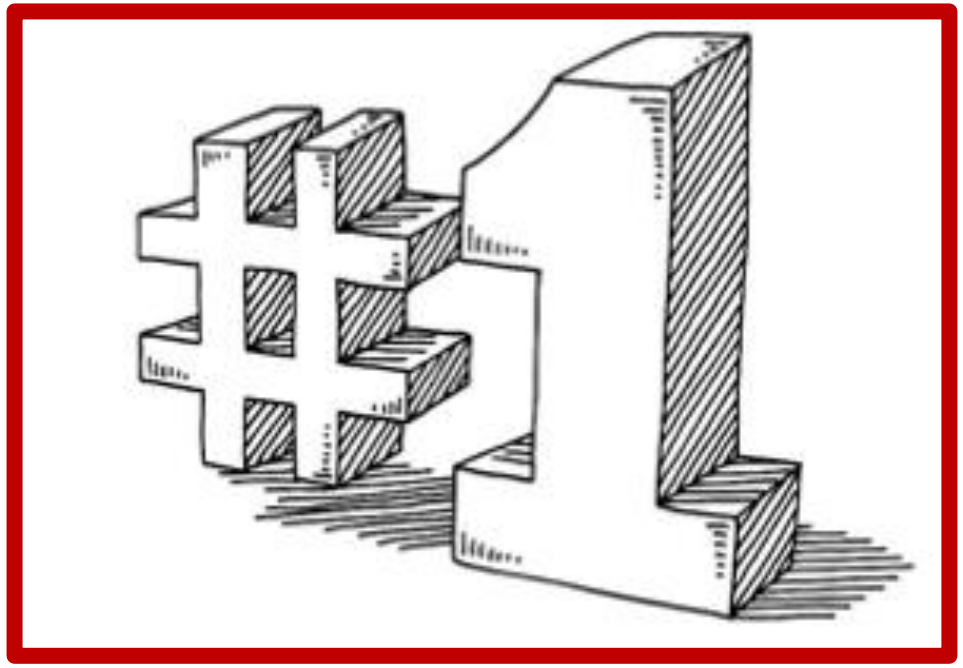
SO THAT AVIS CAN BEAT HERTZ AND BE #1



Message in a nutshell

GOD'S ECONOMY
VS.
MAN'S ECONOMY

KINGDOM
ECONOMICS
MANAGING WHAT GOD OWNS

“...many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.” (Mt. 9:30)

“Where is the wise man? the scholar? the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?” (1Cor. 1:20)

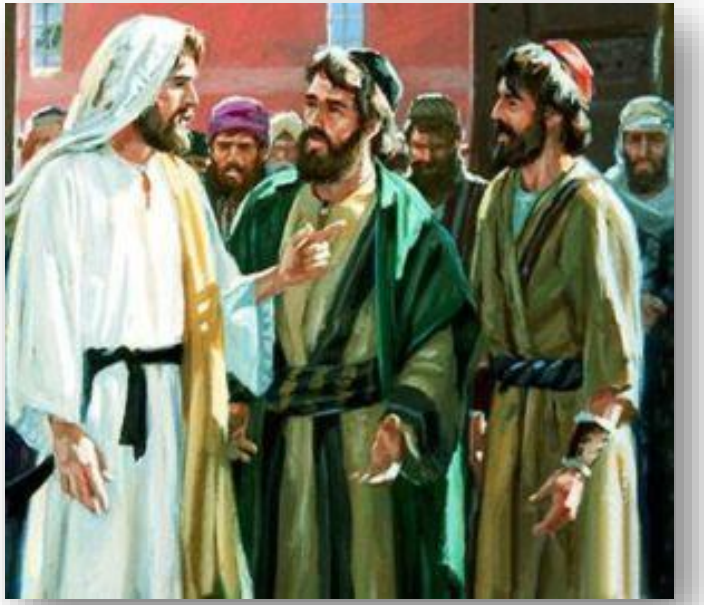
Mark 10: 35- 45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him.

"Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."



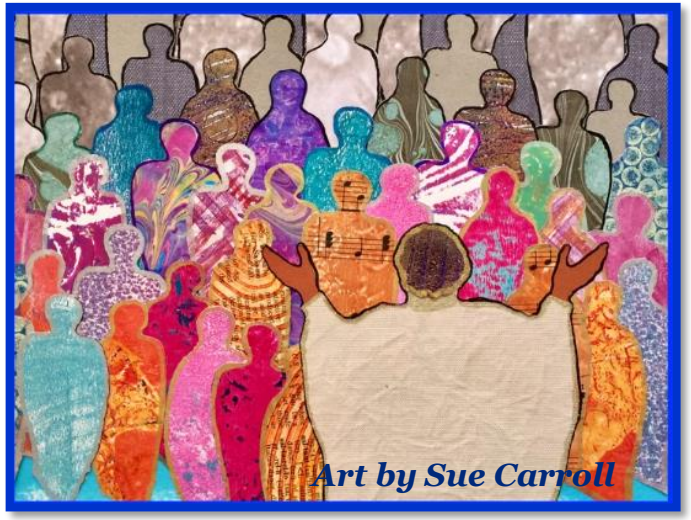
"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said.

"Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

"We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you.



Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served,

but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

The word of God…

for the people of God.

Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water

Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea

Take a look at yourself and you can look at others differently

By putting your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee.

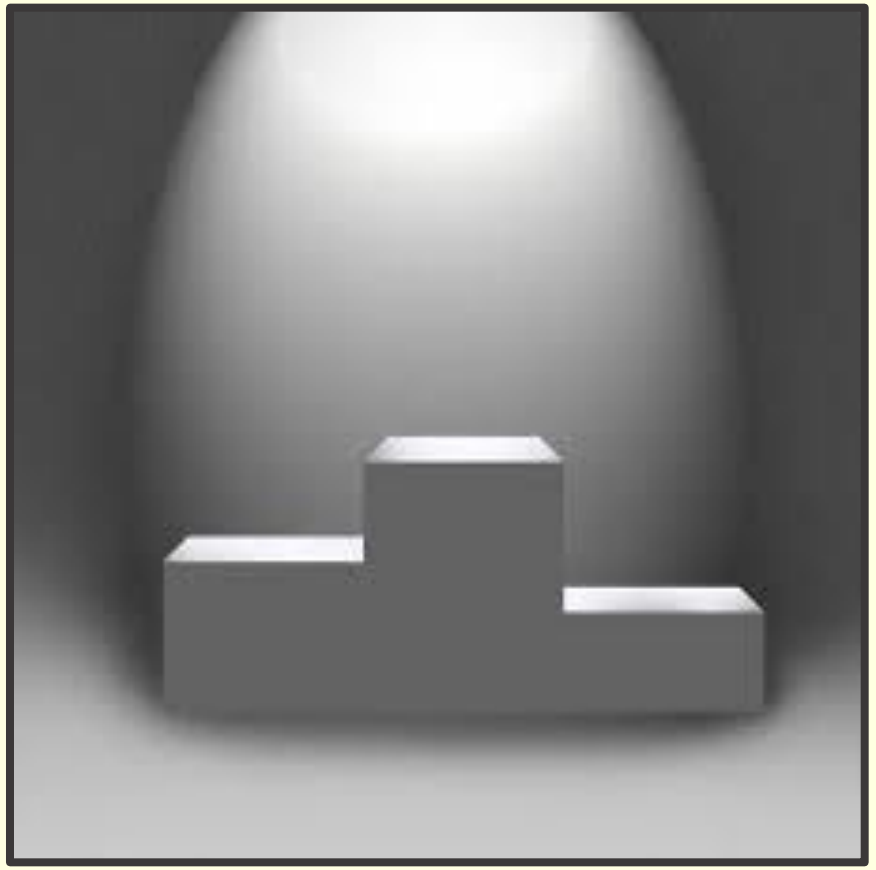
At the Olympics, the competitive spirit is intense.

But there is only one gold medalist.

Imagine if everyone who didn't qualify quit.

What would happen?

Would anyone want to try out?



Would the podiums be empty?

We may feel that we've fallen short.

Patience is not a sign of weakness,

but the strength of spirit that

enables us …to accept others as

they are, to persevere when all

seems lost, and to keep on trying..

— ***Pope Francis***

Let us keep in mind that the Lord does not call us to be soloists

... but to be part of a choir that sometimes misses a note or two,

but must always try to sing in unison.

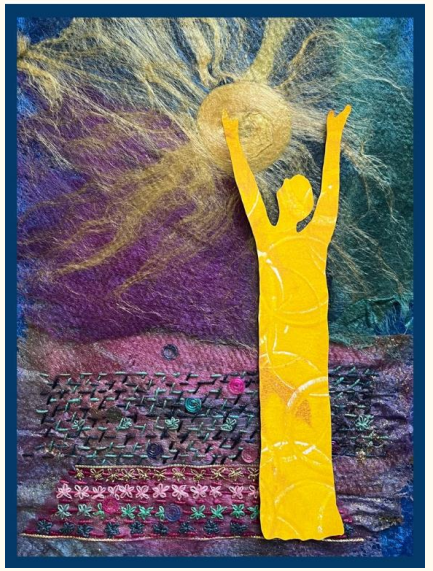
—Pope Francis

Help Us Accept Each Other - UMH 560

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Community Prayer



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Heavenly Father,

You know we like to think how special and unique we are and how we can stand out from others.

We need Your help in remembering that You love each of us as if we were the one and only.

We know that we are all equally loved by You, and yet we continue wanting others to see us as ***more special*** than anyone else. We crave that kind of worldly attention and respect.

Lord, help us put You first in our lives. Draw us ever closer to You and Your love and graciousness. ***AMEN***

Benediction

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