Sunday, September 27, 2026

Culmore
United Methodist Church

Welcome and
Good Morning!

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Welcome and Announcements

Art by Sue Carroll

Me want cookies!

Happy Birthday, Lauren and Shirley !

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.

My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
– Psalm 42:3

This is the Day – UMH 657

This is the day, this is the day.

That the Lord has made,

that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice,

And be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

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Opening Prayer

LORD, How grateful we are that we can tell you everything, with no holding back. No matter what, You listen to our whole story. You give us the space to reflect on what we have done, what we SHOULD have done, and then help us see where and how we need to change.

Change doesn't come easy, for…like Paul said, we want to do good, but alas! We keep choosing to do the wrong thing instead. No wonder we feel so wretched!

But You never give up on us. What a cause for rejoicing, for no matter how many times we stumble, You pick us up when we turn back to You. Help us keep making that ***U-turn*** back to You. ***Amen.***

My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
– Psalm 42:3

Psalm 130: 1-6

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord,

who could stand?

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But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,

and in his word I put my hope.

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Psalm 25: 1,16-19

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish.

Look on my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins.

See how numerous are my enemies and how fiercely they hate me!

In You, Lord my God, I put my trust.

I trust in you.

When we ask, God forgives us,
completely, absolutely.

We can lay that burden down.

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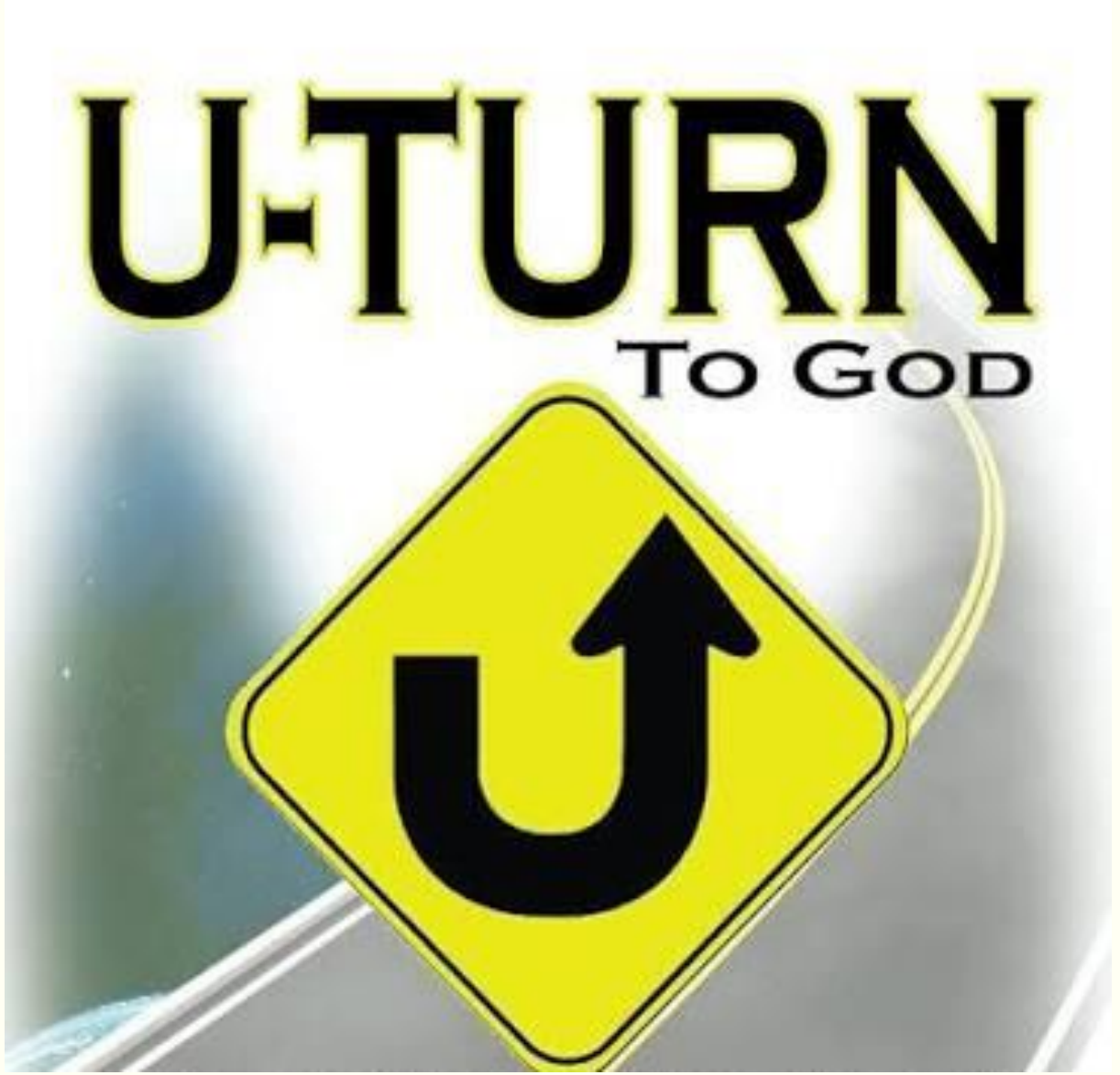
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Psalm 145: 8-9

The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.

Psalms of Rejoicing

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever. *(Psalm 107:1)*

Fill us in the morning with your steadfast love,

so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. *(Psalm 90: 14)*

Praise the Lord, o my soul,

I will praise the Lord all my life. *(Psalm 146:1)*

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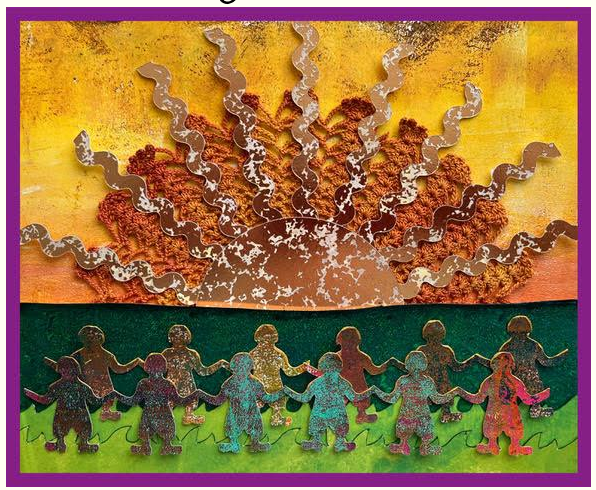

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord. (Psalm 4: 6)

Let all who take refuge in you be glad,
let us ever sing for joy. *(Psalm 5:11)*

The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy. *(Psalm 126:3)*

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Psalm 103

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger,

abounding in love. He does not treat us as our sins deserve.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far has he removed our sins from us.

It's Me, It's Me, O Lord – UMH 352

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It's me, it's me O Lord, Standing in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me O Lord, Standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister,
But it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.
Not my brother, not my sister,
But it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.

Not my father, not my mother,
But it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.
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But it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.

Community Prayer

LORD Jesus, we love the example You gave us of God's forgiveness, when the father of the prodigal son ran out to show his love of his wayward son who had so offended and disrespected him.

Finally repenting, the son came home.

So why is it that we have such a hard time with repentance?

We need to constantly recall how completely You forgive us when we repent and turn back to You. Help us offer that same level of forgiveness to others. The Father does not have any limits on what or how much He forgives, and He expects the same from us. Keep us grateful for God's unending love and grace! ***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

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How do you spell RELIEF?

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GRACE= Forgiveness=

JOY!