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Sunday, January 14, 2024

Culmore
United Methodist Church

Welcome and
Good Morning!



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Happy Birthday, Noel and Janet!

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.



Ephesians

THE WONDER

AND WALK OF BEING

ALIVE

IN CHRIST

DARRELL JOHNSON

Music - Emily Johnson

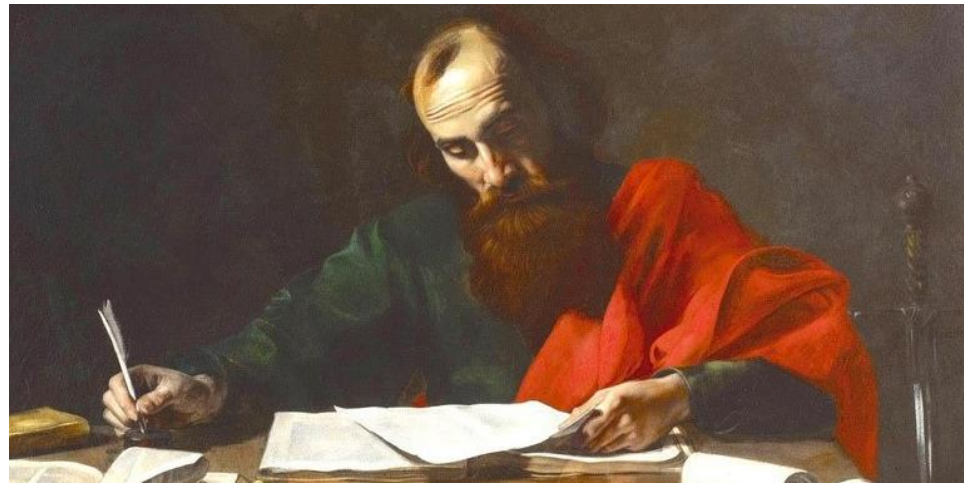


Acts 9: 3-5

As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

“Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.





Ephesians 1: 1-2

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
to the saints who are at Ephesus and **who are faithful
in Christ Jesus**: Grace to you and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

...to the saints ...**who are faithful in Christ Jesus.**

写给.....在基督耶稣里忠心的圣徒们

..a los santos...**que son fieles en Cristo Jesús.**

...그리스도 예수 안에 있는 신실한 성도들에게

...aux saints... **qui sont fidèles en Jésus-Christ.**

...キリスト・イエスに忠実な聖徒たちへ

...sa mga banal ...**na tapat kay Cristo Jesus.**

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..kepada orang-orang kudus...**yang setia di dalam Kristus Yesus.**

Opening Prayer

Eternal and loving God,

We want to *live in Christ*, as Paul directed us to do, but this is easier said than done. *Living in Christ* calls for mindful, focused attention, but you know how often we get distracted by other things. We need sharpened vision so that we see clearly what we need to do to put you at the center of our lives. We give thanks for your grace.

Remind us that we are your beloved children, and that just as we yearn to delight in your presence, you yearn the same for us.

Amen

Responsive Reading Romans 11: 33-35

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments and his paths beyond tracing out!

Who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?

Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?

For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

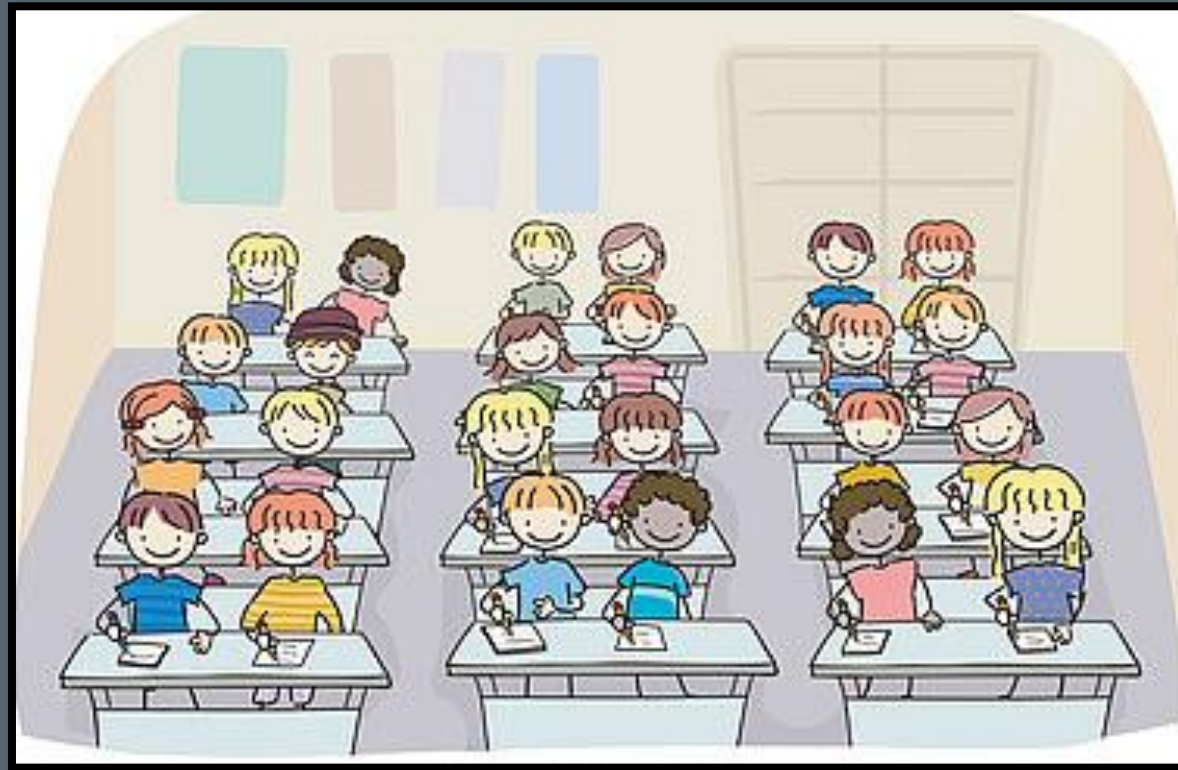




Ephesians 1: 18-19

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the **eyes of your heart** may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

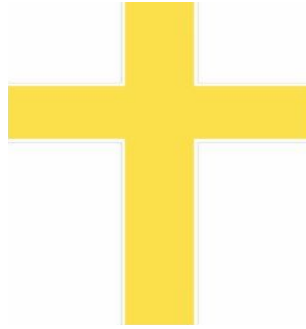
Lessons for the Adults



Live in Christ



Live in Christ.









Give Thanks - The Faith We Sing #2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.

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And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us
Give thanks...



Community Prayer

Eternal and loving God,

When your servant Paul wrote the epistle to the Saints in Ephesus, he was also addressing those in churches the world over—both in his time, and in our time. In his letter, St Paul prayed that the “eyes of their hearts” might be enlightened.

Today, Lord, we pray that same prayer. Help us, with both heart and mind, see the many dimensions that come from living in Christ—the wonders that come from living beyond the limits of the secular world.

Lord, help us truly see the wonderful realities of your
"heavenly realms." By your grace we pray, *"Open the eyes
of our hearts."* **Amen**





Christ In Me

Christ in me is to live, to die is to gain
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He's my King, He's my song,
He's my life, He's my joy
He's my strength, He's my sword,
He's my peace, He's my Lord.



Offering and Doxology

UM Hymnal 95



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

Benediction



Art by Sue Carroll