

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Culmore
United Methodist Church

Welcome and
Good Morning!

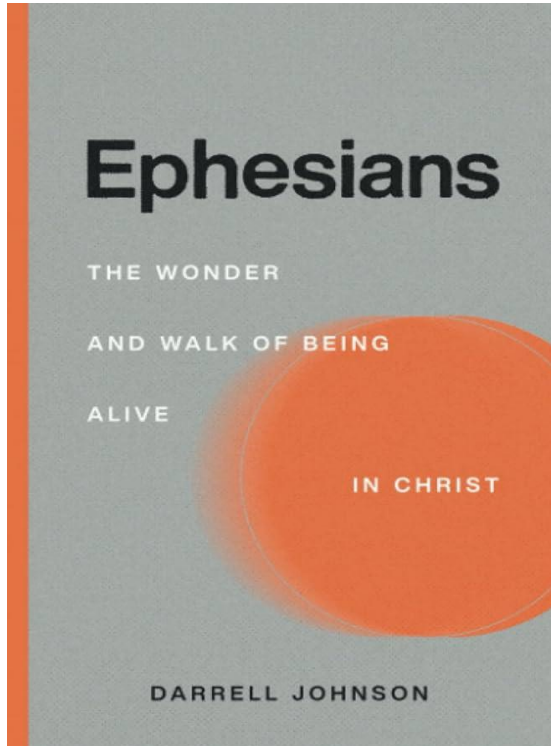


Photo by James Gardner

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.



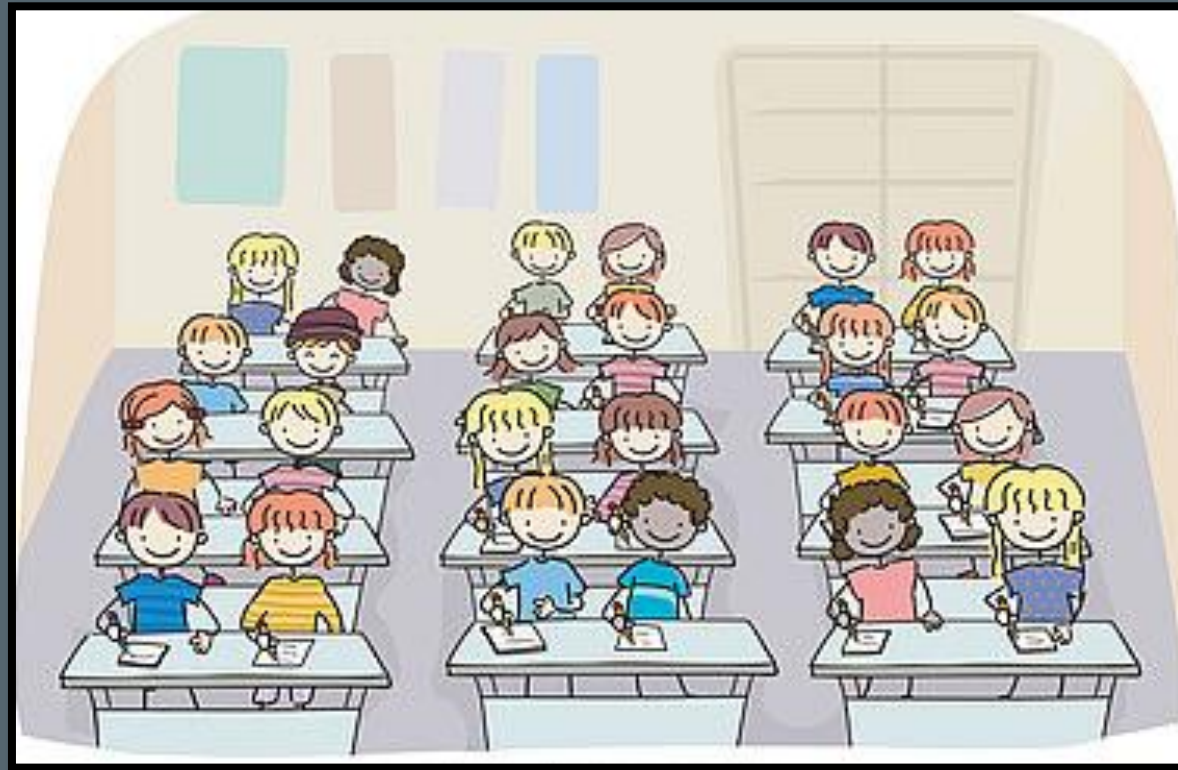


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Lessons for the Young and Young at Heart





Near to the Heart of God - UMH 472

There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God;
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet,
near to the heart of God;
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release,
near to the heart of God;
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee
near to the heart of God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139: 7-12; 23-24

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

If I make my bed in the depths, you are there.



Art by Kim DeGroat

If I take the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me, your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night',
even the darkness is not dark to you;

The night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, God, and know my heart;

Test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.



Art by Sue Carroll

Opening Prayer

LORD Jesus,

How grateful we are that because of Your presence in our lives, we can remain rooted and grounded in God's love and grace. How else can we get through the many storms of all kinds that we experience? How else can we come to know the extent of God's loving presence in our lives and what it means to us?

It is hard to fully understand how great God's love is for us, but then we remember how You gave up everything for us, although we were all lost in sin. Help us to focus during this season before Easter on all the many ways You showed and taught us about what God's love looks like in action.

Your life is the perfect model for us to follow!

Amen

Ephesians 3: 14-21 (NRSV)

For this reason I bow my knees before the
Father, from whom every family in heaven
and on earth takes its name...

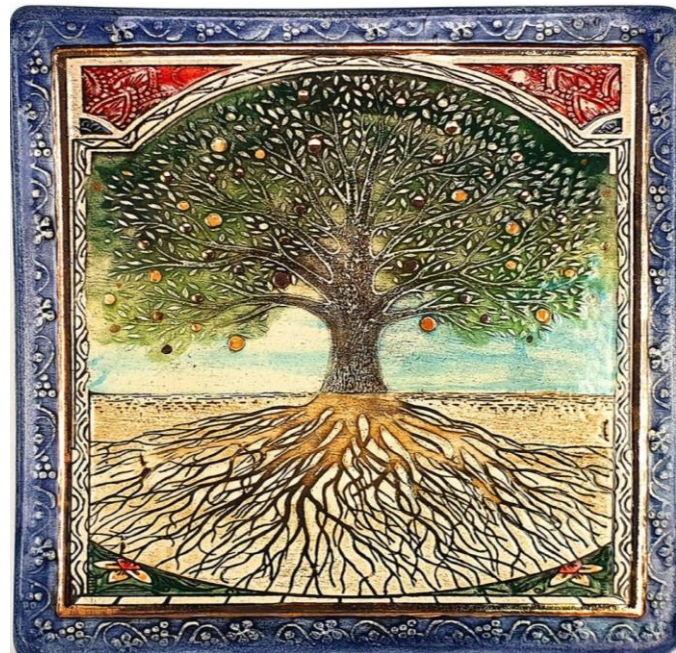


I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith....

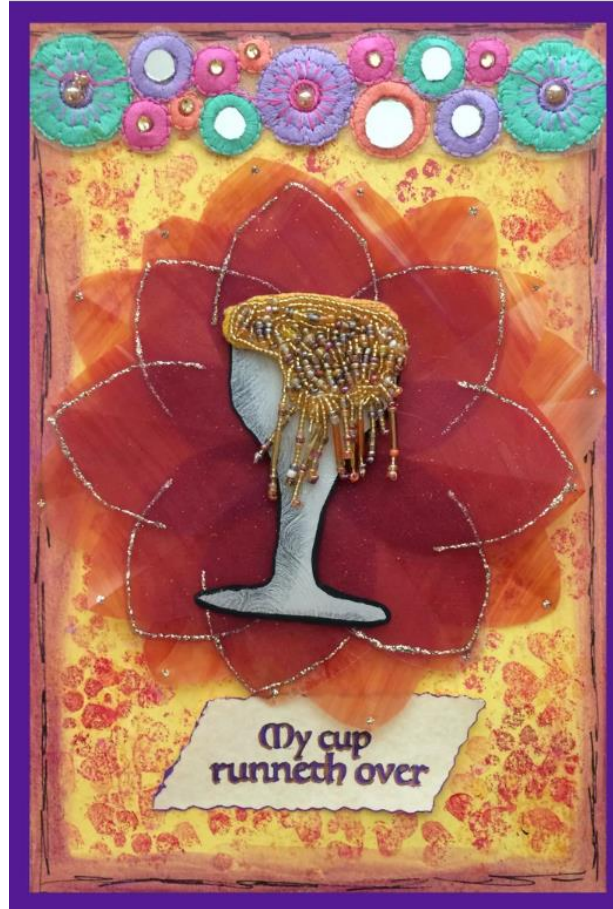


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And I pray that you, **being rooted and established in love**, may be able to comprehend, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge....



...that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.



Art by Sue Carroll

Ruego que ustedes, arraigados y establecidos en el amor, podáis comprender cuán ancho, largo, alto y profundo es el amor de Cristo.

I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

我祈求你在爱中扎根、坚固，
能明白基督的爱是何等长阔高深。

愛に根ざし、確立されているあなたが、キリストの愛がいかに広く、長く、高く、深いかを理解できるように祈ります。

Dalangin ko na ikaw, na nakaugat at matatag sa pag-ibig, ay maunawaan kung gaano kalawak at kahaba at kataas at kalalim ang pag-ibig ni Kristo.

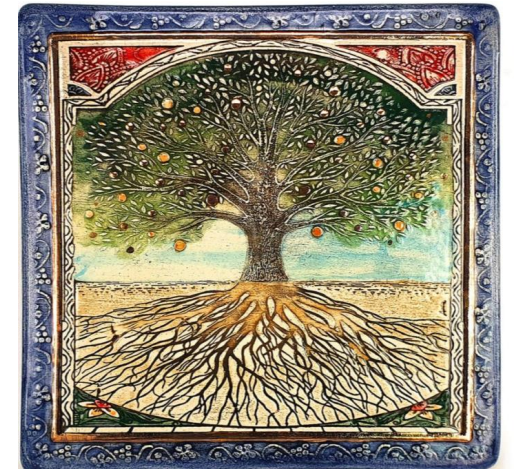
여러분이 사랑 안에 뿌리를 박고 굳건해져서 그리스도의 사랑이 얼마나 넓고, 길고, 높고, 깊은지 깨달을 수 있기를 기도합니다.

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Je prie pour que vous, *étant enracinés et établis*
dans l'amour, puissiez comprendre à quel point
l'amour du Christ est large, long, haut et profond.

Saya berdoa agar Anda, yang berakar dan ditegakkan
dalam kasih, dapat memahami betapa luas dan
panjangnya, tinggi dan dalamnya kasih Kristus.

I pray that you, **being rooted and established in love,**
may be able to comprehend...to grasp...
how wide and long and high and deep
is the love of Christ ...
and to know this love that surpasses knowledge
...that you may be filled up to the fullness of God.



Darrell Johnson:

Because of all God has done for us in Jesus,
because Jesus has come and taken up
residence in us, Paul can exclaim,

You are rooted and grounded in love.

**...How wide and long and high and deep
is the love of Christ.**





A sailboat with a large white sail is on the left side of the image, sailing on a calm sea. The sun is setting on the horizon to the right, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water. The sky is a gradient of blue and orange. The overall mood is peaceful and inspiring.

I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.

William Ernest Henley





CRACKER BARREL TABLE GAME



Jump Each Tee and remove it.

- Leave only one—you're a genius.
- Leave two and you're pretty smart.
- Leave three and you're just plain dumb.
- Leave four or more and you're just plain **IG-NO-RA-MOOSE**.



Who wants to think of themselves as an
IGNORAMOOSE?

Directions for being a Genius!

Read directions on game. Each time tee is jumped remove it.
Leaving hole #1 empty; begin with #4 jumping #2.

#6 to #4

#1 to #6

#7 to #2

#13 to #4

#10 to #8

#2 to #7

#7 to #9

#15 to #13

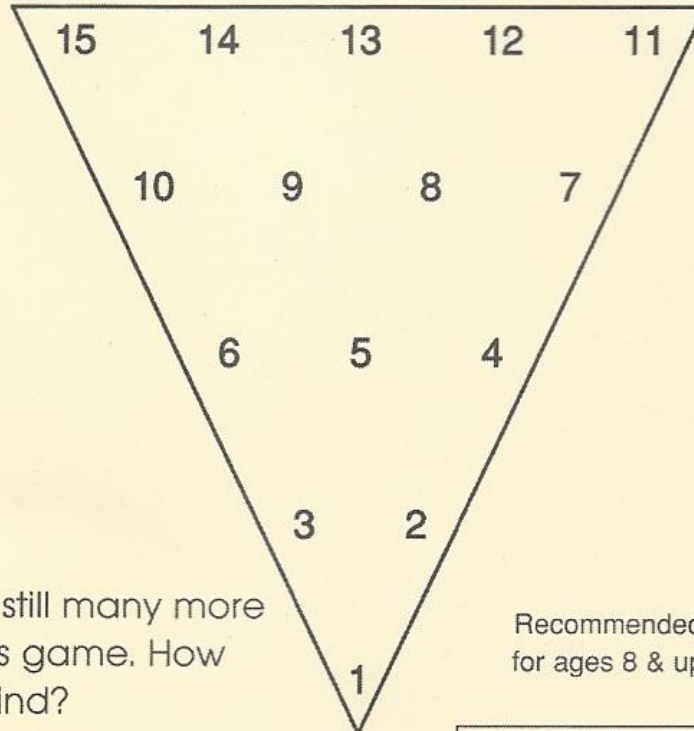
#12 to #14

#6 to #13

#14 to #12

and #11 to #13.

...But... there are still many more
ways to work this game. How
many can you find?



Recommended
for ages 8 & up

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WARNING:

CHOKING HAZARD-Small parts
Not for children under 3 yrs.

Help is there for the asking



Business Cycle



... one of God's beloved children

Paul's Prayer Restated

—adaptation from Darrell Johnson

Father, make us strong enough to:

- press through all the obstacles that lie in our way
- overcome the lies and confusion that we encounter
- and help us **grasp the breadth and length
and height and depth of your love for us in
Jesus Christ.**

Father, help us seize the **breadth** of your love—
broad enough to include all of us, everywhere,
from around the world, from every clan.



Father help us seize the **length** of your love:
long enough endure throughout the ages,
and long enough to reach the most distant of places,
for no matter where we go, you are there as well.





Father help us seize the **height** of Your love:
love that opens the door into heaven...
Love that raises us up with Jesus and seats us
with Him in the heavenly places.

Father help us seize the **depth** of your love:
love that comes down in Jesus. Love that
comes all the way down where we are, in all
our grief and trials and challenges and
missteps. Love that finds us in the midst of
our pain and anger and fear and despair.



O Father, make us strong enough to **lay hold**
of the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless free. ***AMEN***



Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love?

Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.

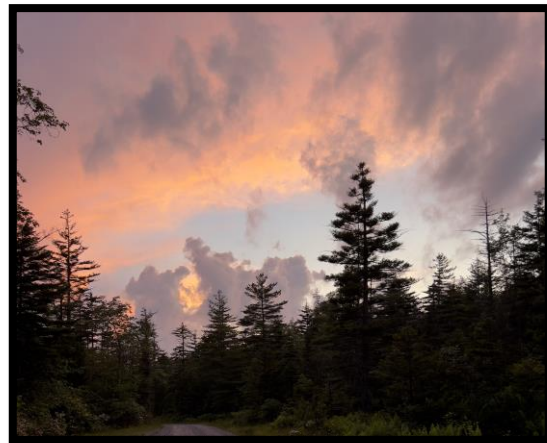


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No power in the sky above or in the earth below—
indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to
separate us from the love of God that is revealed
in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Fill My Cup, Lord - UMH 641



Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.

Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.
Fill it up and make me whole.



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UM Hymnal 95



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



Benediction

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