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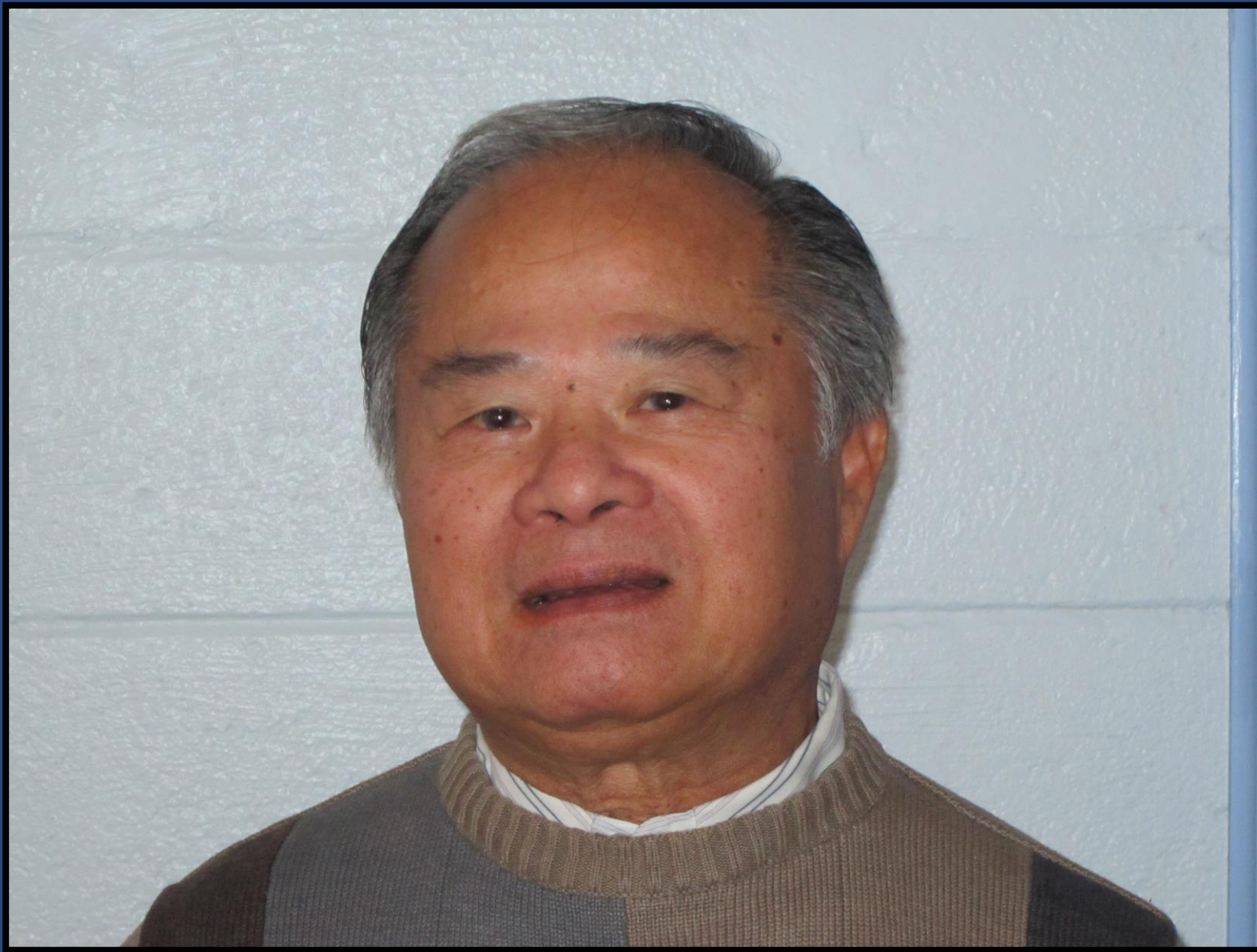
Sunday, February 18, 2024

Culmore
United Methodist Church

Welcome and
Good Morning!



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*We remember our beloved brother
Noel Angeles.*

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.



**The Lord is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth.**

Psalm 145: 18

Jeremiah 9: 23-24

This is what the LORD says: “Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength, or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts, boast about this:
that they have the understanding to know me,
that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness,
justice and righteousness on earth,
for in these I delight,” *declares the LORD.*



Blessed Assurance - UMH 369

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood

**This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long.**



Art by Sue Carroll



Opening Prayer

Our loving Savior who stops when we call,

Sometimes we, like Bartimaeus wander in unseeing darkness, longing for sight. Sometimes we, like Bartimaeus, dare to try, even though the situation seems hopeless. Sometimes we, like Bartimaeus, find the courage to speak up and boldly ask, even when others would shut us down.



Loving Lord, help us dare to seek you.
Help us be bold and believe. Help us to see
clearly and place our trust in you. *Amen.*



Christ's journey to Jerusalem.





Jesus

The multitudes following Jesus.

Gospel stories about Christ's journey to Jerusalem:



- James and John asking to be first
- The rich young man
- Jesus and the little children
- The parable of the unmerciful servant

Responsive Reading

We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!

**In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are
vanquished.**

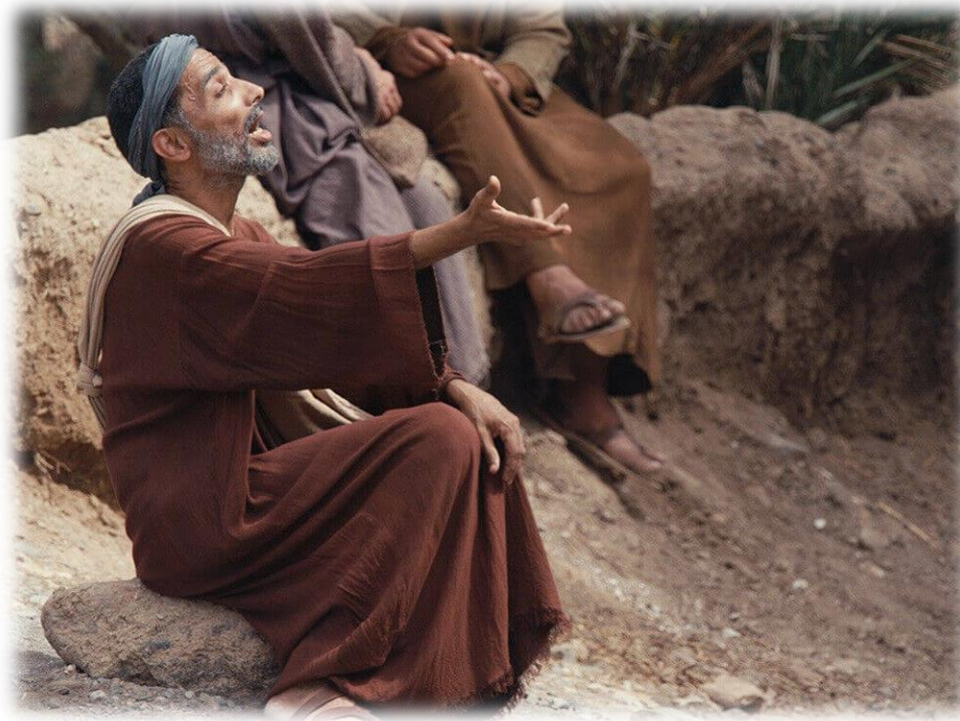
In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

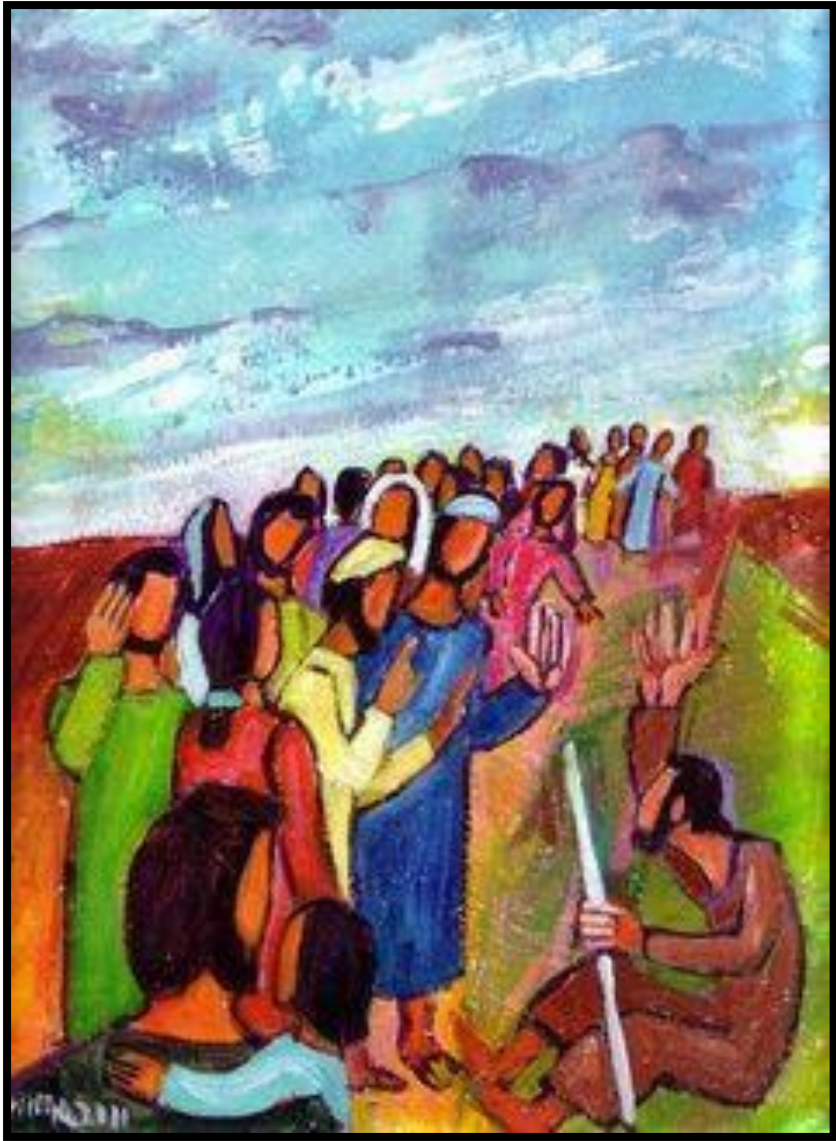
**Let all the people praise God with their music and
their voices!**

Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-
kindness!

Mark 10: 46-52

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus, was sitting by the roadside begging.





When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"



Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here."

So they called to the blind man, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again."





Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well."
Immediately he regained his sight and followed him
on the way.



I may not be what all that is within me cries out to be.

But I will not give up.

Meditations from the Heart

-Howard Thurman

Jesús se detuvo y dijo: "*Llámallo*".

Huminto si Jesus at sinabi, "*Tawagin mo siya.*"

イエスは立ち止まり、「彼を呼びなさい」と言われました。

Jesus stopped and said, "*Call him.*"

Jésus se pencha et dit : "*Appelle-le.*"

예수께서 멈춰 서서 "그 사람을 부르라" 하고 말씀하셨습니다.

ශ්‍රේෂ්ඨ නතර වී, “ඔහුට කතා කරන්න” කියා පැවසුවා.



In Jesus' Name

I speak the name of Jesus over you
In your hurting in your sorrow
I will ask my God to move
I speak the name
because it's all that I can do
In desperation, I'll seek heaven
and pray this for you.

I pray for your healing
That circumstance would change
I pray that the fear inside would flee
I pray that a breakthrough
would happen today
I pray miracles over your life
in Jesus name.

I speak the name of all authority
Declaring blessings every promise
He is faithful to keep
I speak the name no grave
could ever hold
He is greater He is stronger
He's the God of possible.

Oh come believe it, come receive it
Oh the power of His Spirit
is now forever yours
Come believe it come receive it
In the mighty name of Jesus
all things are possible.

Community Prayer

Lord, give us the courage and fearless faith of blind Bartimaeus. Even when we're not sure what will happen if we reach out, remind us of what You did for Bartimaeus when he asked.

Lord, give us the confidence of blind Bartimaeus. Like Bartimaeus, don't let us be afraid to stand up and call out to You, even if others try to push us aside. You STOPPED and listened to Bartimaeus, and You do the same for us.

Lord, give us the belief and trust of blind Bartimaeus. **Amen.**

Offering and Doxology

UM Hymnal 95



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

Benediction



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