



Photo by James Gardner

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Culmore
United Methodist Church

Welcome and
Good Morning!

A person is seen from behind, sitting in a small, dark-colored boat on a calm body of water. The person is holding a fishing rod that extends upwards. The water is still, reflecting the light. In the background, there is a dense forest of green trees under a bright sky. The text is overlaid on a white rectangular area in the upper half of the image.

*Give a man a fish,
you'll feed him for the day.*

TEACH a man a fish,
you'll get rid of him all weekend.

Father,
in the silence of the day that awakens

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ENTRAD PARA APRENDER, SALID PARA SERVIR

To be mute to all malice
So that only good thoughts fill my soul.

Entrad para aprender, salid para servir.

To be so benevolent and joyful
that all who meet me feel your presence.

Adorn me with your beauty
so that today your light will shine from me
to enlighten others.

Come to learn; go out to serve.

Amen.

Once again it is 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.





Encountering God

by James Gardner



I Have Decided - TFWS 2129

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus -
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me -
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow—
no turning back, no turning back.

God speaks to us in different ways
and for different purposes.

It's up to us to listen and respond.




Opening Prayer

Dear Lord of all creation,

We give thanks to You always, for You love us, guide us,
hear us, and YES, even speak to us.

Lord, come into our hearts, teach us to listen, to discern,
to heed when you call, then walk with us as we seek to do
Your will. *Amen*

A serene landscape featuring a wide river flowing through a valley. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The trees lining the riverbanks are in full autumn foliage, with leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and green. The water reflects the sky and the surrounding trees. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the LORD, plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11



It's me, God.
Listen up!!





I don't hear you.



Missed Call

Responsive Reading

Father, 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 each other
through Your eyes.

To see the goodness that lies in all of us.

To be deaf to all criticism; to turn away from hate.

To be so kind and loving that
others can sense Your Presence.

Adorn us with Your beauty, Lord,
let Your light shine bright through us.

Let Your light shine bright through us.



Father,

in the silence of the day that awakens

I ask you for peace, wisdom, and joy

TUNE IN TO GOD

To see the world with loving eyes

To be patient, understanding

loving and wise.

To look beyond the pretense

and see your children

To see the goodness that lies within

To be deaf to all criticism

To be mute to all insult

So that only

To be so benevolent and joyful

that all who meet me

Adorn me with your beauty

so that today your light

to enlighten others.

Amen.



1 Samuel 9-18,20



After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, **Hannah rose** and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly.



She made this vow: “O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”



As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth.

Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore, Eli thought she was drunk. So, Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.”



But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.”



Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.



In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the LORD.”

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Hannah *Rose*

Amen.

Community Prayer

Dear Lord,

Sometimes we are so overwhelmed by our responsibilities that we get tempted to rely—despite all of our inadequacies—on our own strength. At such times, we say to ourselves, “*If I don’t depend on myself, there’s nowhere else to turn.*”

And even as we say and feel it, our minds are flooded with multiple times when the strength that comes to us was not of our own making.. A lift to our burden DID come, even though it wasn't through anything we did.

All around us we find surprises of *kindly interference* manifesting the grace of life and the tenderness and the mercy of God.

Thus are our hearts wooed into thanksgiving and praise
for so much that has come to us...so much thoughtfulness,
so much reassurance, so many little ways by which our
spirits have been renewed and revived.

Thank you, Holy Spirit for your *kindly interference*.

(adapted from Howard Thurman's *The Centering Moment*)



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Day by day, Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:

- to see Thee more clearly;
- love Thee more dearly;
- follow Thee more nearly, day by day.

Day by day by day.

--From Godspell

Offering and Doxology

UM Hymnal 95



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



Benediction

Art by Sue Carroll