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Culmore
United Methodist Church

Welcome and
Good Morning!



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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.




Remembering our Saints



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Wisdom from the Prophets

Do not be afraid, for I am with you.
Do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41: 10

두려워하지 말라 내가 너와 함께 함이니라

Huwag kang matakot,
sapagkat ako ay kasama mo.

恐れないうください、
私があなたと一緒にいる
からです

Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

要害怕，因为我与你同在。
No temas,
porque yo estoy contigo.

Jangan takut, karena Aku bersamamu.

N'ayez pas peur, car je suis avec vous.



You are Mine— TFWS 2218

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear My voice, I claim you as My choice,
Be still, and know I am near.

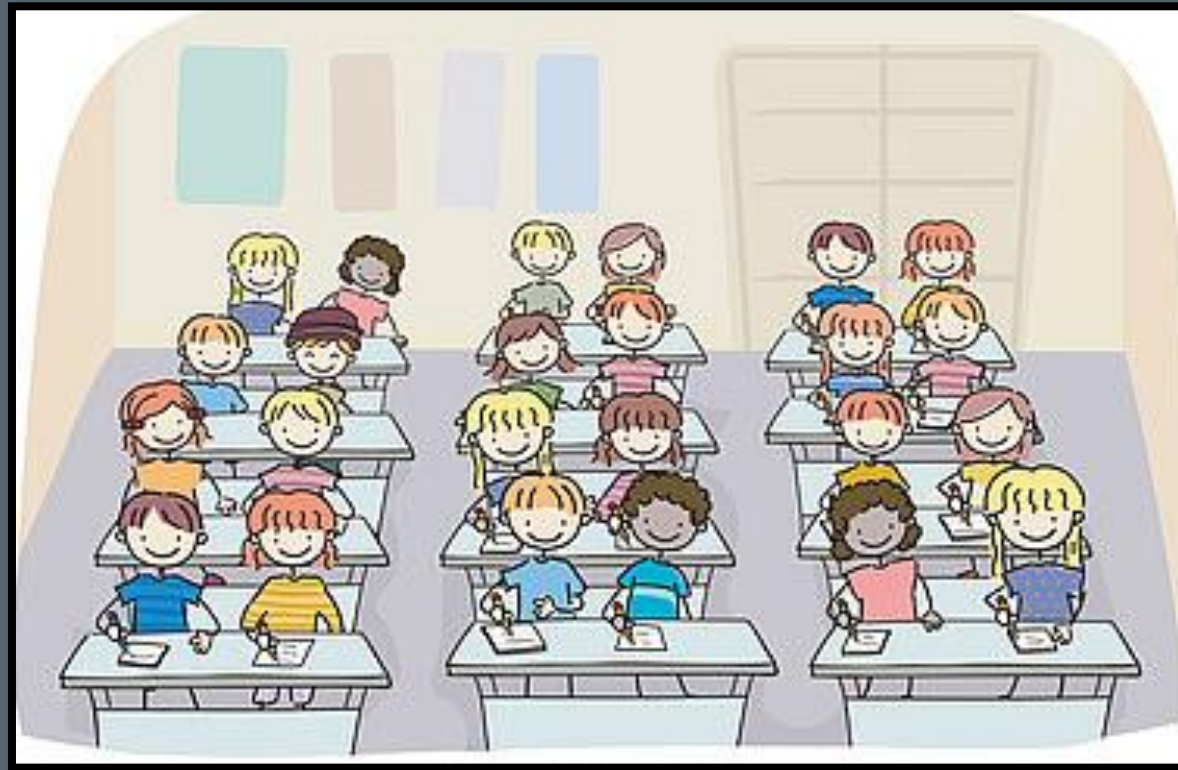
I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light;
Come and rest in Me.

Do not be afraid, I am with you;
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow Me; I will bring you home,
I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing,
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
And all will know My name.

I am the Word that leads all to freedom
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,
Stand up, now walk, and live.

Lessons for the Young and Young at Heart



SECURITY!!



Isaiah 43: 1-3 (NIV)

But now, this is what the LORD says—

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.





When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you, and when you pass
through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.

For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;
Do not be afraid, for I am with you.



Isaiah 49: 13-16



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Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth;
burst into song, you mountains!

For the LORD comforts his people and
will have compassion on his afflicted ones.



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But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me,
the Lord has forgotten me."

"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast
and have no compassion on the child she
has borne?



Though she may forget, I will not forget you!
See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands..."

Opening Prayer

Loving God,

You know so well all our fears and anxieties. You know how we struggle not to worry, but sometimes we feel so overwhelmed.

Help us not be afraid or discouraged. Let us feel your comforting Presence and remind us that you are always with us; that you will never leave nor forsake us, no matter what. Truly, we are not alone. ***Amen***

Biblical References to words relating to being afraid or frightened (NIV)



References to FEAR:	253
References to FEARING:	4
References to FEARED:	36
References to FRIGHT	1
References to FRIGHTENED:	9
<u>References to AFRAID</u>	<u>206</u>
Total References:	509



Thomas Hobbes
1588-1679

SOLITARY
POOR
NASTY
BRUTISH
and...
SHORT.

GOD'S PROTECTIVE SHELTER



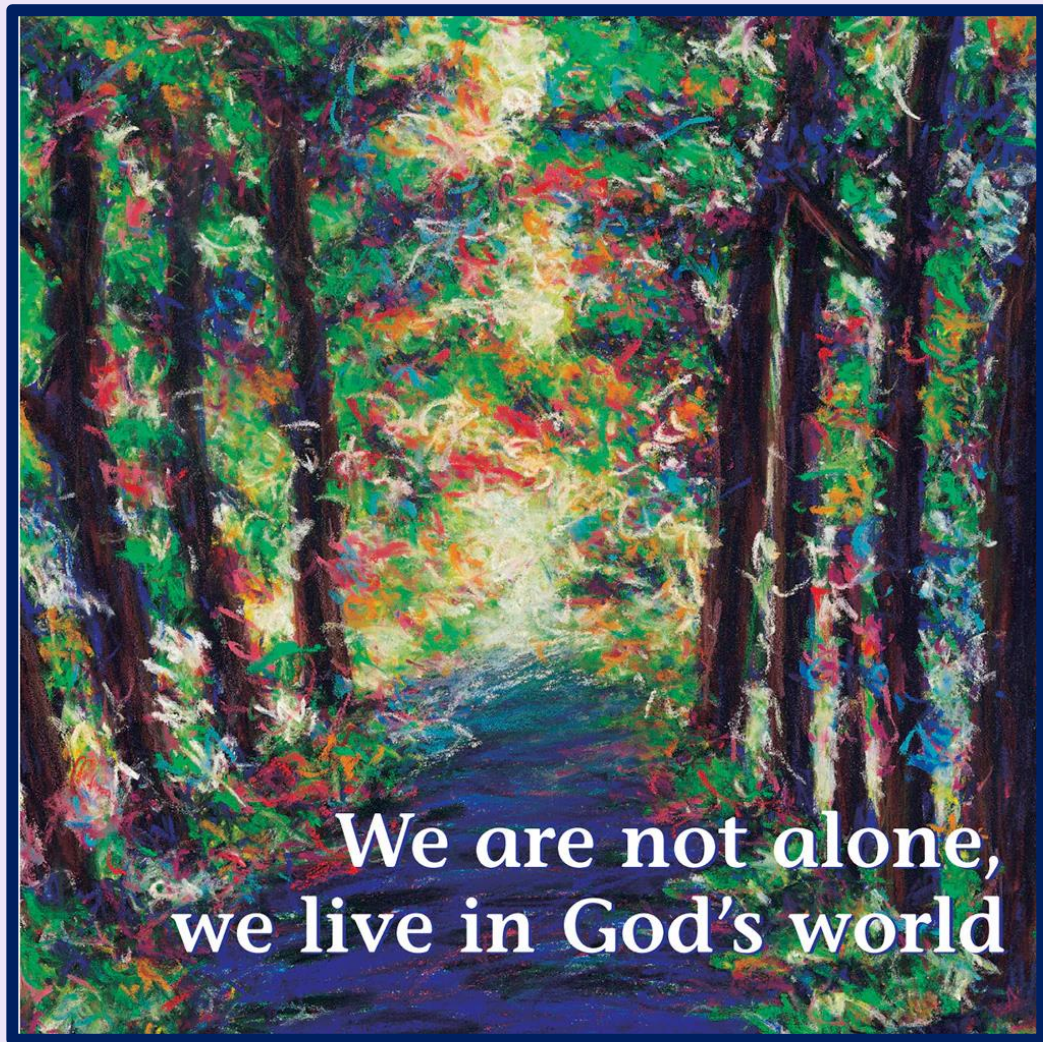
Matthew 10:30

...even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.



If that is how God clothes the grass of the field...
will he not much more clothe you?





In life,
in death and in life
beyond death,
God is with us,
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.
Amen



No Need to Fear

No need to fear when times of trouble come
Oppression's storm beats at your door
No need to fear though evil seems so strong
Their pride and power is not for long.

Be still my soul and trust in God
And place your life into his hands
For he will never fail you
And in the morning you'll see his face
No need to fear; don't fear.

No need to fear the envy and the scorn
Of those who boast in what they own
No need to fear.

For what remains when life's brief day is done
Their glories are a setting sun
But as for me, of this I'm sure
God will redeem my soul from death
And he will never fail me
And in the morning I'll see his face

And he will never fail you
No one can tear you from his love
And he will never forsake you
And in the morning you'll see his face
No need to fear, don't fear.



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Community Prayer

Dear God,

You know how we struggle to break of worry and fear,
but it's so hard to do. In spite of our best efforts,
we just can't do it alone.



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Don't let us forget that you are our hope and comfort;
that no matter what, you are always there for us. Lord,
we give thanks that we are not alone. Help us keep our
eyes turned to you. *Amen*



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Communion

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Holy Communion



My sisters and brothers, Christ invites us all to His table. He asks that we love him, confess our sins, and grow close to him in faith.

In this holy space, let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive his holy sacrament.

Prayer of Confession & Declaration of Forgiveness

Our heavenly Father, You know how often we stumble. We don't come to this table trusting in ourselves; but instead, trusting in You and Your unfailing mercy.

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, which proves His love and grace. We are a forgiven people. ***Amen***

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you;

Congregation: and also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: It is a good and joyful thing to always give thanks to you.
Even when we turned away and our love failed, your love
remained steadfast. And so we praise Your Holy name.



Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Leader: God of power and might,
God of power and might,
Leader: Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Leader: Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes
Blessed is the one who comes
Leader: in the name of the Lord.
in the name of the Lord.
Leader: Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.



On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took the bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”



When the supper was over, he took the cup, he gave thanks to You, gave it to his disciples, and said, *“Drink from this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.





Leader: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

Leader: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.



All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.



Blessing of the Elements

Loving and eternal God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the entire world, until Christ comes in final victory. ***Amen***

Breaking of the Bread



Lifting of the Cup



Just as there is one loaf, we who are many are one body.
Just as we all partake of one loaf, the bread which we share
is also a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing of the Blood of Christ.

Partaking of the Elements



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. **Amen**



God Will Take Care of You



Be not dismayed whatever betide,
God will take care of you.
Beneath his wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you.
When dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you.

All you may need he will provide,
God will take care of you.
Nothing you ask will be denied.
God will take care of you.

No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you.
Lean, weary one, upon his breast,
God will take care of you.

**God will take care of you, through every day, over all the way
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.**



Offering and Doxology

UM Hymnal 95



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



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Benediction