



**Welcome to**  
 Maggie Valley United Methodist Church  
 July 24, 2022                      Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
 10:30 am Worship Service

**THE GATHERING**

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY  
 PRELUDE  
 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We greet our neighbors in Christ's name*  
 The Lord's My Shepherd

OPENING PRAYER

God, Our Holy Parent, there are moments we feel as though we are separated from you, times where we have chosen our own agendas over you. As we gather to worship today, remind us that despite our wandering souls, you are still "home" to us. Thank you, nurturing God, for welcoming us into this space today.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Children of the Living God!  
**P: God loves us with the love of a parent.**  
 L: Children of the Living God!  
**P: Despite our failings, God continues to save us.**  
 L: Children of the Living God!  
**ALL: We are here to worship the God of love, justice, peace and grace.**  
**Come Holy Spirit! AMEN.**

HYMN OF WORSHIP    **"It Is Well With My Soul"**                      **#377**

**PRAISE AND RESPONSE**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Heavenly Father, **We lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours.** Sometimes we carry our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. **Forgive us Lord, give us strength.** Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be

regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. **Hold us to You, build our relationship with You.** So that we may be your hands and feet on earth. **AMEN**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Family! Our perfect Father has pardoned our sins. We kneel at His feet in awe of His mercy. **Lord, Live in us and with us day by day. Rejoice! We are forgiven!**  
**Amen**

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 138

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Pastor Mike Shirley*

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.**

GLORIA PATRI

**#71**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

**"Seek Ye First"**

**#405**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Compassionate God, you know us in every step of our lives and in every misstep. We all have stories that we tell with pride and those we would hide and long to forget – but you know them all. We bring our gifts to you this day, knowing that your love is not dependent on our best moments but on how we have persevered in finding the discipleship path after we have fallen short. May our gifts and our lives themselves be a witness to your relentless love. **We pray in the holy name of Christ, our redeemer. AMEN.**

OFFERTORY

The Church's One Foundation

DOXOLOGY

#95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:20-24, 28 & 31-32

SERMON "No Place Like Home – The Father"

*Pastor Cole*

**WE ARE SENT TO SERVE**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Coming Home"

Cole and Lindsay Altizer

THE BLESSING  
POSTLUDE

**Maggie Valley United Methodist Church**  
**"Knowing Christ, Growing Faith, Serving Others"**  
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**WE ARE STARTING A PRESCHOOL!** We are working hard to be ready for the opening of Maggie Valley UMC Preschool on September 6th. Gail Quick will be the Preschool Director and we will look to hire one other teacher to work alongside her. We will limit the number of students to 10 for the first year (3-4-year-olds) with hope and plans to grow to no more than 20 next year. This isn't going to be your ordinary preschool. It is a ministry of the church. **An outreach to our neighbors. A labor of love. The plan is to charge \$125/month for each student to attend Tuesday-Thursday, 8:30-12:00.** If you do the math, that means we are charging less than \$3/hour for an exceptional educational experience for those experiencing poverty in Haywood County. Gail, the Board at MVUMC and I are all convinced that the only way this will be successful is with YOUR help. There will be opportunities for you to volunteer, read and love on the kids this year, but right now we could use your help. Please consider joining alongside us in any of the following ways:

1. Prayer -- We need you to pray with us and for us as we do the work of preparing the space, reaching out to prospective families and being ready for this fall.
2. Financial Support -- The preschool will not be part of the budget of MVUMC. That being said, we will need the financial support of members like you to make this work. We are hoping that 12 households will be able to commit to giving \$100/month on top of their current tithing. If we can reach that goal, the preschool will be in a financially comfortable position for the entire year.
  1. A quick note: if you are interested in committing to 12 months of giving to the preschool, please reach out to Pastor Cole. If you would like to give but cannot give \$100 on top of your regular tithing, that is wonderful! Please reach out to Cole and commit whatever God lays on your heart.
3. Presence -- We will need volunteers to help make this work. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Gail Quick and she will look for ways to get you involved this year.

This year's date for the **Holiday Boutique is Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will begin accepting donations of slightly used men and women's clothing, handbags, shoes, jewelry, scarfs, Christmas, and nice gift items. This is an important mission here at Maggie Valley UMC with proceeds going to our food ministries. Last year the boutique raised over \$5,000. The money was given to the Shepherd's Table and the Food Pantry. Please contact Judi Ferris at 828.734.0156 or Pastor Cole for any questions.

### Lectionary Scriptures for Next Week:

**Psalm 49:1-12; Psalm 107:1-9,43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21**

### Upcoming Events

**Our Church Food Pantry operates on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am until noon.** We are asking that everyone in the congregation **bring INSTANT GRITS PACKETS, INSTANT OATMEAL PACKETS, RAMEN NOODLES, and BAR SOAP this month.** Personal hygiene items are appreciated also. Thank you for helping!

**If anyone has a used dryer that they would like to donate to the church, please contact Shirley Saxton 937.681.7034.** Our dryer in the kitchen is on its last leg.

***Becoming Rooted: One Hundred Days of Reconnecting with Sacred Earth*** last meeting will be August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

**The next barn sale will be Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 7am to 2pm.** Proceeds will benefit our church ministries. On Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, we'll meet at 9am to set up for the sale. If you have any gently used items to donate, please contact the church office. **If you can help with set up or at the sale, please contact Barb Planchock at 828.400.3144.**

**The youth group will meet Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** in the library. Dinner will be served. **The youth will NOT meet the month of August.** Anyone 18 and under are invited to attend. **If you can provide a meal, please contact Belinda.**

#### **Disciple Fast Track Old Testament 2022**

**Begins: Wednesday August 24, 6:00 -7:45 PM**

**Ends: Wednesday, November 16**

Room: To Be Announced

Study Manual: \$15

Disciple Fast Track is a United Methodist Bible study series for busy individuals. If you would like to gain a better understanding of the Old Testament and want to grow as a disciple, consider participating in this weekly study led by Mike and Sue Shirley.

**Please register by calling the church office (828) 926-8036. If you would like additional information about the study, please call/text Sue Shirley (804) 714-6320.**

**Join Pastor Mike on Wednesday from 6pm-7pm in the Grace Classroom for the last session:**

July 27: "The Lost Coin, The Lost Sheep, & Two Lost Boys", Luke 15

You already know this, but prayer matters. Prayer makes a difference in our own lives and those around us. We want to be a praying church! **Join us for a time of prayer on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:00 in the library.**