



**Welcome to**  
 Maggie Valley United Methodist Church  
 July 7, 2024  
 10:30 am Worship Service

**THE GATHERING**

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*We greet our neighbors in Christ's name*

PRELUDE

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you have a prayer request or celebration that you would like to share with us, please complete the prayer card and an usher will collect them during the first song.*

*\*Indicates to please stand if able.*

\*CHORUS

"Bind Us Together"

TFWS #2226

SILENT REFLECTION

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 4:1-6

Hear the words of the Apostle Paul. As a prisoner for the Lord I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

**Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.**

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;

**One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

Come, let us worship the Lord who has called us to his glorious grace. Let us live in a manner worthy of his name and keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

\*HYMN

"We Are One in the Spirit"

TFWS #2223

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Our Personal Affirmations

**PRAISE AND RESPONSE**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**My God, God of mercy and compassion, I thank You for restoring us to friendship with You, so now let us not forget the purpose of Your forgiveness. In this life, we can love You, each other, and those in the world who need love the most. As You have opened Your arms of acceptance to us, free us to no longer close ourselves off from You, and others. May we reflect Your love in the world with a spirit of openness. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Dear friends, you are indeed received by God. You are also challenged to share with others the love that you have received. Now, love others through the energizing power of the God's love. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 125:1-2

Caryl D'Amico

Those who trust in the LORD are as secure as Mount Zion; they will not be defeated but will endure forever.

Just as the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, both now and forever.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHORAL AMEN

\*GLORIA PATRI

#71

\*HYMN

"Forward Through the Ages"

#555

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Hymn Medley"

Choir

\*DOXOLOGY

#95

**GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED**

\*EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 3:7-14

<sup>7</sup> (What I trusted in, in the past, I once thought was) valuable, but now I consider those things worthless because of what Christ has done. <sup>8</sup> Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have

discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, <sup>11</sup> so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

<sup>12</sup> I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. <sup>13</sup> No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

SERMON                                      The Right Place to Focus!                                      Rev. Mike Shirley

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING A Service of Word and Table III                                      #15  
(gluten free wafer available for those who would like one, rather than bread)

THE LORD'S PRAYER  
HOLY COMMUNION  
PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

**WE ARE SENT TO SERVE**

\*HYMN                                      "Here I Am, Lord"                                      #593

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE                                      "O Zion Haste"

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Large Print Bulletin

**Today we honor Rev. Mike Shirley and his wife, Sue. We thank God for them!**

**United Women in Faith** will **meet on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.** Help us to place new benches near the cross, by the creek. Any donations may be marked **UWF Benches!**

**Connections Sunday School** meets Sunday at **9am** in the Grace classroom and has started a new series called "God and Race", A Guide for Moving Beyond Black Fists and White Knuckles.

**You are invited to join Choir practice** on **Sunday morning at 10am** in the Choir room!

Pastor Mike and Sue's **Wednesday night Bible Study** will continue with "**The Chosen**" at 6pm in the Choir room.

The **Grace Bible Study Class** will meet on Fridays at **9:30am** in the Daisy Classroom.

**The Worship Committee will meet at 10am on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Congregational Care Team will meet on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am.**

**The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

**The Men's Group will meet on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm.** And the group will have their **Monthly Breakfast on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 8am.**

**AA Group meets in the Fellowship Hall each Saturday evening at 7pm.**

**Our Church Food Pantry operates on Monday & Wednesday from 10am to noon.** We are asking for **Ramen noodles, spaghetti noodles, chicken noodle soup, peanut butter 18oz, jelly, instant oats, flavored grits and granola bars** this month.

Would you like to volunteer to be a **Host or Hostess** for outside events held at the church? We occasionally need help with locking / unlocking the building and greeting groups. Please let Shelly know if you are interested.

**Pastor Dianne's first day in the office** will be tomorrow, Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>! Plan to stay after Worship on July 14<sup>th</sup> for a reception for her!

Lectionary for Next Sunday

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19</u> | <u>Amos 7:7-15</u>   | <u>Ephesians 1:3-14</u> | <u>Mark 6:14-29</u> |
| <u>Psalm 24</u>               | <u>Psalm 85:8-13</u> |                         |                     |

