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Bulletin – October 26, 2025

Humble Faith

Choosing Faith Worship Series, Week 4

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



** P - Pastor Bold - C: Congregation responds **

P: Lord, Help us to change, to be more like you.

C: Lord, Increase my faith.

P: Lord, Help us to change fully, not just partially.

C: Lord, Strengthen my faith.

P: Lord, Help us be persistent in discipleship.

C: Lord, Guide my faith journey.

P: Lord, Help us be humble and look to you in all things.

C: Lord, Hear my prayers, that through my faith in you, all my words and actions bring you glory.

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

** All to recite in unison **

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the

communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Gloria Patri

p. 70 UMH

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.

Opening Hymn – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty p. 139 UMH

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

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

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 65:1-5 (CEB)

** L - Leader Bold - C: Congregation responds **

L: ¹ God of Zion, to you even silence is praise. Promises made to you are kept—

C: ² you listen to prayer—and all living things come to you.

L: 3 When wrongdoings become too much for me, you forgive our

sins.

C: 4 How happy is the one you choose to bring close, the one who lives in your courtyards!

L: We are filled full by the goodness of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

C: 5 In righteousness you answer us, by your awesome deeds,

L: God of our salvation—you, who are the security

C: of all the far edges of the earth, even the distant seas.

Hymn – Spirit of the Living God

p. 393 UMH x 2

Gospel Reading - Luke 18:9-14 (CEB)

⁹ Jesus told this parable to certain people who had convinced themselves that they were righteous and who looked on everyone else with disgust:¹⁰ "Two people went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself with these words, 'God, I thank you that I'm not like everyone else—crooks, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of everything I receive.' ¹³ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He wouldn't even lift his eyes to look toward heaven. Rather, he struck his chest and said, 'God, show mercy to me, a sinner.' ¹⁴ I tell you, this person went down to his home justified rather than the Pharisee. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up."

Sermon – Humble Faith

Closing Hymn: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me p. 361 UMH

Benediction & Commission

What greater joy can we know that to go home justified because of our humility before God who redeems? Let us leave this place to live as we came in – openly and desiring to praise God and witness to a saving love. Go in humble grace. In Christ's name. Amen!

Lectionary Readings beginning November 2, 2025 All Saints Sunday

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 | Psalm 119:137-144 | 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 | Luke 19:1-10

Announcements

- Trunk or Treat will be held in the church parking lot today from 3-5 PM. Please come on out for some fun dressed in your scariest costume with your trunk full of goodies.
- The Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse are due by November 10, 2025. The processing fee is \$10.00 for each box that you fill. Make one check payable to Samaritan's Purse and give to Faye Seats.
- Faye Seats will be collecting money for poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary for Christmas. If you wish to purchase one or more, in memory or in honor of a loved one, or just to decorate the sanctuary, please place your order and payment with Faye no later than November 2, 2025. The cost of each poinsettia is \$16.00. Please make checks payable to Union UMC. These beautiful poinsettias will be placed in the church by December 7, 2025, the first Sunday of Advent.
- Gifts have been given to the glory of God and in Memory of Rosie Burton by Frank Dalton, Norma Jean Harbin and Faye Seats.

- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in Memory of Harold Langley by Phil and Lissa Seats.
- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in Memory of Frances V.
 Gough by Phil and Lissa Seats.
- Sunday, October 19, 2025, was Laity Sunday in the United Methodist Church. Phil Seats was the recipient of the 2025 Laity Service Award at Union UMC.

Prayer List

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner Wanda Needham Frank Dalton Barbara Perryman

Sherry Doub Frances Sisk

Family of Frances V. Gough

<u>Church Friend / Extended Family</u>

Tommy Bost Kevin McDaniel
Tammy Seats Boyd Mark Megela
Jimmy & Deborah Branch Ronnie Mudd
Jane Bullin Jay D. Prevette

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Leisha Carpenter Vivian Royal

Joe Dean Hal Seats

Mack Edwards Phillip Seats

Mary File Mary Ellen Smith

Garry Harbin Kim Triplette

Kathy Harbin Mark Wall

Lynda Harper Ann Wallace

Ronald Howell Robert and Susan Warren

David Joyner Jeremy Wilson

Charles Kurfees Savannah Wooten

Kevin McBride

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October Birthdays

Cindy Ball Toshie	5	Serena Manring	16
Carlin Burton	7	Mark Bumgardner	25
Cailin Tovah	8	Cary Disher	28
Marshall Kellam	11	Brittany Pitts Mote	28
Debbie Wall Cooke	14	Makinzie Mote	28

November Birthdays

David Disher	3	Rodney Horne	23
Lynn Gough Horne	15	Barbara Hutchins	23
Angela Luck	18	Jake Disher	25
Franklin Dalton	19	Landon Pellington	27
Carolyn Disher	21	Reece Matthews	28

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee, or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.

Amen!

SERMON NOTES

•	Where did you hear God speaking to you in today's message?
•	What main thought(s) can you use this coming week?
•	Did you hear anything new and/or different from the scripture or the message today?
•	What reaffirmed or challenged you?
•	Additional thoughts and/or ideas?