

✠ **HYMN OF PREPARATION** “Take Time to Be Holy” UMH #395

✠ **SCRIPTURE READING** *Mark 4:26-34*

SERMON “Growing like weeds” Rev. Howard James

✠ **HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** “Hymn of Promise” UMH #707
 (You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

✠ **CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

✠ **BENEDICTION**

✠ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

May we feel the love of God growing within our hearts as we go into God’s world, planting seeds of love, mercy, joy, and peace in all that we say and do. Be at peace and serve God. AMEN.

✠ **POSTLUDE** “Maestoso” C. Gaudimel Nan Leggett, Organist

✠ Please stand if you are able.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God,
and in honor of Father’s Day.*

SERVING THIS MORNING

Greeters.....Rob Conway & Tom Leggett
Music Director.....L.A. Cothorn
Organist.....Nan Leggett
Pianist.....Geneva Ashley
Altar Committee.....Celia Lynch, Sandy Turner,
 Margie Rabon, Elizabeth Gibson and Gina Deans

WHITEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
 Father’s Day
 June 16, 2024



Mission Statement of Whiteville United Methodist Church
 As people of the body of Christ, we will gather for and be strengthened by Word and Sacraments, participate in loving fellowship, grow in discipleship, and serve our community and the world in Christ’s name.

Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church

Thank you for worshiping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, program, and ministry life here.

We hope the worship will inspire and comfort you as we hear God's message proclaimed. During this time, now more than ever, may the grace and love of Christ surround you.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please use a microphone.)

Rob Conway

PRELUDE

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Nan Leggett, Organist

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(Symbolizing the presence of the Spirit of the Lord in our service.)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

✠ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All around us, God is looking for folks who will join in serving others.

People: It is as if God is planting seeds of compassion in us, watching for them to bloom in our lives.

Leader: In our midst, Jesus is walking among us, tending our hearts, watering us with grace.

People: It is as if Jesus is trusting that our souls will grow big enough to welcome everyone.

Leader: From morning to evening, the Spirit is at work, gently tending this garden called life.

People: It is as if the Spirit has found the perfect spots to bring forth crops of justice and peace.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is My Father's World"

UMH #144

✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

God of small seeds and mighty plants, you take our meager lives and with your love cause them to produce acts of loving kindness for you in this world. You hear our cries and find us when we are lost and wandering in fear. You bring us home with you so that we may be made whole, rejoicing in your goodness. Help us to joyfully serve you all our days, knowing that you are always watching over us. Prepare our hearts to receive your word and our spirits to respond in eagerness to serve you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

✠ APOSTLES' CREED

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.

✠ GLORIA PATRI

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.

✠ WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND RESPONSE

Leader: Have mercy on us, Heavenly Father, as you pour your forgiveness into our selfish lives. Plant the seeds of grace, hope, love, and peace in us, so we may blossom and share all these gifts with everyone we meet.

People: God's love is not logical and understandable. For God forgives those we never would, and welcomes those we would continue to ignore. This is the One who has mercy on everyone, pouring grace and joy into everyone, including us! Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

✠ THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE

Piano Selection

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Chancel Choir

"Just a Closer Walk" arr. by Jack Schaefer

✠ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

"Praise God"

UMH# 95

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church.

Visitors, please complete a Visitor's Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offertory basket in the Narthex. We are happy to have you here with us today. Thank you.

New Email Platform! Our new email platform is up and running. If you are not receiving our weekly emails please contact the office.

Summer Office Hours: July- August our church office hours will be 9:00-1:00.

An Alzheimer's Awareness Walk will be held at our church Friday, June 14 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The walk will be 1 mile and is free to anyone who would like to participate. If you would like to help us get the word out there are flyers available in the office to pass out or leave at businesses around town. Thank you!

The Sunshine Group (**ALL SPOTS ARE RESERVED**) will travel to Southport for lunch at Fishy Fishy, the Southport Fun Tour, and a sweet treat at Nonnie's Baking Company. Cost is \$15.00 for the tour and you will need money for lunch and a sweet treat. We will meet at 10:30 Friday, June 21 in the back parking lot at the church. Seating is very limited so please reach out to Tammie McCullum ASAP to reserve your spot.

Coming Soon...VBS!! Our Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, August 18 – Tuesday, August 20, 5:00-8:00 p.m. We need volunteers! If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to Debbie Conway or Pastor Howard.



Prayer Concerns: Phil Stoll, Wendy Hood, Robert & Cynthia Page, Sara Brooks, Alan Pait, Emily Stephens, Tiffany Locklear, John Turner, Sabra Allen, Peggy & Ralph Huffman, Jim Rabon, Lynda Thompson, Dan Biser, Marie Burnham Thompson, Thetus Sessions, Dan Smith, Carolyn & David Nix, Melinda Cook, Margaret Hicks, Bob & Alma Deans, Wayne Overcash, Jan Avant, Jim Hill, Grant Smith, John and Louise Barkley.

Prayer Requests: Contact the Church Office at wumc@whitevilleumc.org to add or remove names.

Ongoing ministries:

Adult Sunday School: Meet in classroom @ 9:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School (ages 3-12): Upstairs classroom @ 9:00 a.m.

Caregivers Support Group: 2nd Thursday of the month @ 1:00 p.m. in the parlor

Reaching Out: 4th Tuesday of the month @ 6 p.m. at Dale's Seafood

Fifty-Plus Exercise Class: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the parlor

Choir Rehearsals: Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.

Handbell Rehearsals: Will resume in September.

Boy Scouts [ages 11-18] Mondays @ 7:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts [ages 6-10] Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: @ 9:30 a.m. in the parlor

Preschool [ages 2-4] Monday – Friday 8:15-11:30 a.m.

<i>2024 Church Budget</i>	<i>\$262,331.00</i>
<i>As of 06/09, Needed</i>	<i>\$116,035.00</i>
<i>As of 06/09, Received</i>	<i>\$92,412.00</i>
<i>Needed Each Sunday</i>	<i>\$5,045.00</i>
<i>Received on 06/09</i>	<i>\$7,280.00</i>
<i>Attendance 06/09</i>	<i>33</i>