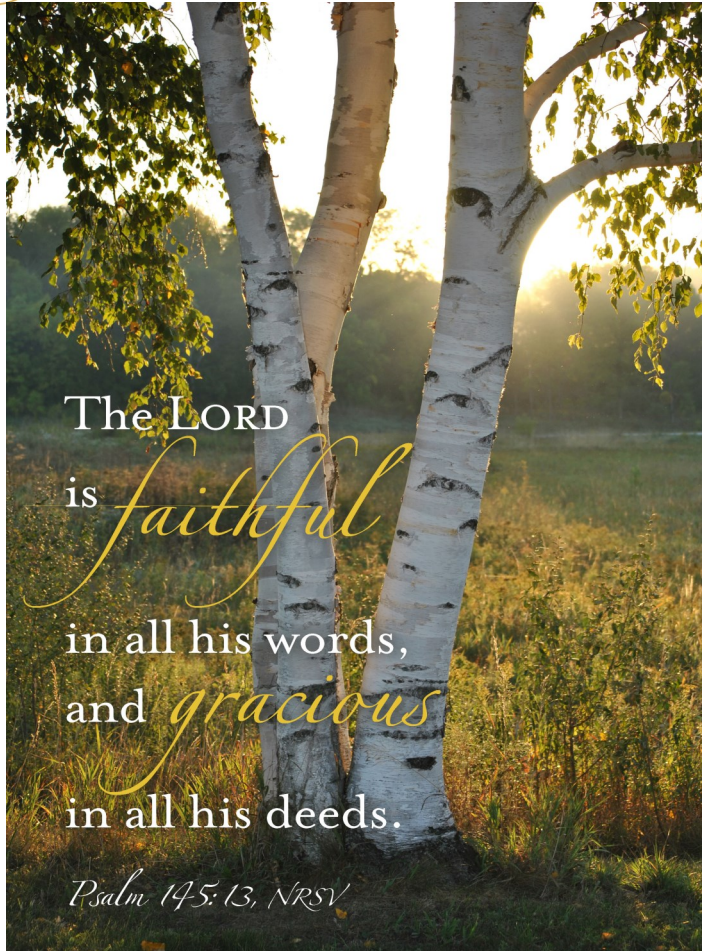




FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
oxford

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021*



The LORD
is *faithful*
in all his words,
and *gracious*
in all his deeds.

Psalm 145: 13, NRSV

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MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Yohan Hong

Passing the Peace

“God’s Peace Be with You!”

*Vision Statement

Oxford First United Methodist Church is Jesus-Centered,
Grace-Filled, and Committed to Transforming Lives to Christ.

*Call to Worship

L: The heavens shout of God’s glory!

P: There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens!

L: Day by day we are reminded of God’s creative love.

P: Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God’s glory.

L: Come, let us praise the God of creation.

P: Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God. AMEN.

*Opening Prayer

Lord, we have come this day to hear your words of healing love and hope. Enter our hearts and our spirits and teach us to follow you. Give us courage and strength to be your faithful disciples. AMEN.

*Songs of Praise

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

1. I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.

2. The world behind me, the cross before me . . .

3. Though none go with me, still I will follow . . .

“How Great Thou Art”

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art,
How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

*Affirmation of Faith

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

Nomination Committee meets this Wednesday, September 15, at 6:30 pm at TMMC.

Cheaha District Picnic-Join Us at Camp Lee on Sunday, September 19, from 12:30-5:00 pm. Gather at the Ark at 12:30 pm for registration & name tags. Covid-19 protocols will be observed according to CDC guidelines. Event details in this week's Newsletter.

We will resume Wednesday Meal September 22. The cost will be \$5 per person or \$15 max. We will be observing safe practices. We look forward to seeing you for good food and fellowship.

Observing guidelines— As a result of low vaccination rates & easily transmitted variants, the new guidance as of July 27, 2021, by CDC and also by our Bishop, “**recommends**” that even fully vaccinated people wear masks in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission regardless of your vaccination status. Your cooperation is highly appreciated!

Nursery— If you plan to bring your children to Sunday morning worship and need childcare in the nursery, please inform the church office in advance, by Thursday morning.

Small Groups— If you want to grow spiritually and stay connected with the church, please find a small group for you.

- **New Disciples Sunday School Class**— Sundays at 9:30 am in TMMC. *For the safety issue, the doors of the TMMC will be open at 9:20 am.*
- **Children's Sunday School**- 9:30 am on the 2nd floor of the Educational Building.
- **Youth Sunday School**— 9:30 am; and Youth also meet at 5:30 pm on Sundays and in the Youth Room on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.
- **Young Adults** meet Sundays at 5:00 pm on the second floor of the Educational Building or at the Shipley's.
- **See You at the Storehouse** will resume via zoom on September 14 (Tuesday) at 6:30 pm. This small group is for everyone who wants to grow spiritually through the Word of God and fellowship with other believers. The textbook is *Finding My Way Home: Pathways to Life and the Spirit* by Henri Nouwen. (You can order it online by yourself or ask the pastor to order it.) This group will meet via Zoom for six weeks on Tuesdays with topics like The Path of Power, the Path of Peace, The Path of Waiting, and the Path of Living and Dying. If you are interested, please let your pastor know.

Church Office Hours- Mondays (9am – 4:30pm), Tuesdays (8:30 am - 4:30pm), Wednesday and Thursday mornings (9am-12pm). During the rest of the week, calls will be forwarded to Beverly at home until 4:30 pm.

Pastor's Office Hours-Tuesday to Friday mornings (9am-12pm). Please know that your pastor is at the office for the availability of pastoral care.

Shepherding Groups-Please cooperate with your leader to take care of your group members, and check in with one another. If someone needs further pastoral care, please let your pastor know about that.

[Mission] **Oxford First United Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

[Vision] **Oxford First United Methodist Church is Jesus-Centered, Grace-Filled, and Committed to Transforming Lives to Christ.**

[Core Values] **Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk Taking Mission and Service, Extravagant Generosity.**