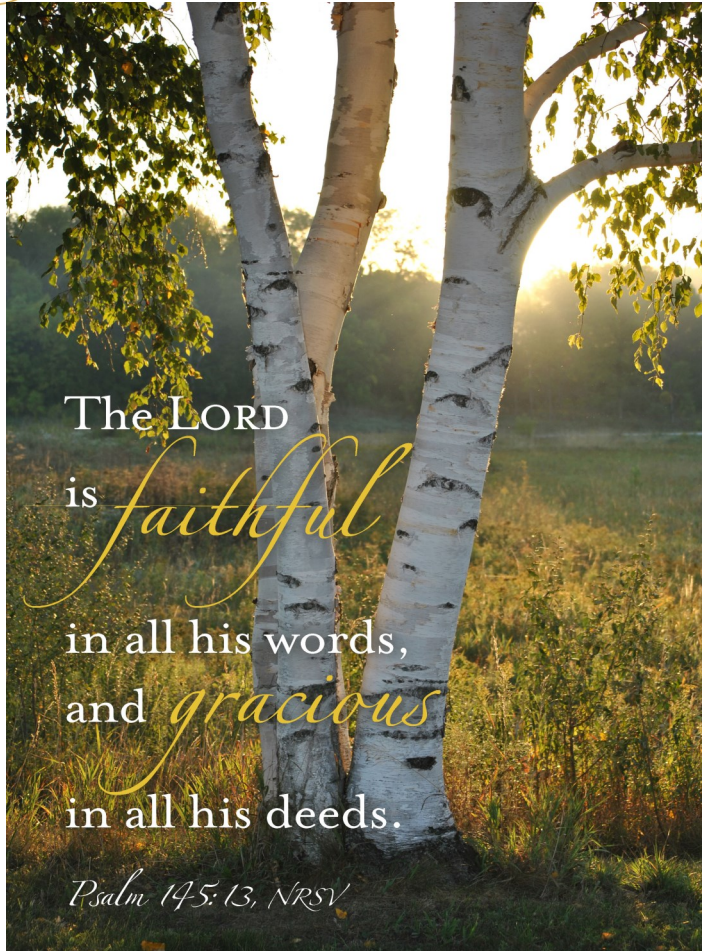




FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
oxford

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 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

“Our Great Savior”

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: Who is wise and understanding among us?

P: Those who seek wisdom and understanding each and every day. Those who delight in God and meditate on God’s law.

L: Come, learn more about the wisdom from above, a wisdom that yields a harvest of righteousness.

P: O God, your wisdom is more precious than jewels! We draw near to you.

*Opening Prayer

Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance for our lives. Open us to your words of life and love and truth. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts. In this time of worship, help us more fully understand what it means to truly be a disciple, a follower of the way of Jesus, a follower of the path of wisdom. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

*Songs of Praise

“Blessed Assurance”

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **Refrain.**

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

***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 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.

Offertory and Individual Prayer Time “He Is Lord”

For in-person worshipers, you can drop off your offerings in the plates where you enter and exit the sanctuary. For online worshipers, please remember to mail in your offerings to the church post office box.

“Along with our monetary offering, we also offer ourselves to God. Bring your anxiety, fear, concern, hope, and desire to the Altar.” Hear God’s voice for you: “Surrender. Trust me. I love you.”

***Doxology** 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.

Pastoral Prayer and 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, for ever and ever. Amen

Sermon

**James (11): “The Prayer of Faith”
James 5:13:20**

Rev. Dr. Yohan Hong

***Hymn of Commitment “In These Dark Days”**

In these dark days lift up your eyes to Jesus, Lift up your eyes
He's still upon the throne, And come what may, He never will
forsake you For He is God to Him all things are known.

Lift up your eyes He still is there, Be not dismayed He knows
your weight of care In these dark days lift up your eyes
to Jesus And trust in Him He will your burden bear.

I will be still, Know You are God

Benediction

***Postlude**

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

Cheaha District Picnic-has been canceled due to the prediction of inclement weather this afternoon.

Meetings-Trustees at 2:30 pm today in the Forum; **Church Council/Finance** today at 4:00 pm in the Forum and **SPRC** at 6:30 pm Wednesday, September 22 in the Forum

Wednesday Meal-This Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the TMMC. Please fill out form included in today's bulletin.

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** is a 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 *four more 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. It's not too late yet to join this group. 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.

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[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.**

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