



*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 5, 2021*



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# MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

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: Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

**P: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.**

L: Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

**P: Lord, help us to work for you.**

L: Lord, make us ready to serve.

**P: Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love. AMEN.**

\*Opening Prayer

Lord of mercy and compassion, be with us this day as we hear of the healing love of Jesus. Remind us that we are also recipients of his compassion and we are called to bring the same hope and love to others. Prepare us for service in His Name. AMEN.

\*Song of Praise

“He Touched Me”

1. Shackled by a heavy burden, neath a load of guilt and shame,  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.

**Refrain:** He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul!  
Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.

2. Since I met this blessed Savior, since he cleansed and made me whole,  
I will never cease to praise him; I’ll shout it while eternity rolls. **Refrain.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**UMH No. 881**

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.

**\*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.

**Holy Communion and Lord's Prayer**

**Rev. Dr. Yohan Hong**

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 (9): "Uncertain Tomorrow"  
James 4:13-17**

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**\*Hymn of Commitment**

**"Because He Lives"**

1. God sent His son, they called Him Jesus He came to love, heal, and forgive.  
He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

[Refrain] Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives,  
All fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

3. And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory  
and I'll know He lives.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**"Simple Gifts"**

The **Church Office** will be closed Monday, September 6, for Labor Day.

**Memorial Service** for W. Larry Grizzard Friday, September 11, at 11:00 am at Oxford First. Lunch will be served afterward.

**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 will be in this week's Newsletter.

**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.**

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