

**Cornerstone Methodist Church**  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – July 7, 2024**

*“Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners,  
so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” Hebrews 12:3*

**GATHERING AS A CHURCH**

**Prelude**

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Welcome and Announcements (p. 4)**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul! And all that is within me, bless God’s holy name!

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God’s benefits;**

Leader: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

**People: Who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.**

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is the Lord’s steadfast love toward the faithful.

**People: As far as the east is from the west, so far does the Lord remove our transgressions from us.**

**All: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to the faithful.**

**Opening Songs**

**Opening Prayer**

Help me, O Lord to be true to you and your calling: I would be true, for there are those who trust me; I would be pure, for there are those who care. I would be strong, for there is much to suffer; I would be brave, for there is much to dare. I would be friend to all, the foe, the friendless; I would be giving, and forget the gift; I would be humble, for I know my weakness. I would look up, and laugh and love and up-lift, by your grace and strength, Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.

**Time of Silence**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Sung Response**

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.

## HEARING THE WORD

Time for Youth

Pastor Gary

**Offering of Tithes and Gifts**

**Doxology / Prayer of Dedication**

**Joys, Risks, and Concerns**

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 forever. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading**

II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

**Hymn of Preparation**    *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*    UMH 66 (p. 3)

**Gospel Reading**

Mark 6:1-13

**Message**

*"Leadership is No Picnic"*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Communion Hymn**

*"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

UMH 396 (p. 3)

**Holy Communion Invitation**

**Prayer of Confession and Pardon (unison)**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, and we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ***(All pray in silence.)***

**Pastor:** Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All:** Glory to God. Amen.

**Taking the Bread & Cup / Giving the Bread & Cup**

**Prayer after Receiving (unison)**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SENDING FORTH

**Closing Hymn**

*"Leave It There"*

UMH 522 (p. 3)

**Benediction**

### **Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven – UMH 66**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress; praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.

Fatherlike, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows; motherlike, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.

Angels in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face; saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

### **O Jesus I Have Promised – UMH 396**

O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end; Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle If Thou art by my side, Nor wander from the pathway If Thou wilt be my guide.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised To all who follow Thee, That where Thou art in glory, There shall Thy servant be; And, Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end; O give me grace to follow My Master and my friend!

O let me feel thee near me, the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear: my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

### **Leave It There – UMH 522**

If the world from you withhold of its silver and its gold, and you have to get along with meager fare, just remember in his Word how he feeds the little bird, take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. *(Refrain)*

*Refrain: Leave it there, leave it there, take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. If you trust and never doubt, He will surely bring you out; take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.*

If your body suffers pain, and your health you can't regain, and your soul is almost sinking in despair, Jesus knows the pain you feel, he can save and he can heal, take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. *(Refrain)*

When your enemies assail, and your heart begins to fail, don't forget that God in heaven answers prayer; he will make a way for you, and will lead you safely through, take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. *(Refrain)*

When your youthful days are done, and old age is stealing on, and your body bends beneath the weight of care, he will never leave you then, he'll go with you to the end, take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. *(Refrain)*

### **Worship Opportunities**

Praising & Praying @ 9:45 AM  
Family Sunday School @ 10 AM – Worship @ 11 AM  
Drive-Up/Outdoor on FM radio 107.5  
Online Worship on Christian World Media & Facebook  
Contemporary Worship – Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM

### **Personal Growth Opportunities**

Our Wednesday evening Bible study  
will continue in July

### **Service Opportunities**

Long-Term Care Worship – July 21<sup>st</sup> @ 3:30 PM  
Helping Hands at AG Church – Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Fellowship Opportunities**

Visit each other in-person, or call/text  
No-Host Breakfast Saturdays @ 8 AM at The Owl Club

### **Upcoming Church Meetings**

Admin Council – Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM

### **Serving Our Church Today**

Worship Leader-Shawn Jones; Music-Keith Jones;  
Liturgist-Doug Staton; Message-Gary Robbins;  
Piano-Sonja Sherve & Blayne Jones;  
Acolyte-Blayne Jones; Lay Leader-Doug Staton

### **Prayer List and Chain**

Contact Verona Dohms at 635-2742 or Shawn Jones at 635-2335 to have your needs, concerns, or joys placed on our Prayer List or Prayer Chain.

### **Tithes and Offerings**

You may give to our church online thru our website:

<https://www.cornerstonemethodistchurchbattlemountain.org/> and click on the “Give to our church” button or at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=6593200>

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