

**Cornerstone Methodist Church**  
**Third Sunday after Pentecost – June 9, 2024**

*“Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.” Mark 20:35*

**GATHERING AS A CHURCH**

**Prelude**

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

L: In the times of trouble, when all seemed hopeless, I cried out to God.

**P: And the Lord heard my pleas and answered me.**

L: When I felt lost and alone, I looked for God.

**P: And God found me and brought me home.**

L: When my life was filled with joy and blessing, I danced and praised God.

**P: And God danced and rejoiced with me. Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

**Opening Songs**

**Opening Prayer**

Patient Lord, you know how we are. We let the frustrations and worries of our lives overcome us. Our hearts seem to buckle under the weight of anger and confusion. And we turn away from you, sure that you can do nothing to alleviate our strife. How foolish we are! How faithless we are! Please forgive us. Help us to learn that you are actively involved in our lives, not as a “puppet master” but as a creative co-worker, seeking healing and hope not only for each of us, but for the whole world. Make us into disciples of peace and compassion; for we ask this in Jesus’ Name. 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**

Doug Staton

**Psalms Reading**

Psalm 138

**Hymn of Preparation** “In Christ There Is No East or West”

UMH 548 (p. 3)

**Gospel Reading**

John 3:1-17

**Message**

The Family of God’s Kingdom

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Song of Response** “Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother” TFWS 2225 (p. 3)

**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.

## **SENDING FORTH**

**Closing Hymn** “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” UMH 514 (p. 3)

### **Benediction**

Go now in peace, knowing the miracles that God has produced in your life. Be assured that there are still more miracles to come. Bear witness to God’s love to all you meet. In the name of the Creator, the Holy One who resides with you always, go in peace. AMEN.

### **In Christ There Is No East or West – UMH 548**

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north; but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free; both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north; all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

### **Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother – TFWS 2225**

Who is my mother, who is my brother? all those who gather round Jesus Christ: Spirit-blown people, born from the Gospel sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Differently abled, differently labeled widen the circle round Jesus Christ: Crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas, all come together round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us—color or status can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ: family failings, human derailings—all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met for one mission we claim each other, round Jesus Christ: Here is my mother, here is my brother, kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

### **Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus – UMH 514**

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross; lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss. From victory unto victory his army shall he lead, till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey; forth to the mighty conflict, in this his glorious day. Ye that are brave now serve him against unnumbered foes; let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone; the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own. Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer; where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long; this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song. To those who vanquish evil a crown of life shall be; they with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

### **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**

Letter of James Bible Study – Session 6  
Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM

### **Service Opportunities**

Helping Hands at AG Church – Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>  
Long-Term Care Worship – June 16<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 PM

### **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- Trevor Jones; Message-Doug Staton;  
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>

### **Our Pastors’ Contact Information**

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