

**Prelude**  
**Greeting and Announcements**  
**Call to Worship**

Children of God, you are welcome here. All of who you are—even your regrets and failings—is welcome here.

**We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.**

Many of us find it easy to recognize our goodness and difficult to notice our sins.

**We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.**

Others of us live under a shroud of guilt and shame, believing we can never be good enough to receive the fullness of God’s love.

**We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.**

However you enter this place, know this: you are loved, accepted, and called. May God’s love draw us to honest confession; God’s acceptance assures us of the work of grace in our lives, and God’s call compels us to live in grace.

**We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God who loves us, accepts us, and calls us. Amen.**

**“O How He Loves You and Me” 2108**

**Verse 1**

O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me! He gave his life. What more could he give? O how he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!

**Verse 2**

Jesus to Calv’ry did go; his love for sinners to show. What he did there brought hope from despair. O how he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!

**Invocation**  
**Worship in Song**

**“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” 133**

**Verse 1**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Refrain:**

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Verse 3**

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Refrain**

**Seek Ye First 405**

**Verse 1**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be, added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

**Verse 2**

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

**Joys and Concerns**  
**Congregational Prayer**

**The 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

<b>Anthem</b>	“Fly Away to Glory”	arr. Hart
<b>Scripture</b>		2 Samuel 11:1-15
<b>Sermon</b>	Call to Confession Worship with Rejoicing	Chris Nolen

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we hear the story of David and wonder how he could so abuse his power—serving his own interests in such a selfish way. How different from the way Jesus used his power—serving, healing, and nurturing others.

**Forgive us when our actions reflect those of David more than those of Jesus.**

The account of David shows someone yielding to temptation by feeding his own particular hunger with disastrous results, whilst Jesus took time to feed the crowds with miraculous results.

**Forgive us the times when we have yielded to the temptation of feeding our own interests to the detriment of others around us.**

David demonstrated how things can get out of control when God’s rules are not followed, while Jesus demonstrates how God’s power can bring peace even into the stormiest situations.

**We confess that the way of the world does reflect more the way of David than the way of Jesus, and we pray that we may be powerfully strengthened by the Holy Spirit to witness to Jesus’ love and compassion in and through all we do and say. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen**

**Invitation to Commitment**

**“I Need Thee Every Hour” 397**

**Verse 1**

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

**Refrain:**

I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee; O bless me now my Savior, I come to thee.

**Verse 2**

I need thee every hour; stay thou near by; temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

**Refrain**

**Verse 5**

I need thee every hour, most Holy One; O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.

**Refrain**

**Offertory**  
**Doxology**

**“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Benediction**

**“Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace” 668**

Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God’s love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord of thee. Amen.

**Postlude**

## Prayer Concerns

To keep our Prayer List current, we plan to RE-SET it at the beginning of every month. If you know someone who needs to be placed on or remain on the prayer list for another month, please call the church office at 256-3632. In the evenings or on weekends call our Pastor, Rev. Brian Coplin. He may be reached by cell phone 318 614 5050 or email him at: rev.coplin@gmail.com.

Carrie Broussard  
Cameron Burr  
Elizabeth Clark  
Family of Charlie Crews  
Wendy Curtis

### Family of Jane Mitchell Hardwick

John Hoagland  
Bobbie Kratz  
Mike Morris  
Conrad & Eeve Smith  
Family of Betty Lou Young (Tammy Luster's mom)

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Billie Lou Luster

## GIVING

In addition to our offertory, online giving is available through our website [fumc-many.com](http://fumc-many.com). You can give to different funds just specify which fund. Checks can be mailed to P. O. Box 1210 Many, LA 71449. Please call church office for additional assistance at 318-256-3632. Thank you.

### Monthly Financial Update

Amount Needed Monthly: \$17,487.00  
Received in June \$14,997.00  
Received in July to date: \$10,600.00

### Year to Date Update

Needed Jan-May: \$87,435.00  
Received Jan-May: \$91,542.00

## Opportunities for the Week

### Sunday, July 28

8:30 a.m. - Coffee Time - FLC  
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary

### Monday, July 29

6:00 p.m. - Scouts

### Tuesday, July 30

12:00 p.m. - Lions Club

### Friday, August 2

9:00 a.m. - Church Office Closed

## Nursery

If you need the nursery please speak to the usher.

### July Church Closing

July 7 - Isgitt  
July 14 - Nolen  
July 21 - Norris  
July 28 - Simpson



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