Prelude "The Church's One Foundation"

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship
"My Tribute"
To God be the glory, to God be the glory,

to God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done.

With his blood he has saved me;

with his power he has raised me;

to God be the glory for the things he has done.

Invocation

Worship in Song
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

"Lord, Be Glorified"

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

Joys and Concerns Congregational Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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

Anthem "Cornerstone" Sornson

Scripture Matthew 13:24-36

Message "Wiping Out the Weeds" Rev. Ray Spiller

Invitation to Commitment

"Trust in God"

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine He's been my fourth man in the fire time after time

Born of His Spirit Washed in His blood And what He did for me on Calvary is more than enough

(2x)

I trust in God My Savior The one who will never fail He will never fail Perfect submission All is at rest I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps

So this is my story And this is my song I'm praising my risen King and Savior all the day long

(2x)

I trust in God My Savior The one who will never fail He will never fail I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered I sought the Lord and He answered That's why I trust Him, that's why I trust Him

I trust in God My Savior The one who will never fail He will never fail

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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;

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 "He Touched Me"

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

"Gloria Patri"

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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

Postlude "God Reigneth"

Opportunities for the Week Sunday, August 24

8:30 a.m. - Coffee Time – Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary

Wednesday, August 27

7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, August 28

5:30-7:00 p.m. – Rally in the Alley – Many Town Square

Church Office Closed Fridays

Current Opportunities

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Donations needed. Please drop off donations at church office.

Upcoming Opportunities

Rally in the Alley – Thursday, August 28th 5:30 – 7:00pm

Water donations and Volunteers needed to put FUMC labels on the water and volunteers to pass out water at the event. If you would like to volunteer please contact church office at 318-256-3632, as well as, drop water donations off. Rally to be held at Many Town Square across from Many Police Station.

Wednesday Night Gathering – Wednesday, September 3rd 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. WOW kids, Youth, Adult Covenant Group welcome in Family Life Center. If you need any information contact church office at 318-256-3632.

Nursery

All children are welcome in worship! Our calm room and restroom with diaper changing table is available in the back of the sanctuary. If the nursery is needed, please ask the usher for assistance. Thank you.

CHURCH CLOSING SCHEDULE

Aug. 24 – Isgitt Aug. 31 – Nolen Sept. 7 – Norris Sept. 14 - Simpson

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 318-256-3632. In the evenings or on weekends call our Pastor, Rev. Leslie Frietch. She may be reached by cell phone 704-915-9469 or email her at: revlesliefrietch@gmail.com

Church Family Friends

Jordan Spiller

Kim King

Jeff LaCaze

Church Family

The United Methodist Church Bro. Ray/Nancy Spiller John Hoagland

Bonnie Fox Miles Donna & Jim Kolstad

Diane & Jim Burleigh Kevin Craig
Alex Isgitt Marilyn Downs
Charles Enterkin Heather Dove

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If we missed your special day, please let us know.

Mike & Brenda Hill Gabby Ford Ruben & Lacy Chirinos Alicia Boudreaux

GIVING

In addition to our offertory, online giving is available through our website <u>fumc-many.com</u> or scan OR code

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 Received in July \$ 10,055 Received in August \$ 8,283

Year to Date Total \$116,463

Wiping out the Weeds Sermon by Rev. Ray Spiller Reflection from Rev. Leslie Frietch



Scripture: Matthew 13:24-36

Focus: We grow in faith by trusting God to handle the weeds while we keep producing good fruit.

Reflection Questions for the Week?

- 1. What "weeds" in your life distract you from growing closer to God?
- 2. How do you see both "wheat and weeds" present in our world today?
- 3. What does this parable teach you about God's patience and timing?
- 4. How can you focus more on producing good fruit instead of obsessing over the weeds?
- 5. Where might you need to trust God to do the sorting instead of trying to do it yourself?

A Call to Weed and Pray:

This week, as you pull weeds in your yard or garden (or even as you notice them along the roadside) say a short prayer: "God, remove the weeds of fear, doubt, or distraction from my heart, and help me grow in faith." Let each weed you see become a reminder to seek God's cleansing work within.

Prayer to Carry with you:

Lord of the harvest, You know the condition of every heart. When I feel overwhelmed by the weeds in my life or the world, remind me that You are patient and just. Help me grow strong like wheat and rooted in Your Word, producing fruit for Your kingdom. I trust You to bring the harvest in Your perfect timing. Amen.

Notes:



11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

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