

## Union Methodist Church

A Global Methodist Church Congregation

Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Website: [unionmcnc.com](http://unionmcnc.com)

It is our prayer that you will feel welcome and experience God's love here.

If you are new, please consider making this your church.

### Entrance & Call to Worship

Prelude & Acolyte

*Sammy Kinton*

#### **\*Call to Worship: PSALM 136 NRSV**

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

2 O give thanks to the God of gods,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

4 who alone does great wonders,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

23 It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

24 and rescued us from our foes,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

25 who gives food to all flesh,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

26 O give thanks to the God of heaven,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**AMEN**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles Creed UMH 881

**\*Gloria Patri** UMH 70

**Welcome and Announcements**

### Prayers and Thanksgiving

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

*Prayer for Illumination*

Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

## Women's Presentation

Anthem

Choir

### Proclamation and Response

Children's Time

*Mary Allen*

*Confession*

**This is my Bible. I am what it says I am. I can do what it says I can do.  
Today, I will be taught the Word of God. I boldly confess:  
my mind is alert, my heart is receptive. I will never be the same.  
In Jesus name. Amen.**

**Giving of God's Tithes & Offerings**

**\*Doxology**

UMH 95

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson:** Philippians 4:1-9 Pew Bible pp 832

**\*2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson:** Luke 17:11-19 Pew Bible pp 741

*Pastor Michael*

Message: **A Lifestyle of Thanksgiving**

### Sending Forth

**\*Hymn:** "Freely, Freely"

UMH 389

**\*Benediction**

\*Please stand as you are able.

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### Upcoming Events:

- **Today: Live streaming link for this service** – see [unionmcnc.com](http://unionmcnc.com)
- **Today:** 6pm: Trustees Meeting; 7pm: Church Council Meeting
- **Weekly Prayer Meetings:** Tuesdays 10am; No prayer meeting on Thursday, November 23rd.
- **Choir Practice:** Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the Chapel.
- **Fall FOCUS Bible School:** on Thanksgiving break this week.
- **Women of the Ole Marners Methodist Charge** will meet for their annual Christmas program / social Monday, December 4 at 7:00 at Cool Springs Methodist church. All women of the church are cordially invited.
- **Christmas Decorating:** Will take place Saturday, December 2nd at 10am. Please come join us to decorate the church.
- **Christmas Poinsettias:** Orders are being taken for Poinsettias for Christmas. Blank forms are on the tables in the narthex.
- **The flower sign-up list** is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please sign up for flowers for 2024.

**Flowers:** Today's flowers are for the glory of God and in honor of Jennifer Thomas and Haley Gonsalves' birthday.

**Bible in 3 Years:** For more info: contact Don Wilson - 910 580 3428

Today: Joshua 21; NOV 20: I Timothy 1; NOV 21: Joshua 22; NOV 22: Joshua 23; NOV 23: Joshua 24; NOV 24: 1 Timothy 2; NOV 25: Judges 1

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