

Allen-Lee Memorial UMC

July 30, 2023

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude Kevin Lefebvre

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation to Our Teachers Lynn Skinner

Litany for Back to School Insert

*Call to Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

*Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

*Hymn *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* UMH 462

Old Testament Reading Genesis 29:15-28

Psalter Reading Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

**Please stand as you are able.*

He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,

the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,

which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."

that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the LORD!

*Gloria Patri UMH 70

Epistle Reading Romans 8:26-39

*Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* UMH 577

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn *I Know Whom I Have Believed* UMH 714

Offertory Kevin Lefebvre

*Doxology UMH 95

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon "Sometimes the Smallest Thing Is the Biggest" Rev. Palmer Boykin

*The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

*Hymn *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* UMH 133

*Benediction Rev. Palmer Boykin

Postlude Kevin Lefebvre

WELCOME TO ALLEN-LEE

We hope that you will feel the warmth of this loving congregation while you are here worshiping with us. Please let us know if you need anything or want more information about our church. We are an open and welcoming fellowship. It is our hope that you will come again and often!

PRAYER LIST

Long-Term Requests

Gail Aydin	Lorraine Durham	Tony Rosser
Lenward Bassett	David Gregory	Sandy Redmon
Patricia Bassett	Jennifer Hillyer	Angie Smith
Melinda Bell	Katherine Jones	Deborah Smith
Joy Burks	Pat Kee	Deana Still
Margaret Camp	Bo Kelly	Menlia Trammell
Renee Carroll	Clair Kight	Ed Vance
Mac/Tina Chandler	Juanita Marshall	Julie Watson
Carolyn Crist	Victoria Price	Jackie Williams
Annette Duffey	Michael Rector	Roger With

Current Prayer List

Norma Bennett	Margaret Hunter	Kaaren Moseley
Scott Bowden	Mel Kendricks	Michael Styles
Ruth Harris	Chance Meadows	Taylor Sutton
Laura Dean Hartley	Teresa Mendez	Greg Turner
Elaine Hillyer		

New Baby

Nora Margaret Sykes, born July 20, 2023, at 11:58 a.m.; 8 lbs., 3 oz.
Parents: Amanda and Phillip Sykes

In Memory

Ora Betsill Linda Brubaker

Missionary

Connie Weick, China

Military/Contract Personnel

Jonathan Chaffin – Iraq	Robert Parker – Washington, DC
Brandon Davis – Florida	Austin Shelton – Georgia
Jack Edmonds, III – Germany	Ry Skinner – Georgia
Davis Gray – Mississippi	Taylor Threatt – Texas

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

01 – Jack and Karen Edmonds (A)	29 – Claire Banks
09 – Tammy Martin (B)	29 – Quinn Kight
16 – Ann Johnson (B)	31 – Jessica Montgomery
23 – Tricia Heard (B)	

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LITANY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

God, as our children return to the rhythm of the school year,

We ask for blessing upon them:

That they may learn and grow,

That they may make and be good friends,

That they may have their minds opened,

That their hearts may be soft,

That they may be protected from evil,

That they may be filled with love.

As they make independent decisions each day

Be with them.

As they work and play

Be with them.

As they relate to other people

Be with them.

As they navigate tricky situations

Be with them.

As they confront their own hearts

Be with them.

For their teachers we pray for endless wells of patience-

Let it be so;

Wisdom and insight into each child-

Let it be so;

Creativity and abundant resources-

Let it be so;

Blessings on earth and in the spirit -

Let it be so;

We know that safety is never guaranteed for anyone,

But we ask for it anyway –

That your angels would guard and keep them,

That kind people would surround them.

Give us wisdom as we raise and teach them,

To model kindness, empathy, and awareness,

To encourage creativity and open-mindedness,

And to love and welcome them whole-heartedly.

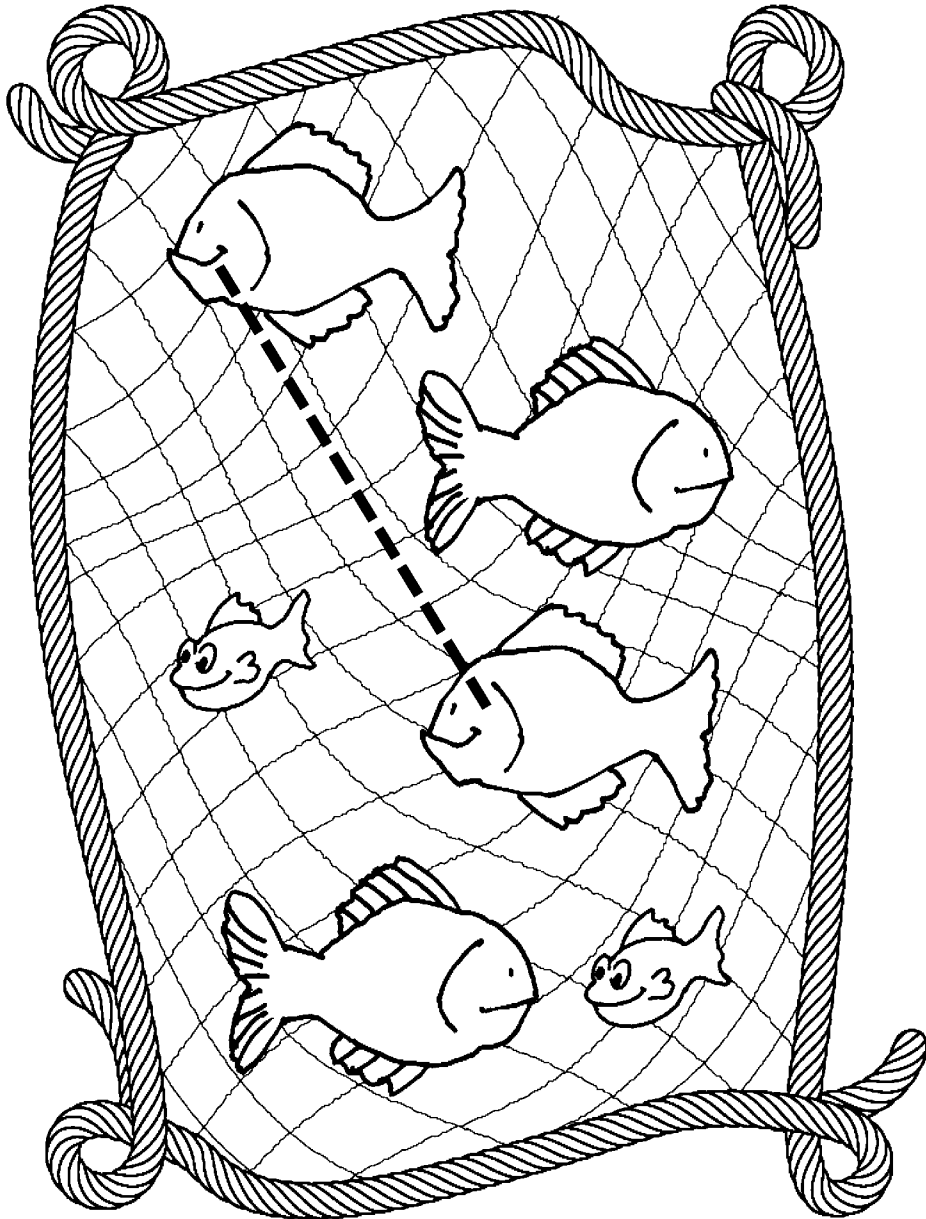
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today in honor of Lynn Skinner's birthday by Sara Jane Skinner and Winston Skinner.
- Thanks to everyone who helped with the Back-To-School Bash yesterday.
- We will be providing breakfast for teachers and staff at Unity Elementary School this Thursday, August 3 as they return to school. We will set up about 7:40 a.m. Items for breakfast are covered, but if you want to help set up, serve, and greet the teachers, come on down.
- Ladies are invited to UWF on Thursday, August 10, at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall. A light supper will be provided.
- Two televisions and a keyboard are downstairs in the bride's room. If you want any of them, please take them home. If no one gets them, they will be recycled soon.
- We are going to resume having monthly fellowship dinners starting in September. The kickoff for Second Friday Fellowships will be Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. Lynn and Winston Skinner will be providing the meal. More details to come.
- Bring your new and gently used shoes. The United Women in Faith are collecting shoes for the Soles4Souls ministry in a box in the narthex.
- Used prescription and medicine bottles – washed and with labels and adhesive removed – are also being collected by the UWF for the Matthew25 ministries. There is a box in the narthex.
- Our Little Free Pantry is seeing lots of use. You can leave donated items in the box on the shelves downstairs or place them in the pantry. Items that move through the pantry quickly are beef stew, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, canned tuna, PopTarts and instant grits.
- Don't forget the Heart Jar in the narthex. Contributions in the jar go to the benevolence fund, which helps people in need. You can also make a contribution by check to the church with "benevolence" in the memo line.
- Please help us keep the prayer list on the bulletin updated. If you know someone who needs to be added to or removed from the list, email information to wwinstonskinner@gmail.com.

The kingdom of heaven
is like a net full of fish.

Match the fish below.



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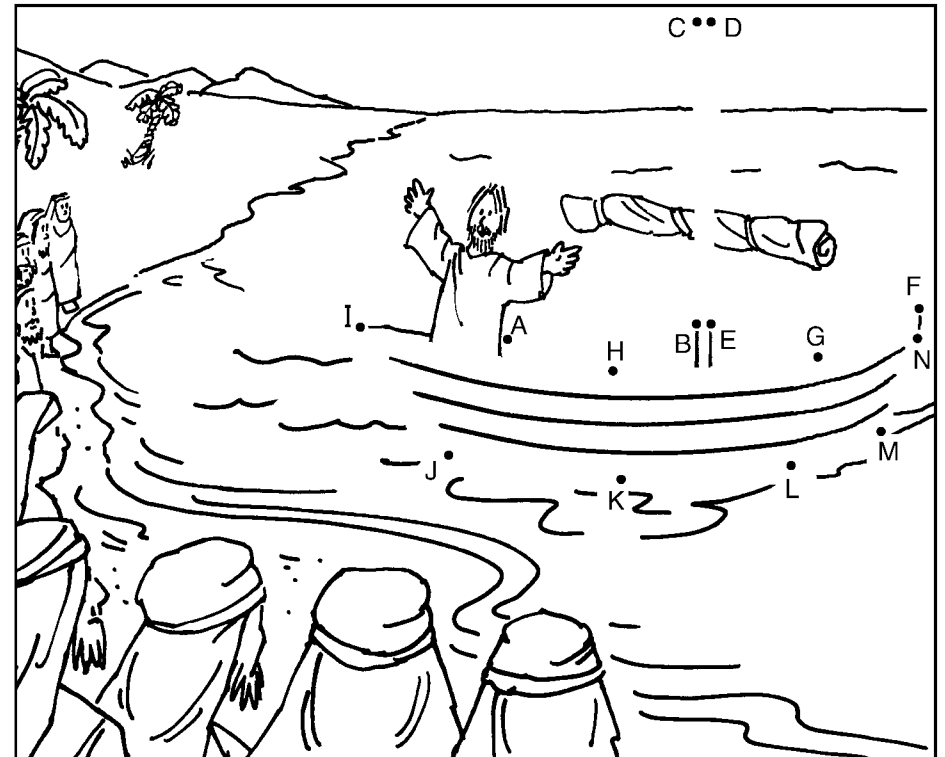
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Jesus Teaches With Parables

Jesus taught about the kingdom of heaven
while He was in the boat.

Connect the dots.

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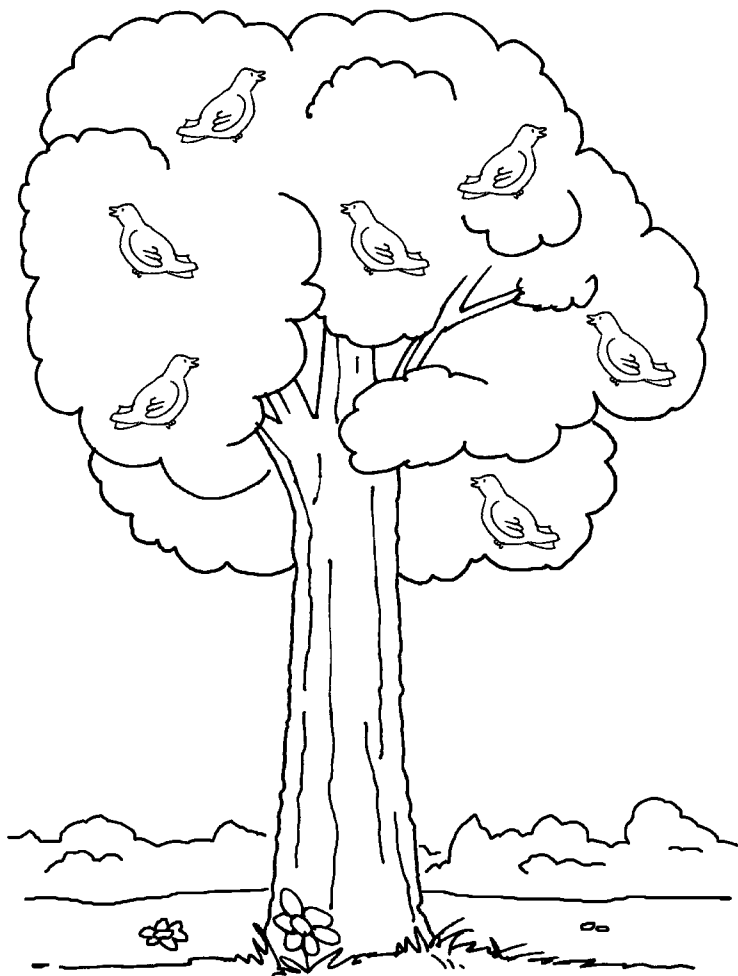


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The kingdom of heaven is like a tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree.

Count the birds in the tree. Circle the right number.



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The kingdom of heaven is like a hidden treasure.

Find these treasures hidden in the picture below.

