

Together we reach, transform, and equip people for a lifelong relationship with Christ.

Welcome To Worship

Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church

October 27, 2024 ~ 9:30 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Jeff

CALL TO WORSHIP: Pastor Jeff

Come, let us praise the Lord!

Let us shout our songs of thanksgiving to Almighty God!

For God has done wonderful things for us.

God's love and blessings have been showered upon us.

Come, let us praise the Lord!

Let us sing songs of great joy to God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Pastor Jeff

*HYMN:

"Amazing Grace"

Hymnal 378

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,

we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

PUBLIC READING OF THE SCRIPTURE: Jaqie Keady
Mark 12: 28-34

The First Commandment

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' ²⁹ Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."³¹ The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' ³² Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; ³³ and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "The Great Commandment" Pastor Jeff

ANTHEM: "Think About His Love" Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Jeff

*OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY PRAISE Hymnal 95

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Pastor Jeff

O Lord, we have not always heard the cries of those in need, and we have turned our backs, on opportunities to serve you by serving others. Many times, we have thought only of our own wants and desires. Help us to truly understand the commandments to love you and our neighbors. Accept these our prayers and our gifts that a difference will be made in your world and in our lives today. Amen.

HYMN: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" TFWS 2223

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. **Chorus:**

We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride. **Chorus:**

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. **Chorus:**

BENEDICTION: Pastor Jeff