“...you are worth more than many sparrows.”

Luke 12:7c

June 21, 2020
Third Sunday after Pentecost

United Methodist Church of the Dunes
717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, Michigan

Lou Grettenberger, Senior Pastor
We Gather

Gathering Music
Welcome
Announcements

We Praise God

Invitation to Worship
Leader: It is the light of God’s love in Christ that brings a rich harvest of goodness and truth.  
People: So we will live like people who belong to the light.
Leader: We should have nothing to do with worthless things that belong to the world of darkness.
People: In the name of Jesus we will live in the light, giving thanks to God.

*Hymn #2130 “The Summons (Will You Come and Follow Me)”

Children’s Message

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, we call you Lord, yet it is too easy for us to worship other things. Other activities, other relationships, other gods. You tell us we cannot serve two masters, yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere, diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you. Forgive us, gracious Savior, when our hearts are led astray, when we serve other gods and worship them. We turn away from our distractions and sin. Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem, to take up our cross and follow you. We pray this, counting on your grace. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Dear Friends, listen to the good news! Christ came to give us new life; to redeem and heal our brokenness. We are made whole through his boundless love. AMEN.

Reflection on Offering
Prayer of Dedication

On this day, nearing the end of the month of June, we praise and thank you, O Lord. As we send our gifts, we also bring before you our lives, and our talents. Take them all, and use them for work in your world. We thank you for all you have provided us, and give freely in return. Amen.

We Share the Word

A Reading from the Epistles Romans 6:1b-11
A Reading from the Gospel Matthew 10:24-39
Worship Song “His Eye is on the Sparrow”
Sermon “I Know God Watches Me” Pastor Lou

Pastoral 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, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Respond to the Word

*Final Hymn #130 “God Will Take Care of You”

We are Sent Forth

*Benediction
*Parting Music

*Stand as you are able
Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
Matthew 10:24-39

"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.
SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Lou – Preacher
Bruce Bishop – Liturgist
Carla Kocher – Announcements
Megan Horist – Music & Production
Marna Jeffery – Organ

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• grow in God's grace and love
• challenge and equip all members to be faithful disciples
• share the Good News
• demonstrate and reflect the love of God

CHURCH STAFF AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Ministers: all members of the congregation
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The church office is currently closed, but a staff member will answer all calls (616-842-7980). Staff members are also monitoring their emails.
Worship Online at Church of the Dunes
Sundays, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at www.umcdunes.org
All in-person worship and events have been suspended.

Information and Announcements

LET'S GET READY TO WORSHIP ONLINE:
To prepare for online worship, please take minute to quiet your mind and settle into your seat. You might like to have a Bible nearby. Each season of the church year is represented by a color; this time of the year (called Ordinary Time), the color is green. Maybe you would like to include a green cloth or a green decorative item in your at-home worship space. As you view the worship service, please be encouraged to read and sing along – whether aloud or in your heart.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS:
Upper Room devotion books for July/August are available. To request a copy, contact Shirley Chappell at (616) 846-4197 or sschappell1964@gmail.com. There is no charge for this booklet of daily devotions.

HUNGER OFFERING – JUNE 28:
On June 28, Church of the Dunes will gather a Hunger Offering to support Love In Action’s food pantry. These offerings may be mailed to the church. Please note “Hunger Offering” on the memo line of your check and also on the outside of your offering envelope (if you are using one).

UMCOR SUNDAY TAKE 2 – JUNE 28:
United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Sunday was planned for a Sunday in March, but it was postponed because of the need to move to online worship during the virus pandemic. Now that we are practiced in giving while worshiping online, UMCOR Sunday at Church of the Dunes has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 28. This special offering supports UMCOR operations, ensuring that when funds are given for specific projects, 100% of those donations go directly to the project. UMCOR Sunday offerings may be mailed to the church. Please, note UMCOR on the memo line of your check and on the outside of your offering envelope (if you are using one).

THE BOOK OF JOHN - TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY - BEGINS JULY 7:
Beginning July 7, the Tuesday Morning Bible Study will begin studying the gospel of John, using Max Lucado’s book, Life Lessons from John, as a guide. The study will meet online via Zoom. If there is enough interest, an additional session of this study will be offered at an alternate time. New to using Zoom? That’s okay. The class facilitator, Cathy Shick, can assist you. If you’d like to participate, please contact Cathy at (516) 672-4879.

TAKE FLAT JESUS WITH YOU THIS SUMMER:
Earlier this month, Children’s Ministries invited children and families to participate special Flat Jesus activity. This invitation is also extended to anyone who would like to join in the fun! Flat Jesus is a paper cutout of Jesus designed to go along with you on your backyard and summertime adventures. Take pictures of Flat Jesus wherever you are and send them Children’s Ministries Director Dan Malseed at dmalseed@umcdunes.org. The pictures may be included in Children’s Ministry emails, in upcoming newsletters, on the church’s Facebook page, or on the church’s website. If you would like a Flat Jesus, please email Dan to request one.

Please Stay Connected with Church of the Dunes
You are welcome and encouraged to stay connected with the church.

To reach the church by phone: (616) 842-7980
For emergencies and pastoral care: (231) 883-9806
To contact the church office by email: office@umcdunes.org
For online worship and information: www.umcdunes.org
For updates and more: www.facebook.com/ChurchOfTheDunes/
To give: please mail offering to the church or give online at https://umcdunes.org/give/
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The United Methodist Church of the Dunes aspires to love as Jesus loved. We open our hearts, minds, and doors to all. This congregation invites persons of all races, sexual orientations and gender identities, ages, abilities, and socio-economic status to participate fully in all aspects of the Christian life.

Praises, Prayers, and Thanks

NOTES OF THANKS:

Thank you to my UMCD family, for your emails, texts, cards, prayers, well wishes, happy thoughts, flowers, etc. Thank you to Pastor Lou for calling and checking on me, and thank you to my Panera knitting group for the beautiful orange prayer shawl, which is much appreciated with the cool mornings and evenings recently. Thank you, thank you all again!! God is great and so is the United Methodist Church of the Dunes family. Oh, and I am doing very well too. Blessings, Ruth Archer

Dear Church Family, thank you so much for the prayers, sweet cards, the beautiful roses, and the beautiful purple afghan the prayer shawl yarn crafters made for me after my fall off a chair that broke my rib. You are all so sweet and it is helping my recovery. Love, Pam Nash

Thank you for being there, even if by “on-line” during this time. Keep the faith and spread the Good News. During these difficult times, just think of all the people who are getting closer to God, or getting to know Him for the first time. Peace and Love. Signed, A Believer

PLEASE JOIN OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR Northcott Neighborhood House, Milwaukee, WI; and John Calhoun, Missionary

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

June 19 Louis VanRaalte (92) (belated)
June 21 Charlotte Boersma (4), Greg Daniels, Sara Houseman
June 22 Meg Horist, Leif Larson, Joyce Martyn (90), Denver Todd
June 23 Don Criner, Michael Moynihan, James Prelesnik, Terri Roeder
June 24 Robin Joyner
June 26 Layla Albaugh (7), Gay Cole, Joyce Wiebenga
June 27 Brendan Kelly

Giving and Attendance

Offerings received during the week of June 14 totaled $15,193, bringing the year-to-date average to $9,574. The weekly amount budgeted for church operations is $9,846. Thank you for your continued support of Church of the Dunes.

By June 16, the Sunday, June 14 worship video had 183 views. Thank you for participating in online worship.