October 10, 2021

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connecting people to God's transforming love
through worship, discipleship, fellowship, and service.

The Will of God

Sermon Notes and Growing as Disciples: October 10, 2021
The Will of God / Luke 22:39-43 and Acts 21:1-14

1. Finding "The Will of God" in the Bible
    - The Lord's Prayer
    - The passage in Luke about Jesus
    - The passage in Acts about Paul

2. I had lost the confidence to pray for God's Will, but the Spirit started to remind of who God is.

3. God's intended creation plan does not include disease, decay of the body, death, hate, war, destruction of the planet… these things are made and come from the enemy - anything that does not stem out of love, life, and spirit are enemies of God.

4. In the Methodist church, we believe in God's divine providence. He cares for us, He steps into our lives at times, His Spirit works on our hearts causing shifts in choices and behavior. But, we pair this with free will, and the idea that God is not micromanaging our whole journey, but walking with us through it as we make choices and interact with other people's choices.

5. God isn't in constant battle with the enemy over our Earthly bodies, He's in battle for our eternal souls.

6. He's extending grace, hoping to entice our souls to live for the Kingdom and tie our souls to Christ.

7. Important to remember:
    A. The hardships we're facing are NOT the will of God- he never wills pain or suffering, just like our Earthly parents would never will pain for their children.
    B. God wills and yearns to walk with us through the suffering.

8. The spread of the Kingdom- Spreading the Earthly Kingdom until the time when it unites with the spiritual kingdom.

9. We can confidently pray for God's Will, and trust that He wants the best for His children.

Growing as disciples: "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." UMH p. 6

Sunday: 1 Samuel 24
Monday: James 3
Tuesday: James 4
Wednesday: James 5
Thursday: Matthew 1
Friday: Matthew 2
Saturday: 1 Samuel 25

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Welcome to Morrison

Thank you for spending part of your weekend with us. If you are new to Morrison and would like to learn more about our programs and community, please visit our website at www.morrisonumc.org.

Contemporary Worship
9:00 AM

The worship band will kick off the service with a few songs. Feel free to sing and to clap and move to the music as you feel comfortable. After the music, you will hear a great message. We will close with communion where all believers are welcome to participate. With that being said, feel free to grab a cup of coffee and a donut from the back, then find your seats, if you haven't already. The service will begin shortly. All -in-all, we'll be here for a little under an hour.

Traditional Worship
11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Runyan, arr. D. Miller

The first note of the prelude is our call to silent meditation.

INVOCATION 6

"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 117
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 "The Apostles' Creed"

GLORIA PATRI 71

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.

OFFERING

We have several giving options available during this challenging time. You can mail your check to the church, or drop it in the mail slot in the front door of the office. Several options for electronic giving can be found by clicking on the giving button under the worship tab on our website at www.morrisonumc.org. Thank you for your support.

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir

Offertory" Beck

DOXOLOGY 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION STATEMENT

SCRIPTURE Luke 22:39-43, Acts 21:10-14 pages 1638, 1730

SERMON *The Will of God* Emily Givens Belloni

HYMN 374

"Standing on the Promises" PROMISES

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccata" Boellmann

Our 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM worship services are streamed live via our Facebook page, YouTube, and our website, www.watchmorrison.com.

Today's Reader:
Nadine Jester

Today's sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Arthur Clark, Ethel Clark, and Ronald Clark, by Barbara MacLarty.

We still have one available slot for 2021 sanctuary flowers. Please call Terri Hester in the office (787-3786) if you would like to sign up for December 26, 2021.

TODAY
9:00 AM Contemporary Worship
10:00 AM Connect Sunday School Classes
11:00 AM Traditional Worship
5:00 PM Connected Women Video Study on Zoom

MONDAY

TUESDAY
10:00 AM In-person Bible Study
6:30 PM Charge Conference

WEDNESDAY
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Ruth Circle
6:00 PM Bible Study on Zoom
6:30 PM Chancel Ringers
8:00 PM AA, Al-Anon

THURSDAY
6:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice
7:00 PM Worship Band Practice

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Annual Charge Conference: Tuesday at 6:30 PM at New Covenant United Methodist Church. All Church Council members are 'members' of the Charge Conference. All other interested persons are welcome to attend without vote. This is a multi-church gathering.

Piano Concert: Please join us on Sunday, October 17 at 3:00 PM for a piano recital by Heidi Lucas. She will be presenting a diverse program of works by Beethoven, Kapustin, and music from Harry Potter. Consider bringing a friend or neighbor. We'd love to see you there. the concert is free, donations accepted.

Calling all lovely church ladies! (Sorry, gentlemen.) You are invited to a baby shower for Ms. Emily Givens Belloni, Director of Student Ministries, at 3:30 PM on Oct. 17 in the Family Life Center. RSVP to Denise Junkin at 404-247-9023 by Oct 11. Emily is registered on Amazon.com and at Target. Instead of a card, please bring a favorite children's book and write a special note that she can cherish over and over. Bring a pack of diapers if you'd like to win a prize!

Worship Opportunities:

- **On Sundays,** we are offering contemporary worship at 9:00 AM and traditional worship at 11:00 AM, in person and online. In response to the high number of COVID-19 cases, face masks are requested for everyone. We ask that you please respect one another's comfort levels concerning social distancing.
- **Holy Communion:** We celebrate Holy Communion weekly at our 9:00 AM service, and on the first and third Sundays of each month in the traditional service (11:00 AM). If you are worshipping at home, please plan to have grape juice and some form of bread available. Pre-filled communion cups will be available for those attending in-person. If you would like pre-filled communion cups for home use, you may come by the office and we will be glad to provide them for you.

Discipleship Opportunities:

- **Adult Connect Sunday School classes:** For more information, call the church office at 352-787-3786.
    - ◊ The Inquirers' SS class - building 4, room 103
    - ◊ The Early Risers' class - building 4, room 101
    - ◊ The Connect Around the Table class - building 4, room 208
    - ◊ The Connections class - building 4, room 106
- **Bible Study:** Join us in-person on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Inquirers' classroom, or on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM via Zoom. If you will be joining us for the first time, please notify Pastor David at dstauffer@morrisonumc.org so he'll know to expect you (this is especially true if you are joining us via Zoom on Wednesday evening).
    - ◊ **Galatians** – We will be studying the apostle Paul's letter to the Galatians beginning Wednesday October 13 and Tuesday October 19.

Fellowship Opportunity:

- **We have a fellowship time** in the Family Life Center (bldg. 3) between the two worship services. You are invited to join us for coffee and donuts and conversations with friends.

Service Opportunities:

- **The Morrison Handbell Choir** is looking for new members. We are a fun group that rings once a month at the 11:00 AM service. We rehearse Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. The only requirements are a positive attitude and an ability to read music. If you are interested in joining, contact Quinn Moss for more information at qmoss@morrisonumc.org.
- **Invitation to join our prayer ministry**: Do you pray? Do you pray for others? Would you be willing to have prayer concerns emailed to you several times a week? And if so, would you pause to pray for those concerns? If your answer is yes, please join our email prayer chain. Send an email to dstauffer@morrisonumc.org or call the church office at (352) 787-3786 and request to be added to our prayer ministry email chain.

Special Note: Because of the high number of COVID cases, all scheduled church activities are subject to a last minute change.

Church office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and by appointment at other times. Face-coverings are requested when visiting the office.

You can submit your prayer requests online by going to www.morrisonumc.org and clicking on the link to submit prayer requests or through the link on our new app. If you prefer, you can call the church office with your prayer concerns.

Please sign up on our website to be on our email list. Go to morrisonumc.org and click on the link to subscribe to the list. Or contact Terri Hester at 787-3786 or thester@morrisonumc.org.

Morrison UMC has an app! You can find it on the App Store and Google Play. If you have any questions, contact Terri Hester in the church office at 352-787-3786.

Prayer for Christian Worship: "We exalt you, our God and King; we will praise your name forever." We pray that our worship services and our very lives will give you glory and will "extol your name forever and ever." We honor you and your great works. We celebrate your "abundant goodness" and "gracious compassion." Thank you for being near to "all who call on" you. All glory and honor are yours. Amen. [Loosely based on Psalm 145]

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