



Warwood - Short Creek United Methodist Charge

"Signs, Seeds, and Seasons"

24th Sunday After Pentecost November 15, 2020

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**Warwood:**

**Gathering Music "O Come unto Him"**

**Moore**

**Short Creek:**

**Listen to CD Hymn No. 89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

**Welcome**

**Gathering and Call to Worship Prayer**

"Peace Prayer of Saint Francis"

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

**Sharing from Scripture**

**Lay Leader**

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.

**Reading from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

**Lay Leader**

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,

you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you

yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a

thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security,"

then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So then let us not fall asleep as others do but let us keep awake and be sober; 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**Reading from the Gospel of Saint Matthew 25:14-30**

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." 23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." 26 But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?"

27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

### **Children's Sermon at Short Creek**

Pastor

### **Children's Sermon at Warwood**

Barbara Cover

**Sermon** "Signs, Seeds, and Seasons"

### **Call to Discipleship**

How will you live out the faith of love and hope in this season of ministry and life? Please share your ideas of ministry in the pandemic and how you are living the faith through phone calls, texts, or by sending us a pictures or thoughts that can be put on our social media @Short Creek UMC on Facebook and @Warwood UMC on Facebook

### **Sharing Beliefs**

**Lay Leader**

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*\*The Statement of Faith from the United Church of Canada*

### **Common Prayer**

**Lay Leader**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your amazing grace to the world, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. *Silent prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Let us keep in our thoughts and prayers the veterans that have so diligently and bravely protected our rights, liberties and freedoms. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. *Silent prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. *Silent prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. *Silent prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your amazing grace and salvation, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. *Silent prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. *Silent prayer.*

We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Warwood:**

**Musical Selection "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

arr. Hayes

### **Short Creek:**

**Listen to CD Hymn No. 706 "Soon and Very Soon"**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

### 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.

### Giving to the Ministry of Church

Giving at Short Creek UMC may be done in person at the church each Sunday. Please place your gift in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your gift.

Giving at Warwood UMC may be done in person by placing your gift in the offering plates at the front or back of the sanctuary, or you can give online at Warwoodumc.org using PayPal, or through the mail at 1438 Warwood Ave, Wheeling, WV 26003, Thank you for your gift to continue the ministry of the Church.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving for Gifts

Lord of blessings and hope, we give to you these gifts as tokens of our lives. Use these gifts for healing and hope in your world. Use us as instruments of peace; for we ask this in Jesus' name.

### Sharing of Information and Announcements:

#### UPDATE: Christmas Kids HOC Ministry

Because of your generosity and willingness to help others, we are able to provide for 14 kids for Christmas. Remember your packages need to be back to the church by December 6, 2020.

Thank you for caring enough to help in such a wonderful way.

-- *Patty Rose*

- RUTH DISCUSSION ON TEAMS 7pm WED. Nov.18th

- November we are gathering jars of Peanut Butter for the House of the Carpenter
- We are in a COVID uptick. BE EXTREMELY Cautious. We do not want to shut in person worship down again, but we will- if needed- for safety sake. So, please keep up our social distance practice, please refrain from shaking hands or hugging, no singing, use sanitizer provided, and wash your hands
- Thank you for the wonderful notes, cards, and gifts that you all have given me this past October for Clergy appreciation. I appreciate you all, too!
- Invite and welcome someone new to our online worship service by sharing our links on the website, YouTube, and Facebook
- Read over the revised guidelines for the pandemic use of the church for worship and study
- Pray for our school systems, essential workers, those caring for the ill
- Pray for kindness
- Pray for people who are out of work, people suffering because of the pandemic, and goodwill will for all

### Blessing and Sending Forth

Go forth into God's world as children of the light, offering ministries of hope and healing to a hurting world. Go forth filled with God's abundant love. Go forth in peace. AMEN.

### The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity

To accept the things, I cannot change; Courage to change the things I can; And wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

### Our Prayer of Hope

From Mother Julian of Norwich, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well." Amen.

### Warwood:

Sending Music

"Variations on 'Hendon'"

Sawyer

## Short Creek:

Listen to CD Hymn No. 70 “Glory Be to the Father”

### THE WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED, THE SERVICE BEGINS

Note: *The Liturgy for this Sunday is from Ministry Matters, FWS, GBOD, the Hymnal, and Book of Worship.*

## Children’s Time for The Home

Good morning! This week we want to try a little experiment. To go along with the Gospel reading, kids at home or at church I want you to take a quarter this Sunday and see if you can grow it from one quarter. Then we will take what you have grown and give it to God. We will give to the church, so that it can do good in the community and world. What an interesting experiment? I am excited. Adults, you can join in this experiment too. I bet God will bless our returns. Let’s see what happens this week.

Prayer: God has given us special talents and abilities. Some teach, some sing, some work in worship, some are missionaries, some community workers — the list goes on and on. Each one of you has been given gifts to be developed and God will guide you and be with you as you grow! Place your trust in God always. There are many exciting times ahead for you. Thank you for helping with this project and thanks to the families and friends who supported the project. God be praised for the generous loving spirit of this church community and family. Amen.

## Christian Spiritual Formation in the United Methodist Tradition

How United Methodist Christians live and witness their Faith:

- Do No Harm
- Do Good
- Stay in Love with God by practicing the “Means of Grace”  
The “Means of Grace” are our primary spiritual disciplines of prayer, reading scripture daily, fasting, attending worship (Online and/or In Person) and sharing in the sacraments

## Home Sunday School Lessons for Individuals and Families

*Please study this lesson with someone, over the phone, Facebook live, facetime, house party, zoom... Call a friend and start a home Sunday School class.*

## Read this week’s Hebrew Bible Lesson Judges 4:1-7

1 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. 2 So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. 3 Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. 4 At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. 5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. 6 She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. 7 I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."

What does this passage say about God?

- What does this passage say about humanity?
- What does it say about the relationship between God and humanity?
- What new thing is God bringing to life in you today?

## Revised Social Distancing Norms for Churches in the WV Annual Conference of the UMC:

- Six Feet Radius per-person
- Wear a mask or face shield
- Wash hands and use the sanitation stations
- Listen to music, but not sing
- No hand shaking, hugging or touching
- **No church dinners or dinner like fund raisers until the pandemic is better controlled. Trustees will need to check with local health department for local rules. Trustees will need to check our insurance policies to see what our liabilities are if we have a dinner or activity.**
- No live flowers
- No coffee time before or after worship
- No snacks
- No movements in the service
- **No outdoor fellowship until the community infection rate is less than 1/100,000. Trustees will need to check our**

**insurance policies to see what our liabilities are if we have a dinner or activity.**

- No gathering up front for children's sermon- Children must remain with their families
- All in-person Christian education or formation groups must follow social distancing guidelines
- Building must be cleaned between uses
- Christian formation will happen online with the weekly bulletin
- No bulletins for the service to reduce contact surface; Bibles, hymnals, and all other materials will be removed from pews
- No one will sit in the first two pews
- Offerings will be received in a container at the back of the sanctuary; no offering plates or other items will be passed through the congregation
- All church events from weddings to funerals must comply with the current size of group guidelines given by authorities and the CDC for social distancing and cleaning
- No outside groups may use our facilities so that we protect our custodians and trustees

Underlined are the new guidelines