

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Gathering of God's People**

Welcome

\*Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship

When the lost are found,  
**there is joy!**

When hope overcomes despair,  
**there is joy!**

When we seek and find God's faithfulness,  
**there is joy!**

Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* **UMH 384**

\*Apostles Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; the third day he rose from the  
dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the  
quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic  
church, the communion of saints, the  
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the  
body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

*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.*

Prayer of Confession,  
Loving God,

when we wander to distant places,  
you watch the road to greet us  
when we finally come home.

Whenever we are far from you,  
remind us that we are your beloved children,  
the longing of your heart,  
and give us the strength and courage  
to return to your open arms.

When we have sinned against heaven and before  
you, forgive us, for we are coming home! Amen.

Words of Assurance

Steadfast love surrounds those  
who put their trust in God,  
for God forgives the guilt of their sin.  
Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven!  
Be glad in God!

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

*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.*

**Proclamation of the Word**

Children's Time

Scripture Lesson Luke 15:11-24

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Prodigal*

Rev. Kilbourne

\*Hymn of Invitation and Dedication

*Freely, Freely*

**UMH 389**

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Choral Response

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

\*Postlude

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**The Thornton Lecture Series presents**  
**Revs. Ed & Kathleen Kilbourne**

Our guest today is singer, storyteller, and folk theologian, Ed Kilbourne. Ed is widely known and appreciated for his ability to combine music and spiritual teaching in worship and concert settings.

Ed grew up in China, Korea and Japan, where his parents served as missionaries. After completing college and seminary, he moved to Atlanta, Georgia and began his career there as a United Methodist minister. As his gifts for teaching and performing became known, he was invited to serve the church as a musician and spiritual resource person, touring extensively in the Southeast and later, throughout the nation. In the early 1970's Ed moved to western Colorado but in the late 70's, he returned to the Southeast and after living in South Carolina for 25 years, he now resides in South Florida.

Ed's wife, Kathleen, is a United Methodist deacon. She recently retired as the director of the Master of Arts in Practical Theology degree program for Pfeiffer University in North Carolina. She also served as the coordinator of the Center for Deacon Education, a Pfeiffer partnership with Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Ed and Kathleen make their home in Englewood, Florida on Manasota Key.

**Prayers for...**

*the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestinians in Gaza.  
our men and women serving in harm's way.  
the neighbors served by our community ministries.  
the rebuilding of trust between neighbors so that we  
continue to work together to form a more perfect and just  
union without violence.*

*Victims and victim communities of mass shootings*

**our church family...** Ed & Bonnie House, Don Davis,  
Bob Wunnenberg, Rhonda Shirey, Wanda Shambley,  
Cindy Dickson, Sherry Randolph, Mattie Upton (ORN),  
Dot Everett

**hospice...** Bill Morrison

**extended family...** Jean Beaver, Brynn Thayer,  
John Cash, James Louviere, Daniel Godwin, Lanae Gaston,  
Sue Paysen, Ham Singleton, Lloyd Ryan, Loretta Bell,  
Camille Helms, Steve Chambliss, Samantha Milner,  
Roberta Ross-Fisher, Earnest Rayford, Sharon Clay,  
Dot Bearden, Billy Atkins, Rusty Johnson, Rick Powell

**homebound or assisted living ...** Elizabeth Taylor,  
Danny Barnes, Joyce Mann, Sarah Shirey, Gloria Bounds,  
Joyce Richardson, Ron Randolph, Ruth Dempsey,  
Billy Joe Black, Lou Slaughter, Pat Beasley

**military...** Buck Lucas

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*The rose on the altar this morning is in celebration of the  
September 9th birth of Joe Martin Rogers IV (Beau), son of  
Jake & Sydnie Rogers. Joe & Kristen Rogers are the proud  
grandparents.*

**This Week at Church**

**Sunday, September 22, 2024**

9:00am Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
5:00pm Youth - Popes

**Monday, September 23, 2024**

9:00am Food Pantry  
9:30am Adult VBS with the Kilbournes  
2:00pm Great Hall open  
4:45pm Sue's Table  
6:00pm Bible Study—Isaiah

**Tuesday, September 24, 2024**

8:30am Preschool  
9:00am Food Pantry  
9:30am Adult VBS with the Kilbournes

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

8:30am Preschool  
9:30am Adult VBS with the Kilbournes  
12:00pm Bible Study—Isaiah  
6:00pm Youth Bible Study

**Thursday, September 26, 2024**

8:30am Preschool

**Friday, September 27, 2024**

9:00am Food Pantry  
11:00am Strong Women

**The full worship service is broadcast on FM 97.1 on  
Sunday mornings at 9:00am. The Worship Service  
is available on our YouTube channel -  
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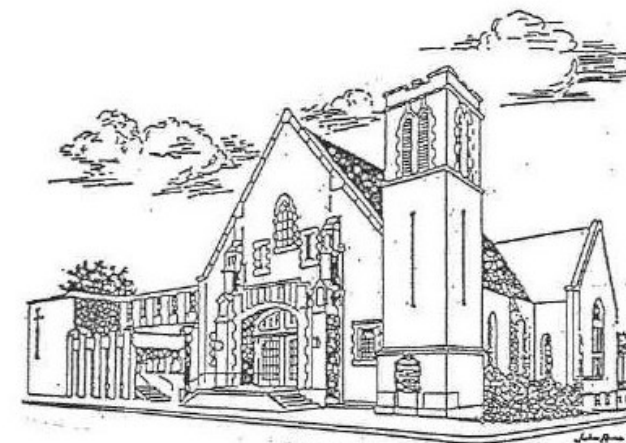
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***Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Thornton Lecture Series***

**September 22, 2024**

***Open Hearts, Open Minds  
Open Doors***