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**April 7, 2024**

**THOSE CRAZY  
PARABLES**



Wesley insisted, however, that evangelical faith should manifest itself in evangelical living. He spelled out this expectation in the three-part formula of the Rules:

*“It is therefore expected of all who continue therein that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation,*

*First: By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind;*

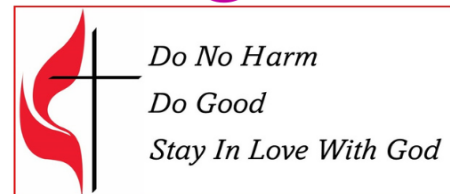
*Secondly: By doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all*

*Thirdly: By attending upon all the ordinances of God.”*

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# Today

Greetings and Announcements

Breathing in God's Grace

Call to Worship —

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord in the heights!

*Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted, whose glory is above earth and heaven.*

Doxology

Opening Hymn:

*Easter People Raise Your Voices* UMH 304

Opening Prayer & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Time with Pastor Bev

Hymn of Preparation: *In The Garden* UMH 314

The Apostles' Creed: UMH 881

Scripture: **Mark 4:1-9**

Message: **Those Crazy Parables**

Communion Hymn:

*Holy Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* UMH 64

Communion: Come to meet with Christ and have fellowship with Him at His invitation.

Closing Hymn: *Thine Be The Glory* UMH 308

Benediction & Going Forth

*Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary.*

*~ Thank you for your gift! ~*

## UPCOMING WORSHIP MEETINGS & EVENTS

*as of April 7, 2024*

### The Chosen

Showcasing Season 4 of The Chosen on Wednesday's from 4-5pm

### Meetings

Wednesday, April 10 will have two meetings: Ministry Team at 10am followed by the United Men and Women at 11am.



**Those Crazy Parables**  
**New Sermon Series**  
**April 7 - 28**

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