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November 24, 2024

**Guest Speaker:
Carol Abe
"With Faith Comes
Hope"**

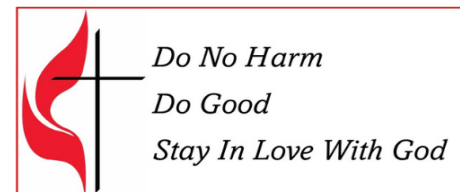
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Today

Greetings and Announcements

Breathing in God's Grace

Call to Worship —

Thank you, Creator of the universe, for the people gathered around us today. We give thanks for the things of the earth that give us the means of life.

Thank you for the plants, animals, and birds that we use as food and medicine.

Thank you for the natural world, in which we find the means to be clothed and housed.

Thank you, Lord, for the ability to use these gifts of the natural world.

Help us to see our place among these gifts, not to squander them or think of them as means for selfish gain.

May we respect the gift of all you have made. May our spirits be strengthened by using only what we need, and may we use our strength to help those who need us. Amen.

Doxology

Opening Hymn: *We Gather Together* UMH 131

Opening Prayer & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Time with Pastor Bev

Hymn of Preparation:

For the Beauty of the Earth UMH 92

The Apostles' Creed: UMH 881

Scripture: *Romans 5:1-5*

Message: *Guest Speaker: Carol Abe*

With Faith Comes Hope

Closing Hymn:

Come Ye Thankful People Come UMH 694

Benediction & Going Forth

Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary.

~ Thank you for your gift! ~

UPCOMING WORSHIP MEETINGS & EVENTS

as of November 24, 2024

Advent Readers

There is a sign up sheet in the welcome area for Advent Readers and to light the candles. Advent begins Sunday Dec 1.

Sunday, December 1 First Sunday of Advent

The Carols of Christmas: "People Look East"

Hymn #202

Ezekiel 43:1-2

Sunday, December 8 Second Sunday of Advent

The Carols of Christmas:

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymn #211

Matthew 1:23
