

Bible Reading—Mark 10:13 –16

Prayer of Intercession

After each prayer/refrain, you will be invited to respond as follows:

Together we pray for Christians in all places of our world....

All: Hear our prayers, O Lord.

Together we pray for Christians in Cuba...

All: Hear our prayers, O Lord.

Together we pray for our nation...

All: Hear our prayers, O Lord.

Together we pray for The United Methodist Church and the 2016 General and Jurisdictional Conferences...

All: Hear our prayers, O Lord.

Together we pray for the Memphis Conference, its churches, laity and clergy...

All: Hear our prayers, O Lord.

Together we pray for the Purchase District its churches, laity and clergy...

All: Hear our prayers, O Lord.

Together we pray for the churches, laity and clergy in Marshall County in particular: Olive, Calvert City, Oak Level, Pleasant Grove, Benton First, Mt. Carmel, Oakland, Palma, Church Grove, Maple Springs, Union Ridge, & Dexter-Hardin United Methodist Churches...

All: Hear our prayers, O Lord.

Together we pray for all of the churches, people, leaders, and those in need in Marshall County...

Commitment Prayer

All: We trust in the truth of being God's beloved creation and community, sharing a place in the heart of God. We commit to

- speaking kindly and being a forgiving community, accepting every human being as special and worthy to God,
- remaining steadfast in hope for a future of justice and peace, and to
- receiving children as Jesus did, so they may freely dream, laugh, dance and love without discrimination.

We commit ourselves to the one who taught us to pray the Lord's Prayer: (You are invited to recite the Lord's Prayer.)

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Worship Bulletin



Receive Children, Receive Me



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 United Methodist Churches in Marshall County

7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.	Olive UMC
8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Calvert City UMC
9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.	Oak Level UMC
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Briensburg UMC
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Pleasant Grove UMC
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Benton First UMC
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Mt. Carmel UMC
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Oakland UMC
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Palma UMC
4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Church Grove UMC
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Maple Springs UMC
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Union Ridge UMC
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Dexter-Hardin UMC

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord of history, all generations have praised your name.

All: **We joyfully praise your presence and join the singing of the mockingbird, the palm trees, the rivers and all of creation.**

Leader: Jesus, Wise Master, the source of eternal values, where we drink love,

All: **we praise you with the sound of guitars, claves, maracas and bongo drums.**

Leader: Spirit, Holy Wisdom, revealed to the little ones and present today in our dreams and hopes,

All: **we praise you and bring unto you the dreams of the elders, the visions of the young and the wisdom of the children.**

Leader: God of our existence, you love life like a child and cherish it with great pleasure. You know how to convert every day into a miracle and every moment into a reason for celebration.

All: **We praise your blessed name and proclaim your realm, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Leader : Like the butterfly jasmine that grows along the brooks and requires fresh water to show its beauty, we also need God's love and wisdom, which flows like a stream of water.

Let's take some time to confess that we have not accepted the invitation to receive this love from God.

All: Spirit of Life, hear our prayers and give us hope, strength and love.

Leader : Lord, we confess that we are not receiving you when we do not respect children's rights, nor when we deny children the opportunity to participate in our churches, families and society.

All: **Help us to learn from the children who receive each other openly and do not discriminate, that we may seek reconciliation in our communities.**

Leader: We recognize that we do not always reflect the joy of children; nor do we celebrate God's plenitude as seen in the diversity of his creation.

All: **Spirit of Life, transform us and give us hope, strength and love.**

Leader: Forgive us when we do not create a genuine space for dialogue among different generations, when we instead promote mistrust and power struggles that damage our relationships.

Leader: We recognize that we did not lift up our voices sufficiently to denounce the injustice of the economic blockade that has affected the Cuban people for more than 50 years, endangering our children's health and growth.

Leader: Forgive us when we do not acknowledge daily violence against women, children and the elderly, at home, at work, in social settings and at church.

All: **Spirit of Life, transform us and give us hope, strength and love.**

Leader: We recognize our responsibility in building up walls that do not allow us to be a community of people and to give reason for our faith and hope.

All: **Spirit of Life, transform us and give us hope, strength and love.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Listen to the Good News: God is love and receives us with open arms! God listens to the confession of our hearts and forgives our sins through Jesus Christ. May God confirm the assurance of his forgiveness in our hearts and allow us to walk confidently toward his realm. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.