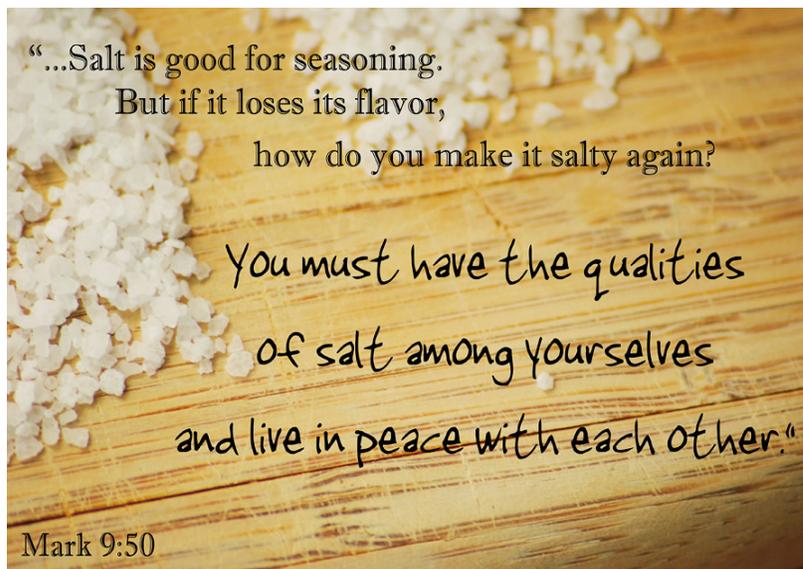




MOUNT HERMON LUTHERAN CHURCH

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September 26, 2021

9:00 am

Lectionary 26

Pastor Michael Frye, Interim Pastor

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Here I Am Lord

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" Refrain

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" Refrain

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

silence is kept for reflection

God our comforter:

Like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in +Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Michael

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

A Reading from Numbers

4The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! 5We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; 6but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

10Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. 11So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? 12Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? 13Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' 14I

am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. 15If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once — if I have found favor in your sight — and do not let me see my misery."

16So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. 24So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. 25Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

26Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. 27And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." 28And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" 29But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19:7-14 (Read responsively)

7The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;

**8the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**

9the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

**10More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

11Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

**12But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.**

13Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

**14Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,**

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

A Reading from James

13Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 14Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. 16Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. 17Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

19My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, 20you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**C: Alleluia,
Lord, to whom shall we go,
You have the words of eternal life,
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

C: Glory to you O Lord

38John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." 39But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

40Whoever is not against us is for us. 41For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

42If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. 43If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. 45And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. 47And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, 48where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

49For everyone will be salted with fire.

50Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY Spirit of My God, Descend upon My Heart

- 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.
- 2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.
- 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
- 4 Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

**We profess our faith through the words of the
APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

C: hear our prayer.

C: Amen.

ANTHEM

Ancient Words

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 and ever. Amen.

P: Come to the table of the Lord to receive this holy and precious gift of life.

BLESSING

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and +give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
 where sound the cries of race and clan,
 above the noise of selfish strife,

we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

- 2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.
- 3 From tender childhood's helplessness,
from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.
- 4 The cup of water giv'n for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the strong compassion in your face.
- 5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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Vocalists
Accompanist
Streaming Techs
Mike Faggart
Power Point
Tellers

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Darlene Gayan in honor of Shelley's birthday.

Announcements

A.T. Allen Coat Drive Begins October 1st...New or gently used coats or hooded sweatshirts for kids...K-5th grades.

This year's **CROP Walk** is being held on Sunday, October 10th at 2:00 pm at Forest Hill UMC. Registration starts at 1:00 pm. Mt. Hermon supports the Walk each year with a donation. It would be great to get a large team from Mt. Hermon to support the walk. Contact Shelley Cooke for more information.

CCM needs for OCTOBER

canned chicken

canned corn, canned carrots, peas, potatoes, mixed vegetables

peanut butter & jelly

cans of diced tomatoes & baked beans or pork & beans

toilet paper

egg cartons

note* They no longer accept pet food. They are out of storage space. The Humane Society of Cabarrus County is now accepting pet food donations.

But, I will still deliver to the Humane Society any pet food donations you bring to church.

Barry Mizelle

Altar flower donations. We have open vases in the coming weeks. Please consider signing up for a vase (or two). Each vase is \$27. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4bafaa2falfd0-2021>. Call Linda if you need assistance.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00 am - Coffee House. Contact Ron Smith

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00 am - Children's Building. Contact Barbara Linker

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00 am - Conference Room - Contact Zach Fox

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: 7:00 pm - contact the office for sign-in information.

Prayers

Homebound: Bob Chertok

In Special Facilities: Jeanine Woody (First Assembly Assisted Living), Peggy Morgan (5 Oaks Manor), Sylvia Faggart (Concord Place), John Thompson (Acordiaus of Salisbury)

Continued Prayers for: Harold and Judy Cook, Junior Barringer, Pr. Larry Yoder, John Hahn, Barry Granda, Tim Kennedy, Kelly Tanner, Tim and Jeannie Burns, Anna Bromacher, Ron Smith, The family of Robert Dobbins (Stephanie Bumgarner's father)

Please remember to fill in your attendance slip...thanks!

Attendance	September 19, 2021
Adult SCS	25
Children's SCS	
Youth/Mid & HS	8
Worship - 9:00 am	47
Worship - 10:55	17
YouTube Views	18

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October Readings

- Oct 3 Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4:2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
- Oct 10 Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
- Oct 17 Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
- Oct 24 Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52
- Oct 31 Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

