



Week 5

Monday, September 19, 2022

"Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you in due season and Sarah will bear a son."

Genesis 18:14

God of miracles,

Nothing is too wonderful for you Lord. Just as Sarah and Abram were amazed at your promise of a long-awaited son and even doubted Your faithfulness, we wonder what will happen, worry and lack trust in You to lead us. Lord, help us to be on the lookout for You, surprise us when we can't see a way forward in unity, for nothing is too wonderful for You Lord. You are the God of all miracles, help us to believe and look for You to show up in a big way, to trust in Your faithfulness to Your people at LHUMC as we seek Your will for LHUMC, nothing more, nothing less and nothing else but Your will mighty God. In Christ's holy name, Amen.

Question to ponder this week: *How is God's Word teaching, correcting and directing my walk with Him?*

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

“Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.”

Exodus 34:5-7a

Father God,

Where our patience and love are often fleeting, yours are infinite. Where our understanding is limited, You see and know all things. Where our plans are colored by our own biases, failings, and short-sightedness, Your plans are perfect. Now, Lord, we seek Your face that we could know You and Your will for this body of believers. In discussions of hard topics where feelings can be tender and passions fierce, may we move forward with Your compassion and grace, being slow to anger and abounding in love toward others in the power of Your Holy Spirit. Give us a willingness to earnestly listen and the discernment to distinguish Your voice from others around us. We are waiting for your direction, Lord. Amen.

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Wednesday, September 21, 2022

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

Ephesians 4:4-6

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

You have freed us from sin and given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and welcomed us into Your holy people — the family of faith. God, in water You create life and in water You wash us. In water, You bind us in the presence of the Holy Spirit. In water, You mark us in the love of Jesus Christ. Father, we thank You for our baptism and ask that our lives would be shaped by the Spirit’s sanctifying love and transforming grace. Lord Jesus, help us today to order our lives that others might see You more clearly in our words and actions. Holy Spirit, wash us afresh that we might reflect You by the way that we live and the way that we love. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

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Thursday, September 22, 2022

“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”

Galatians 5:6

Lord God,

Your love is seen in all creation. We see Your love in the cross and in Your resurrection when out of love for us, You ended the power of death. We celebrate Your love seen in your willingness to gift, empower, comfort and heal us with your Holy Spirit. As we strive to follow You more each day, may our faith show up more and more in acts of love. May we love not only in the easy choices, but in the difficult ones as well. May we love with truth, kindness, holiness and compassion. May we love not with conflict avoidance, but with a deep authentic commitment to all people. May our love allow each person to feel seen and to know themselves as loved by You, Lord. For Your kingdom and in Your name we pray. Amen.

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Friday, September 23, 2022

“Be joyful always; pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ for you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

God of Wonders,

You have shown us the beauty of Your handiwork each day through creation and through Your image in others. Our only response is to worship and adore You with hearts of gratitude for Your love and grace. Holy Spirit, strengthen us daily through our shared communion of prayer with You. Lead us to pray fervently for our church to be the light in the culture of our time. Give us grateful hearts even when we face difficult trials, knowing You have a greater purpose and divine will in the midst of it all. Spirit of the Living God, nudge us to give thanks and praise for all You are doing in our lives. Lord Jesus, teach us to pray for our pastors and teachers daily, giving thanks for the way You use them to shepherd our souls in accordance with Your truth in reverent fear of the Lord. Remind us even in our struggles with each other to be grateful for our bond as members of the Body of Christ. May we follow Jesus, our Great Intercessor, as the center of our lives. In His great name we pray. Amen.

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Saturday, September 24, 2022

"And Moses said, Here I am. Do not come any closer, God said. Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. Then He said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. At this Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God."

Exodus 3:4b - 6

Almighty God,

As we seek Your will in our discerning, lead us to holy ground, the circle of Your presence and Your will. Help us to not just settle for what we think is best, give us a true yearning for Your will God. Help us to shed our preconceived ideas, our biases, our false assumptions, our egos, our politics and our predetermined conclusions so that we can openly consider Your will. Wherever You are God it is holy ground. May we desire Your presence in our lives and our identity in Christ more than all else. Lord, open our hearts to listen and hear the promptings of the Spirit of God. May we be like Moses and revere Your holy presence and stand on Your holy ground. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Sunday, September 25, 2022

We worship and pray together