



“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.”



ONLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8th Sunday After Pentecost

JULY 31, 2022

Accompaniment Play List and Sermon available on YouTube at

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 John 3:16-24 WEB

¹⁶ By this we know love, because he laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But whoever has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, then closes his heart of compassion against him, how does God’s love remain in him? ¹⁸ My little children, let’s not love in word only, or with the tongue only, but in deed and truth. ¹⁹ And by this we know that we are of the truth, and persuade our hearts before him, ²⁰ because if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. ²¹

Beloved, if our hearts don’t condemn us, we have boldness toward God; ²² so whatever we ask, we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing in his sight. ²³ This is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, even as he commanded. ²⁴ He who keeps his commandments remains in him, and he in him. By this we know that he remains in us, by the Spirit which he gave us.

INTROIT “They’ll Know Christians by Our Love”¹ (TFWS#2223-vs1)

<https://youtu.be/RE3FPqkN-tl>

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored.

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah they’ll know we are Christians by our love

OPENING PRAYER

Renew your church, Lord, your people in this land. Save us from cheap words and self-deception in your service. In the power of your Spirit, transform us, and shape us by your cross. Amen.

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

“A Statement of Faith”

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We are not alone, we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God’s presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

SPECIAL MUSIC (suggested)

"Christ Has No Body But Yours"

<https://youtu.be/V3UZgoP09eQ>

Exultate Singers

JOYS & CONCERNS and MORNING PRAYER

Do we really dare to believe in Jesus Christ? That is a question that often goes unspoken but does rest in our hearts.

Lord, help us in our unbelief. Help us to be courageous enough to accept the love that you have for us and the power you have to forgive and heal our souls. We live in a time of great hostility, fear and strife. It is easy for us to succumb to the terrors and forget that you are with us at all times, seeking peace and hope. You have asked us to be instruments of peace and justice. To do this we need to change our attitudes and practices to reflect your love and compassion and not be vehicles for our greed or need for approval. Jesus, the Bread of Life, has 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. Amen.

HYMN UMH #170

"O How I Love Jesus"

<https://youtu.be/SkL5NfpgMaQ>

1. There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear,
the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain:

*O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!*

2. It tells me of a Savior's love,

the importance of serving others, and in that service we will do honor to you, O God.

Loving God, you have heard our petitions, our joys and concerns. Lord place your healing hand upon all these and bless them according to their needs. Lord show us how we can be a blessing in their need, being your witness and sharing your love. Create in us hearts that are eager to serve and witness to your love. Open our lives this day and pour your healing mercies into them, that we may be messengers of hope to all whom we meet, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, who taught us to pray ...

who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood,
the sinner's perfect plea. (Refrain)

3. It tells of one whose loving heart
can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part
that none can bear below. (Refrain)

¹⁵ If you love me, keep my commandments. ¹⁶ I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, that he may be with you forever: ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world can't receive; for it doesn't see him and doesn't know him. You know him, for he lives with you, and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more; but you will see me. Because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ One who has my commandments and keeps them, that person is one who loves me. One who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and will reveal myself to him."

²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, what has happened that you are about to reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?"

²³ Jesus answered him, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our home with him. ²⁴ He who doesn't love me doesn't keep my words. The word which you hear isn't mine, but the Father's who sent me. ²⁵ I have said these things to you while still living with you. ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things, and will remind you of all that I said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, I give to you. Don't let your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.

MESSAGE

"Candidates for God's Candid Camera"

Rev Jim Canody

<https://bit.ly/Sermon07-31-2022>

Everyone hates to be surprised.

And loves it.

It didn't take long for something called "television" to find that out. Filming people when they didn't know they were on camera brought extremely entertaining and unexpected results.

Anyone remember "Candid Camera?"
Can you remember the name of the host?
[Allen Funt].

Can you remember the catchphrase of the show? ["Smile, You're on Candid Camera"].

In the early 60's, "Candid Camera" secretly recorded the reactions of people when they were confronted with strange and surprising circumstances. Actors would approach a random person "on the street" with some proposal or problem. The film crew would then secretly film the good, bad, or indifferent behavior of those individuals. People were asked to hold bags of money, tend fussy babies, stay put while a sprinkler system doused them, listen to terrible concerts. The situations the "candid

camera" came up with were classic and comic. For the most part, people seemed to cope graciously with whatever they were asked to do. But almost everyone ended up at some point with that "what-have-I-got-myself-into" look of desperation on their face.

Flash forward fifty years. TV is still doing the "candid camera" thing, but with far less comedy involved. Although Ashton Kutcher's "Punk'd" was a comedic but crueler version of Candid Camera, most undercover filming, catching people being themselves when they think no one's looking, now ends up as an "expose." From "Under Cover Boss" that has CEO's pose as a hired hand in order to get the view from the bottom about how their company works to "Restaurant Stakeout," where secret cameras film what none of us want to know about what is really going on in the kitchens of our favorite restaurants, bad behavior is what predominates. Overwhelmingly it seems that if "no one is watching," we are no longer watching out for anyone except ourselves.

Is there any better feeling, for a parent, than to hear how their children conducted themselves when you were not there? What a rush to hear back after your kid spends the night at a friend's, "Oh, your son was so polite." Or after a party you are told, "Your daughter was so great at listening to my grandmother." Or after a special meal, "Your kids were the first ones up to help clear the table." Knowing your kids are practicing what you've preached – even when you are not around – makes every parent feel like they've won a medal.

The truth is we are all children. We all have a parent watching out for us and over us and encouraging us to behave in a certain way. All the time. Are we behaving as our Father taught – as the Son taught – even when we think no one is "watching?" Or are we guilty of "behaving badly" because we believe the "camera" is off?

Just so you know ... these days ... the camera is seldom off!

We all know from the Genesis story of Abraham and Sarah's shared meal with some passing strangers that we might at any time be "entertaining angels unawares."

But the directive from 1 John in this week's epistle text takes that mandate a step further. It is, in fact, sometimes much easier to extend hospitality and help to a stranger than it is to the neighbor we know, the "brother or sister" we see every day and know who they are and from where they come.

The "stranger" is someone we will encounter only once. The stranger is someone with whom we have no history. The stranger will be gone tomorrow.

The community member, the down-the-street neighbor, the guy who is always hanging around outside our favorite coffee shop – all have both a past and a future in our lives. A past that has perhaps been pock-marked with obnoxious, even criminal behavior, peppered with loud late-night music, populated with junky cars in

the front yard, punctuated by daily rude remarks spewed out at the world.

But this "brother or sister," this one who is underfoot and overhead, is the one who calls forth FROM us the love God has FOR us.

Our text this morning insists that Christ's sacrifice should be replicated every day in the world by those who call themselves followers of Jesus. Food, clothing, bus fare, babysitting, cooking, cleaning, a lift to the pharmacy, a ride to church, a hand-out that helps-out . . . The message of 1 John is NOT about a salvation that is "pie-in-the-sky-by-and-by". In 1 John God's saving love is practiced every day in every way to meet the real needs of real people with real goods and real services. From 1 John's perspective, if the saving love God has for us lives within us, the outpouring of that love upon those who are "in need" should be as natural as breathing in and out.

Like breathing in and out, inhaling and exhaling, this extension of divine love to others is not something we need to advertise. Reaching out with compassion and concern to our brothers and sisters is to be part of our daily "sacrifice of praise" ... of our daily life. It is not a meritorious moment. It is a minute-by-minute lifestyle. Giving hands and feet to God's love is what God's children are to do.

There is a Jewish Talmudic tradition that teaches the "Legend of the Just" – or in Hebrew the "Lamed-Vav Tzadikim." [La MED – Vav Zad I kim] "Lamed" is Hebrew for 30, "Vav" is six, so these are the "36-ers, the 36 humble, righteous ones, also known as "The Concealed Ones." The Legend of the Just states that at any time there are at least 36 righteous people on earth, those upon whom God's radiance rests. In what sounds like a re-mix of God's deal with Abraham about Sodom and Gomorrah – you remember: if Abraham could find ten righteous inhabitants the cities would be spared – these 36 "tzadikim" [Zad I kim] function as the safety on God's trigger finger. As long as there are these 36 righteous ones upon the earth, God will stay his

hand from punishing the planet for its wickedness and waywardness.

The most remarkable thing about these “righteous ones,” these “tzadikim,” [Zad I kim] is that they have no inkling that they are “tzadikim.” [Zad I kim] That’s why they’re known as “The Concealed Ones.” They are simply men and women living a simple life inscribed, proscribed, and transcribed by a love of God so great that it spreads that love everywhere, every day, every way. Proof positive that you are NOT one of these righteous ones is if you proclaim your righteousness.

The Legend of the Tzadikim [Zad I kim] also asserts that the Tzadikim don’t know each other, and if they do discover another tzadikim they will die [remember we are talking legend here]. From this tradition comes the teaching that every Jew is called to live humble, unobtrusive, dedicated, compassionate lives – to live as if they could be one of the Tzadikim, yet to live without ever professing any special righteousness for oneself.

Could you be one of Tzadikim? Could you be one of the “Concealed Ones?” Might one or more of the Tzadikim be here this morning?

“Brothers and sisters,” says 1 John, “let us NOT love with words or speech ONLY but with actions and in truth ... let us believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.”

In a small French country village before World War II, there was a beautiful marble statue of Jesus with his hands outstretched before him, standing in the courtyard of a quaint little church. During World War II, a bomb struck nearby and broke the statue to pieces.

When the fighting ended the village members of the little church set about to find the pieces of the statue and to reconstruct it. As they patiently set about their task, even the scars seemed to add to its beauty in their eyes. But, to their dismay, the fragile hands had been pulverized. “A Christ

without hands is no Christ at all,” someone said sadly.

Indeed, we want Christ’s tender, ministering hands outstretched to us! So, someone suggested that they try to get a new statue. Then another person in the group came up with the idea that prevailed. He suggested that a brass plaque be attached to the statue’s base that would read:

“I have no hands but yours.”

If we are living “in Christ,” a phrase which Paul alone uses 164 times in his letters, then we are a “little Jesus”. That’s what the word “Christian” literally means; “little Christ”. Or as Teresa of Avila (1515–1582) put it 500 years ago:

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks
to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses
all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on
this world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

“Brothers and sisters,” says 1 John, “let us NOT love with words or speech ONLY but with actions and in truth ... let us believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.”

Surprise: You’re a Candidate for Candid Camera? Will God’s candid camera find you smiling, being Jesus to the stranger without, and the neighbor within?

When you least expect it, when you think no one is looking. Smile: You’re a Candidate for the Tzadikim [Zad I kim]...

...In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

1. Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,
tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.

Refrain:

*Rescue the perishing, care for the dying;
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.*

2. Though they are slighting him,
still he is waiting,
waiting the penitent child to receive.
plead with them earnestly,
plead with them gently;
he will forgive if they only believe. *(Refrain)*

3. Down in the human heart,
crushed by the tempter,
feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,
chords that were broken will vibrate once more.

(Refrain)

4. Rescue the perishing, duty demands it;
strength for thy labor the Lord will provide;
back to the narrow way patiently win them;
tell the poor wanderer a Savior has died.

(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

May God grant You spiritual wisdom and
understanding
so that you may be able to see things from a
spiritual point of view,
and so that Your lives may be worthy of God,
and pleasing to Him.
And may you bear fruit in all that you do,

and continue to grow in your understanding of
who God is.

And may God give you the strength you need
to endure whatever comes with patience and
even joy,
always giving thanks to God who, through
Jesus Christ,
has given you new life. Amen.

RESPONSE "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"⁵ (TFWS#2223 - vs 4) <https://youtu.be/Bef3Nr0PCn0>

All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

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 IN OUR 
Thoughts and Prayers

OUR PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS from July 24, 2022

- The United States of America, other countries around the world, and our leaders
 - Americans serving in the armed forces and in dangerous foreign diplomatic posts.
 - Our missionary in Cambodia, Clara Mridula Biswas.
 - Persecuted Christians
 - Members in assisted living: Dottie Milliner, Rose Moore and Gene Bushong.
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- Fred & Sandy Savage - Fred in hospital w/pneumonia
 - Ada Jo Amadeo
 - Gene Bushong - further testing
 - Jeff Johnson - surgery
 - Emily Lobb
 - Shirley Christian
 - The son of Jake Yeager (operation @15 mo.)
 - J.L., Luara, & their daughter, Beach (COVID)
 - Jill Podelco Parks
 - Denna Ward - fall
 - Don Bowling
 - Joann Parks
 - Donna Parks
 - Jonez Capella
 - Jim Rittenour
 - Rachel Forrest
 - Jody Hopkins
 - Anthony Lofaso (back issues)
 - Isabella Bergquist (migraine)
 - Eva Anderson - cataract surgery
 - The Buchanan County VA community
 - Ukraine
 - Violence and unrest
 - Donna Parks
 - Joan Recor - stroke
 - Jessie Caldwell
 - Rev. Roland and Daphine Major
 - Paul White
 - Joseph Roddy
 - The Downings
 - Camp Occohannock on the Bay
 - OOTB campers hiking Appalachian Trail this week
 - Jake Canody OOTB counselor
- Pastor Jim - COVID
 - Praise that Angie Matthews is improving (COVID)
 - Travel mercies - Beck Family
 - Charolet Baird - COVID
 - Laurie Campbell
 - Community in Uvalde, TX and the loved ones of those who lost their lives.
 - Rochelle Gray's son who is dying from cancer
 - Jeff Johnson
 - Stumpy Gray
 - Bobby Wood - infection from surgery/kidney concerns
 - Rev. Bert Cloud
 - Susanne Taylor
 - Mary Kline
 - Joanne Parks
 - Ginny Powell
 - Jayne Wikoff
 - Hugh Ashley
 - Russ Frasier
 - June Evans
 - Annette Byrum
 - George Bryant
 - Revell Lewis
 - Rosalie Lewis
 - Jack Lavelle
 - Richard Marshall
 - Debbie Coulboure
 - Oscar Taylor
 - Wayne Green
 - Kenneth Martin
 - E. A. McMath
 - Laurie McMann
 - Inez Nock

- Lisa Bundick
- Roger and Ann Weinheimer
- Praise Linda Beasley doing better
- Andy Johnson
- Denny Williams
- Ms. Gibbins
- Gayle Hardy
- Stephanie Lilliston
- Patsy Beach
- Joyce Hiers
- Al McMath travel mercies
- The family & friends of Rev. Dr. Autura Eason-Williams
- Jane Johnson – death of her husband
- The family of Jody Cannon
- The family of Betty Bramlett
- The family of Lila Marsh
- The family of Herbert Mears
- Bobby Mears & family
- The Family of Tim Killmon
- The Family of Walt Colonna
- The family of Shirley Lewis
- The loved ones of Linda Ferebee
- The family of Ruth Benedetti

Please share your joys and concerns with Pastor Jim at :
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

 <p>Thank you! We greatly appreciate your gifts, tithes, and prayers. Your contributions are important to the life and mission of OUMC.</p> <p>Checks, made payable to OUMC should be mailed to: Sandra Savage, P. O. Box 513, Exmore, VA 23350</p>	 <p>Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) August 9th @ 7pm</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">KEEP IN TOUCH</p> <p>Website: https://www.onleyumc.org/ Google Review: https://g.page/r/CW9SLu50qxK6EBU/review Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/OnleyUMC/ YouTube Channel: http://bit.ly/OUMC-YouTube Join our email chain: onleymethodist@gmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYERS FOR CAMP!</p> <p>Join in praying daily for the ministry that will happen at Camp Occohannock on the Bay this summer. Together we're committing to praying daily for the staff, volunteers, campers, spaces and activities. We know that God is present at camp and we pray for His mercies, grace and guidance in all that will happen at camp in their last week!</p>		
			
<p>Reid Beck (Aug. 5) Michael Kennedy (Aug. 18) Jim Canody (Aug 24)</p>	<p>Annie Beck (Aug. 28) George McMath (Aug. 28) Scarlet Jefferson (Aug 30)</p>	<p>Jimmy & Lynn White (Aug. 1) James & Ginny Powell (Aug. 26)</p>	<p>Tony & Jeanette Edwards (Aug. 26)</p>