



We Seek to Better Understand
the Teachings of Jesus—
and Live those Teachings.

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WELCOME

Whoever you are,
and wherever you find yourself
on the journey of faith, you are
welcome to this church as you
are to receive the riches of
God's grace...

The Way...

The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.

This weekly publication is provided to show
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.
4th Sunday after Pentecost **June 25, 2023**

My poverty, God's riches

When Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3), I've tended to think in terms of emotions: "Blessed are the sad, depressed, discouraged, regretful, lonely ..." I picture human experiences that God will fix when the kingdom of heaven is made full, as in Revelation: "Mourning and crying and pain will be no more" (21:4). Surely that's one faithful understanding.

But a poem by Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes gives a different slant:



Eternal God,
I humbly confess my riches,
... all to which I cling.
I repent of the wealth
of what I think and what I fear
and what I want.

O I am truly poor; I have nothing
but ... my openness to you.
... sustain my blessed poverty,
an open hand,
reaching out in this present moment,
to your open hand.
("Poor in Spirit," Jan. 25, 2023, at <https://unfoldinglight.net>)

Now I hear poverty of spirit as what I *need* to experience to be open to God's riches. If I cling desperately to "what I think and what I fear and what I want," my hands and heart are not open to receive God's unconditional love.
—Heidi Hyland Mann

A special Thank You to Don
Steinmetz, Paul and Jeanie
Cardinal for completing our
2021 & 2022 Financial Audits
this week.



You are
much
appreciated!!



July 29, 2023



**Please join us to
celebrate
Nathan Schleter
on Sunday, June 25th
from 2-4pm @ First UMC
100 W. Vine Street Please
call or text RSVP to
Jenni 812-499-2384**



*David Fuhs ~ 19th
Steve & Jenni Schleter ~ 20th
Dawn McCoy ~ 21st
Bruce & Sherry Holder ~ 21st
Darrel & Ali Edwards ~ 25th*



The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

— Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*

random
Acts of kindness

June Regenhold, new residence
River Oaks Health Campus
1244 Vail Street
Princeton, IN 47670
Room phone 812/386-2475

Jane Marginet, temp residence
North River Assisted Living
Room 519

*Cole Robert Hollis
May 26, 2023*



*Congratulations
Robbie & Rachel
Rick & Deanna Wilson*



Methodist Women's Group
Next meeting on
Saturday, July 8th @ 9am
All women of the church are invited.

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CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship service! We do offer options. Following the Children's Sharing, children may attend Sunday School at Blythe Chapel or Nursery at Fort Branch First.



† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

This Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

12:00pm Ω Private Rental ~
Schleter

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

3:30pm Ω Port Gibson 4-H

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
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"Rest is not idle, is not wasteful. Sometimes rest is the most productive thing you can do for body and soul."

—Erica Layne

Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #526 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

*GREETING AND PRAYER

We offer a cordial greeting to all worshipers who have come to praise the Lord. Your presence helps lift our spirits, and we welcome you in Christ's name.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please add your name to the attendance register located in your pew and pass to the next person until reaches everyone in your row.

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN #591 *Rescue the Perishing*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE OFFERING:

The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.



Next Sunday's Message:

Focus on Faith

Matthew 14:22-33



CHILDRENS MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Jenna Schleter ~ Reckless Love

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *insert* Matthew 14:13-21 NLT

MESSAGE

"Feeding the 5,000"

*HYMN #525 *We'll Understand It Better By and By*

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn # 177

He Is Lord

He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead
And he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



Come glorify God together

Don't use summer as an excuse to skip church! By gathering in corporate worship, we obey God's command, become equipped for Christian living, and minister to our fellow pilgrims. Consider these tips for engaging in corporate worship.

First, show up — in person if you can. Examine your heart and your motivation for attending church. Lift up your eyes from earthly matters to focus on God.

Come prepared. Do you need to confess anything or remove any hindrance? As you worship, consider how each part of the service displays the gospel: greeting, singing, confessing, reading Scripture, hearing Bible-based teaching, praying, giving and communing.

Be careful not to compartmentalize corporate worship as separate from the rest of life. Instead, consider how you'll carry the experience into the coming week. Come ready to receive; then let that overflow fuel you for the days ahead. Come prepared to participate, knowing that worshipping together is a rehearsal for heaven. But most importantly? Just come.

—Monica L. Wilkinson



Friends
needing
prayers

Prayer Requests —last names are printed for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or with explicitly given permission.

*Jane Marginet, Richard Michel,
Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson,
Connie Osborn, Tommy Osborn,
Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe,
Derek Barton, Jo Eckert, Ruby
Wilkinson, Scotti Pitts, Deanna
Wilson, Don Colvin, Gretchen
Young, Effie Dilbeck, June
Regenhold, Margie Beal, Lesa
Prater, Brian Price, Roger &
Nancy Jones, Kathy Trowbridge,
Triston, Tegan, Chad Windell,
Pastor John, Kristi Pflug,
Thelma & Len Robicheaux*



Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

¹³ As soon as Jesus heard the news, he left in a boat to a remote area to be alone. But the crowds heard where he was headed and followed on foot from many towns. ¹⁴ Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.


¹⁵ That evening the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves."

¹⁶ But Jesus said, "That isn't necessary—you feed them."

¹⁷ "But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish!" they answered.

¹⁸ "Bring them here," he said. ¹⁹ Then he told the people to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he gave the bread to the disciples, who distributed it to the people. ²⁰ They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers. ²¹ About 5,000 men were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children!

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!



A Miracle Dinner

*Matthew 14:15-21 is a Bible story about a special dinner.
Below is a poem about that story.*

Complete the poem by filling in the blanks with the correct pairs of words.

then	true	late	lunch	rest	began	faces	done
men	you	ate	bunch	quest	ran	spaces	ton

Jesus was tired and went to find _____.

So away from the crowd he started his _____.

It came to an end before it _____.

The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and they _____.

His boat pulled ashore and he looked at their _____.

five thousand men, plus families filled all open _____.

And so Jesus spoke and he taught until _____.

The disciples told him it was time they all _____.

Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly _____.

and feeding this crowd is now up to _____.

Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____.

What would they do? They'd need a whole _____.

But then a young boy came and offered his _____.

five loaves and two fish to feed this big _____.

Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____.

it fed all the women, the children and _____.

ANSWER: rest/quest, began/ran, faces/spaces, late/ate, true/you, done/ton, lunch/bunch, then/men

Listening Guide
“Feeding the 5000”
June 25, 2023

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21

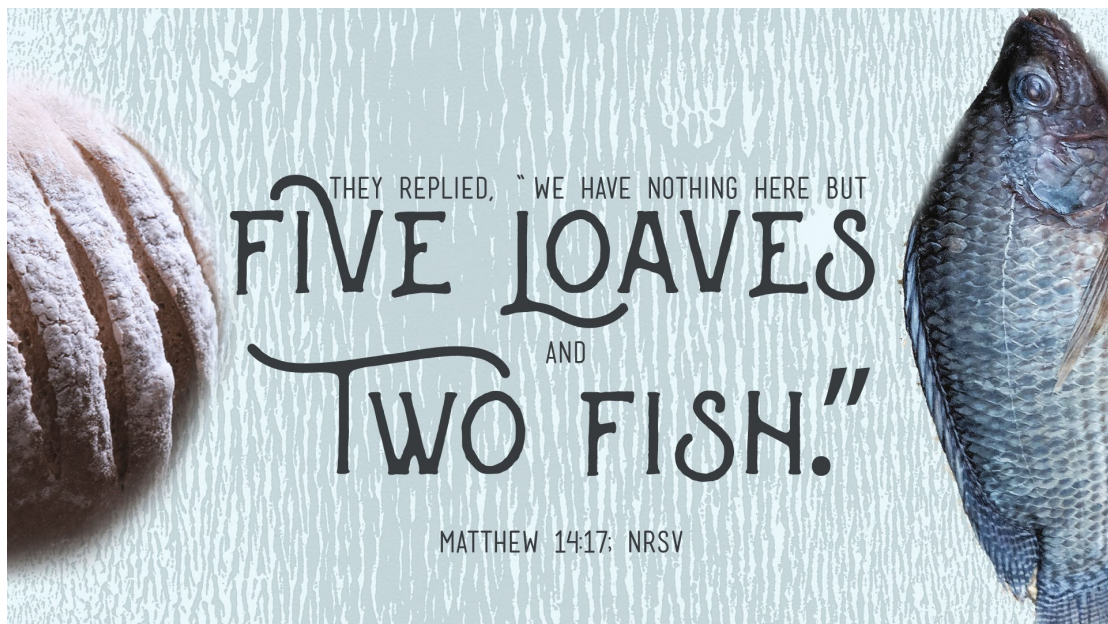
How does this miracle strengthen the disciple’s faith?

Starts with _____ **(vs. 13-14)**

_____ **Revealed (vs. 15)**

The _____ **(vs. 16-21)**

Personal Application: The disciples experienced this amazing miracle. Do you think this would cause you to never doubt Jesus again?



JESUS FEEDS 5000

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BASKETS
CHILDREN
FIVE
HUNGRY
MEN
THANKS
WOMEN

BOAT
CROWD
FOOD
JESUS
MIRACLE
THOUSAND

BOY
DISCIPLES
GRASS
LEFTOVERS
PROPHET
TWELVE

BREAD
FISH
HEALED
LOAVES
SEA OF GALILEE
TWO



More Than Enough

**Jesus Feeds
5,000**

—John 6

When Jesus fed the great crowd of people starting with only two little fish and five loaves of barley bread, God provided more than enough food. After everyone had eaten all that they wanted, Jesus' followers gathered up the leftovers. How much extra food was there?

Color each space that contains a "y" yellow. Color each space that contains a "b" brown. Color each space that contains a "r" red. Count how many baskets full of food were left over.

