**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY 2020**

**Members: Cherrie Hartley, Chelsey Henry, Deb Pattee, Sue Plasterer**

**“Perspective”**

**PRELUDE “**Help Us Accept Each Other”

*The United Methodist Hymnal # 560*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING AND WELCOME**

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PURPOSE**

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader** The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end.

**All** **They are new every morning. The Lord is forever faithful.**

**Leader** Rejoice always; Pray without ceasing; In everything give thanks.

**All** **This is God's will for you. Great is thy faithfulness.**

**HYMN      “**O God, In Your Love (See attachment). Sung to the tune of “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” in *The United Methodist Hymnal # 560*

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

See attached Children’s Sermon – What do you see?

**CHOIR GROUP**

**“***There is Room in God’s Great Welcome*” (see attachment).

Sung to the tune of*“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” in The United Methodist Hymnal” # 150*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, we are told in I John that if we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Then you tell us that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Lord, we want you to forgive us and purify us from all unrighteousness. We confess our sin that we often see only one perspective and think our perspective is always the only and right one. We confess that we often don’t realize that there can be different ways of knowing and thinking. Open our eyes Lord so that we might see how others view things and not be oblivious to how others think and live. We ask this in your name. Amen.

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

“Amazing Grace”

*The United Methodist Hymnal # 378*

or choose from the list attached

**SCRIPTURE READING:** I Corinthians 15: 1 - 10

**MESSAGE** PERSPECTIVE

(See attachment for the message)

**SERMON RESPONSE**

Prayer – A litany (in unison)

We are all on a journey of discipleship,

all seeking to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

We are all learners and all teachers; we all have gifts to share and so we work to listen to and learn from each other, treating each other with respect and dignity.

We are a community of grace and forgiveness,

glad for our diversity and differences.

Disagreements will come, but we are willing to remain a part of the community and a part of the conversation so we will not walk out or close our hearts or minds.

Community covenant by Hobson UMC, Nashville, TN

**HYMN** “Welcoming God”

(See attachment). Sung to the tune of “Blessed Assurance” in *The United Methodist Hymnal* *# 369*

**PRAYER** Dear Lord,

When we think of perspective we realize two things. We should not only have your perspective, but we should also strive to understand the perspectives of others.

First, when we think of your perspective, we realize we learn it through your word – the scriptures. We get caught up in our mistakes and failures so easily, which threaten to discourage us. But you don’t look at our mistakes like we do. You never give up on us. Lord, give us your perspective to forgive ourselves and live in your forgiveness. Teach us how to repent and keep moving us forward and into the purpose you have specifically laid out for our lives. We want your will and your plan for our lives. Bless us with your perspective.

But also help us to see the perspectives of our friends and family. We thank you for the admonition to love one another. Without it, we might not want to do it. We acknowledge that our experiences help to create our perspective, but our friends and family don’t always experience what we do. Help us to listen with empathy and compassion and to attempt to understand not only what they are saying, but also why they might feel the way they do. Help us to also understand that agreement with others, while we might find it to be nice, is not necessary to love one another.

In Jesus name, Amen

**BENEDICTION**

Prayer for a New Heart (Unison)

The United Methodist Hymnal # 392

Thou who art over us, Thou who art one of us, Thou who art.

Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee;

a humble heart, that I may hear thee;

a heart of love, that I may serve thee; and

a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee.

Amen.