

## Get Moving!

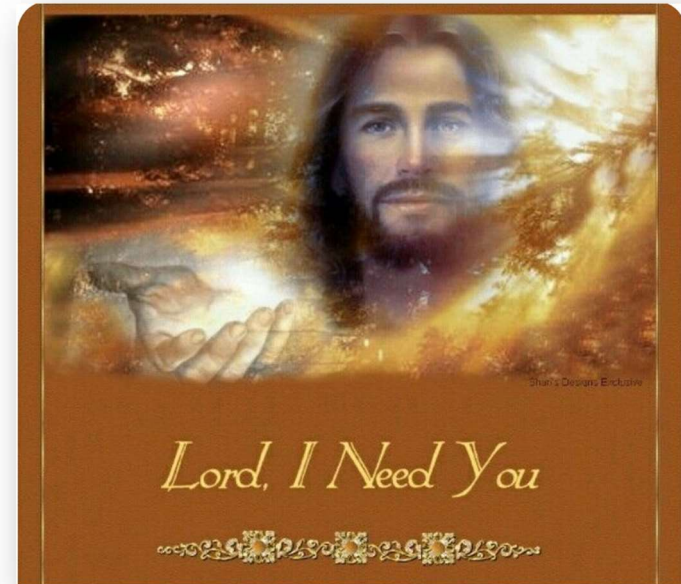
Abide in Me...John 15:4

**In the matter of determination.** The Spirit of Jesus is put into me by way of the atonement by the Cross of Christ. I then have to build my thinking patiently to bring it into perfect harmony with my Lord. God will not make me think like Jesus— I have to do it myself. I have to bring “every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ” ([2 Corinthians 10:5](#)). “Abide in Me”— in intellectual matters, in money matters, in every one of the matters that make human life what it is. Our lives are not made up of only one neatly confined area. Am I preventing God from doing things in my circumstances by saying that it will only serve to hinder my fellowship with Him? How irrelevant and disrespectful that is! It does not matter what my circumstances are. I can be as much assured of abiding in Jesus in any one of them as I am in any prayer meeting. It is unnecessary to change and arrange my circumstances myself. Our Lord’s inner abiding was pure and unblemished. He was at home with God wherever His body was. He never chose His own circumstances, but was meek, submitting to His Father’s plans and directions for Him. Just think of how amazingly relaxed our Lord’s life was! But we tend to keep God at a fever pitch in our lives. We have none of the serenity of the life which is “hidden with Christ in God” ([Colossians 3:3](#)).

Think of the things that take you out of the position of abiding in Christ. You say, “Yes, Lord, just a minute— I still have this to do. Yes, I will abide as soon as this is finished, or as soon as this week is over. It will be all right, Lord. I will abide then.” Get *moving*— begin to abide *now*. In the initial stages it will be a continual effort to abide, but as you continue, it will become so much a part of your life that you will abide in Him without any conscious effort. Make the determination to abide in Jesus wherever you are now or wherever you may be placed in the future.



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## WORSHIP SERVICE

October 27, 2024

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP      “Blessed Be The Name”      #63  
INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN      “ ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”      #462  
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      1 Timothy      #889

PSALTER READING      Psalm 142  
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE      “What Do You Really Need?”      Rev Ott

ANTHEM      “Alleluia, Allelu”      Callaway and Ray

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY  
HYMN OF PRAYER      “Abide with Me”      #700  
(v. 1 & 3)

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

GIVING OF GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY  
DOXOLOGY      “ Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”      #94

SERMON TEXT      John 15:1-8  
SERMON      “I Need You”      Rev. Ott

CHORAL BENEDICTION      “God Be With You”  
POSTLUDE

**OUR PRAYERS:** Scott Bell, R. Lee Benton, Jamey Bryan, Stacy Carter, R.L. Carter, Jr., Abbey Corbett Keeney, Troyce Crosby, Dorothy Cummings, Joseph Givens, Joyce Hennen, Bo Hetrick, Michael Hickman, Katy Hopkins, Bill Howell, Lad Howell, Tony Hubbard, Linda Hudson, Shawn Jacques, Bobbie McLaine, Ann Nettles, Lynn Nettles, Ed Newington, Christopher Plummer, Dan Pope, Joe Ritter, Joey Ritter, Debra Smith, Joe Stone, Bonnie Thomas, Cindy Thompson, Eddie Thompson, Marion Thompson, Taylor Twigg, Chris Varnadoe, Michael Walker, Nell Walters, Sharon Warren, Cliff Wisely.

**Nursing Homes/Shut-Ins/Distant Members:** Doris Bone, Jane Brown, David Cox, Lee Dean Cox, Nina Crosby, Lucille Culpepper, Sarah Anne Dean, June Dyches, Lynn Harrison, Joy Lawson, Jeanine Price, Gene Rhodes, Rusty Riddle, Kay Speaks, Norma West, Miriam Westbury.

**Military Service:** Caleb Blankenship, Elijah and Kaeleigh Forni, Cody Keeney, Matthew Mangum, David Nelson, Edward Phillips, Jordan Ray, Tristan Ray, Blake Rhodes

**Audio/Video Technician**      John Thomas

**Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Carol Hermann by Gary Hermann.

**Trunk or Treat** is tonight from 5:00-7:00pm in the church parking lot. UMM will be providing hot dogs and hamburgers.

**Experiencing God Study:** Tuesday at 11:00am.