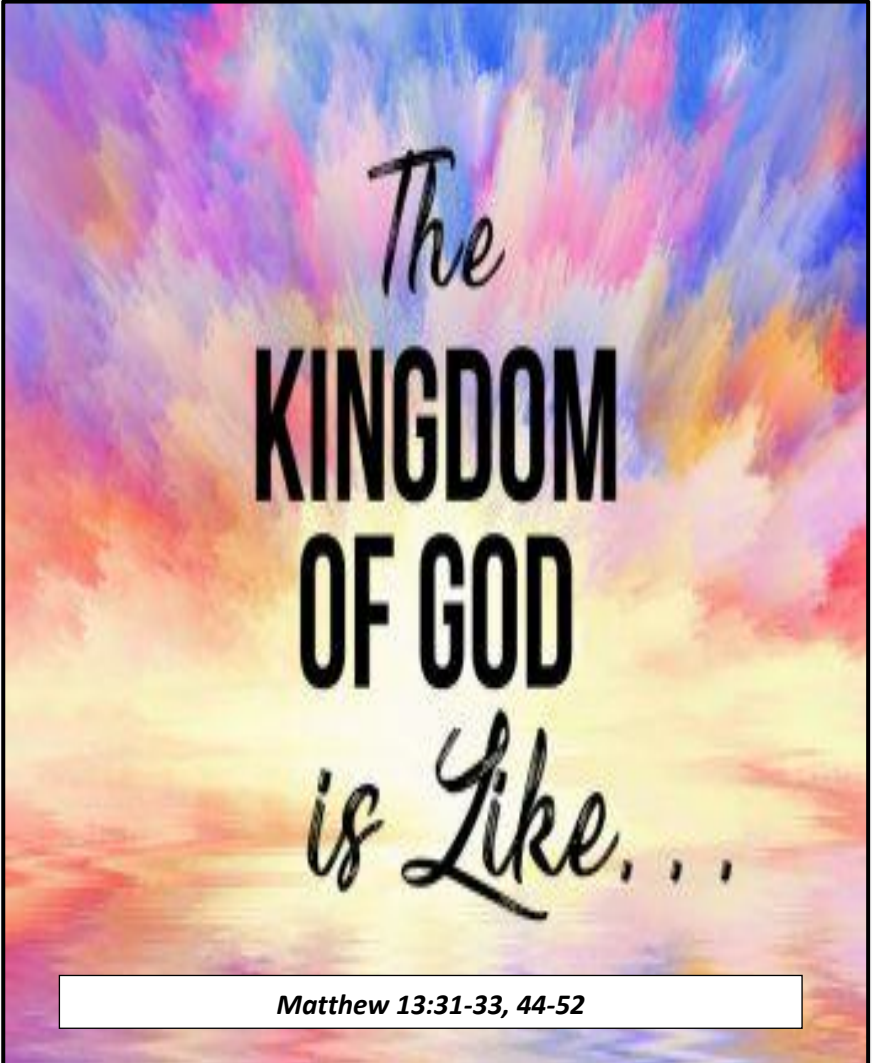


9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023



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*Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

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# **WESTMORELAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*Reverend Dr. Thom Malcolm, Pastor*

*Pastor's Phone: 304-654-9440*

*July 30, 2023*

**PRELUDE      "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"      GARY MAYNARD**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: May those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord."

**People: Yea, our heart is glad in God, because we trust in God's holy name.**

Leader: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

**People: We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.**

*(The Book of Worship, 1965, ALT.)*

**\*HYMN      "LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING"      UMH 384**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

**ALL: Help us, O Lord our God to hear the wonder and the fullness of your love as revealed in your Word, your Living Word, today. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSIVE READING      PSALM 105:1-11      UMH 828**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY      UMH 95**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING      GENESIS 29:15-28**

**SHARING OUR PRAISES & CONCERNS**

*(PLEASE USE YOUR PRAYER CARD AND PUT IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR PRAYER BASKET. THANK YOU.)*

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PASTOR THOM MALCOLM**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**UMH 70**

**EPISTLE READING**

**ROMANS 8:26-39**  
**STEPHANIE MALCOLM, RLLP**

**\*HYMN**

**“NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE”**

**UMH 528**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**ALL:** We confess to you all-knowing God, what we are. We are not the people we like others to think that we are. We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves, what lies in the depths of our souls. But we cannot hide our true selves from you. You know us as we are, and yet you love us. Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge. Teach us to respect ourselves for your sake. Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power. Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt into the freedom and energy of forgiven people. And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask you to break their bondage and set them free, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

**\*GOSPEL READING**

**MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52**

**SERMON “ALL IN, COMMITTED!”**

**PASTOR THOM MALCOLM**

**\*HYMN**

**“KUM BA YAH”**  
*(Come by Here)*

**UMH 494**

**\*THE LEADING OF THE LIGHT**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**GARY MAYNARD**

# *Prayer List*

**Teresa Altizer & Parents**

**Pam Baker**

**Jacob Ball**

**Dawn Baumgardner**

**Mike Black**

**Sonny Branham**

**Beth Carson**

**Jill & Jim Combs**

**Bob Cox**

**Family of Don Crumb**

**Judy Given**

**Michelle Endicott**

**Jimmy Green**

**Loretta Hetzer**

**Bill Hively**

**Vickie Mays**

**Matt Null**

**Mabel Pillion**

**Jeffery Racer**

**Gene Ward**

**Pat Wilcox**

**Debbie Walters**

**Keith & Bernadette**

**Wellman**

**Chad Woodrum**

*Remember those not able to join us for church:*

**Jim & Barbara Christain, Betty Craig,**

**Donna & Dave Davis, Joy Fetty, Ruth Kelley,**

**Loretta Hetzer, Patricia Morgan, Jim Reed,**

**Harold Sowards, Dan & Shirley Webster, Marge Wheeler**

*Office Hours: Pastor Thom Malcolm Wed/ Thurs 1:30-4:00*

*Secretary: Donna Rumbaugh*

*Wed/Thurs 2:30-4:30*

*Cell: 304-633-3680*

*Interim Music Director: Gary Maynard*

*Pianist: Gary Maynard*

*Liturgist: Sheree Downey*

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in the church office by Wednesdays at 1:30pm.**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tuesday and Thursday 10:00-11:00am Exercise Class**

**Sat. Aug. 5th Rummage Sale 9:00 – 2:00pm**

**We are collecting items for sale. All items need to be at the Church by Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Set-up for Rummage Sale is planned for Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 11:00am**

**Volunteers for both set-up, bake goods, and day of sale are needed! Sign-up with Ann Wheeler.**

**Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> after Worship Service  
Choir Organizational Meeting**

*There will be a choir organizational meeting after worship on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. We need to see if there is enough interest to have a choir this fall. We will meet by the piano.*

*Gary Maynard, Interim Music Director*

*We were ready with our “Grab & Go” bags to feed children who may not have access to food during the summer break. Although we posted flyers around the Westmoreland community for this week, we didn’t have children come to the church; however, we did feed children in need. The “Grab & Go” bags went to the Ebenezer Outreach Center and they were most appreciative. We will continue to distribute the “Grab & Go” bags on Wednesdays through August 16<sup>th</sup>, and if the children do not come, we will go to them Our mission is to feed children in need.*