

Boulevard United Methodist Church



While God feels the anger and bitterness that any parent disrespected by a child might, God rises above the desire to punish Israel. God decides to act as a God, and not a human. God will not violate God's own holiness by submitting to the human emotions of rage and vitriol (verse 9).

- John Holbert

July 31, 2016

The flowers are given to glorify God in memory of Sandra Gibbs.



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world (Matthew 28).

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Richmond, Virginia 23220
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An Order of Worship for 11:00 AM

(UMH) - The United Methodist Hymnal
(TFWS) - The Faith We Sing

* Please stand, as able.

Gathering

Introit

Greeting

*Call to Worship

*Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth*

UMH 92

Prayers of the People
Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Interlude

Proclamation and Response

Epistle Lesson *Colossians 3:1-11*

Time with Children

Scripture Lesson *Hosea 11:1-11*

Sermon *“When God Gets Nostalgic”* Rev. Rachel G. May

*Hymn *You Are Mine* TFWS 2218

Affirmation of Faith

Offering Tithes and Gifts
Offertory
*Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence* TFWS 2234

*Benediction

NURTURE

caring for one another, for our space, and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for those who feel the loss of Jane Frisa, Delight Andrews, Casey Bowman Miles, Jim Rickards, Alex & Melva Slonin, the family of Aunt Virginia, perpetrators and victims of gun violence, and Jim Green & family. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church’s e-mail address.

A LOOK AT LIFE TOGETHER in numbers.

	Ministry Costs	Your Gifts
July 1 - 23	\$11,449	\$8,403

OUR NURSERY is not staffed. However, the door to "Noah's Ark" is an open one. This space is on the first floor. Please feel free to exit and return at any point during this morning’s service. We welcome infants and young children in the sanctuary. With them, we are more complete.

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

LATE JULY AND AUGUST is for school supplies. Gifts designated for mission or marked “school supplies” will help two local primary schools equip our children. Instead of presuming we know the needs, Boulevard asks; and then delivers. Drop-off is scheduled for mid-August. Last year, \$1,090 worth of school supplies found John B. Cary and Fox Elementary classrooms. How about \$1,150 worth this year? This is every bit do-able!



If you would like to make a gift in honor of a loved teacher, from your past or of the present, please use the form provided. Their names will be lifted up on Sunday, August 21.

Fund Learning. Thank God for a Teacher.



Your Name: _____.

Amount: _____.

* Optional (you may leave this section blank):

- I wish to dedicate this gift anonymously.
- I wish for the gift to appear as dedicated by this person:

_____.

You wish to give this gift of in honor/memory of the following teacher:

_____.

If you would like to support area primary schools without making a dedication, simply label cash or memo-line a check made out to Boulevard UMC "school supplies". Please submit this information via the offering plate. If you give from afar, call or e-mail the church office by August 15.

If making more than one contribution, use another form.

Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
The more I called them,
the further they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and they burned incense to idols.
Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk;
I took them up in my arms,
but they did not know that I healed them.
I led them
with bands of human kindness,
with cords of love.
I treated them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks;
I bent down to them and fed them.

They will return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria will be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.
The sword will strike wildly in their cities;
it will consume the bars of their gates
and will take everything because of their schemes.
My people are bent on turning away from me;
and though they cry out to the Most High,
he will not raise them up.

How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart winces within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.

I won't act on the heat of my anger;
I won't return to destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and not a human being,
the holy one in your midst;
I won't come in harsh judgment.
They will walk after the Lord,
who roars like a lion.
When he roars,
his children will come trembling from the west.
They will come trembling like a bird,
and like a dove from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

WITNESS

telling our stories, offering expressions of faith, being Christ-like

{Together}

HELP MAKE “PACE” A HOME FOR VCU STUDENTS. On Saturday, August 13, 7:00 am – 12:30 pm, the Pace United Methodist Student Center at VCU is hosting a clean-up day. We need folks to trim bushes, plant flowers, paint, and give some love to make the center more welcoming and inviting for VCU students. If you are interested in the Pace cleanup day or learning more about the VCU United Methodist community, email Rev. Katie B. Gooch at paceumcm@gmail.com or call 658-4064 for more information.

That was all Katie. What follows is all Rachel. We bear witness to the family of God and to the goodness of humanity when we lend heart and hand to neighboring ministries. Katie has been a friend to our congregation. This is a chance to be a friend to her new ministry setting. Not all jobs will involve heavy lifting. Nor do all participants need to be on site for five hours. Every work group needs a whistler.

