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THE WHOLE ARMOR, PART 1

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Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Ephesians 6:10-13

When I was a child, I enjoyed playing with the golden armor of a Roman soldier. This plastic set lasted several years. It had a helmet, a breastplate, and a sword. After whacking things around the house, including my brother, the seam running down the plastic

sword started cracking. Otherwise, I simply outgrew it. My head grew too large to fit into the kid-sized helmet. My chest grew too wide to slip on the breastplate.

We may still have a kid-sized faith that says we need plastic armor. However, shallow faith misleads you to believe that you can overpower the schemes of the devil with our own strength or with plastic armor. When we believe the devil is a fictitious being created by the imagination, we tend to believe upgraded armor is not necessary. Truth: plastic armor is just a toy!

When you read about the first and second century martyrs who would rather be burned at the stake than deny Jesus, you see what true faith is. Now these Christians were protected from the devil's schemes!

I cannot help but wonder what I would do in a life-and-death situation. I mean, we live in a world where people deny Jesus daily for all kinds of short-term gains: money, climbing the corporate ladder, the respect of people, reputation/popularity, pleasures, comfort, and entertainment.

Thankfully, God offers an abundance of protection for faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Paul encouraged the churches in Ephesus (and other churches in the area of modern-day Turkey) to put on the whole armor of God. We don't need to fight one another. We need to protect and attack our mutual enemy. Spiritual forces, cosmic powers, darkness, evil...these laugh when we say, "Stop being so unfair!" However, evil trembles in the light. The devil flees at the name of Jesus. How is your armor?



LETTER FROM OUR HEARTLAND CONFERENCE LAY LEADER

Dear Heartland Conference,

I have been honored to serve on many committees since 2022. The one thing that has been and continues to be apparent is that 90% of these committee members are not only men, but pastors. Meaning the lay people of the GMC need to take a more active role. The God-given role we are intended for. Together, this revitalized movement of Methodism will spread like the Holy Spirit fire we all long for and feel is coming. Can you feel it? Do you anticipate the pouring out? We must have our hands and hearts and ears open, and our feet ready to move.

The Global Methodist Church needs her lay people to step forward and participate. There continues to be many ways to serve and many ways to help move the GMC formation forward. We should not look for an excuse to not plugin – whether it is on a district, annual conference, or general conference level.

“[18] And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (ESV)

Jesus was not speaking to pastors or seminary graduates. He was speaking to lay people.

I ask each one of you to read the article , “[Advance GM Church’s Mission: Nominations for Connectional Commissions Due August 6.](#)” and consider stepping into nomination for one of these Commissions. Sometimes just being willing to partner with Jesus is all He asks of us.

Should you, or a person you know of, be a good candidate for one of these Commissions, you can send your nomination directly to info@globalmethodist.org. In addition, if you would like the Heartland’s Connectional Council endorsement or to nominate you, please forward your 100-word biographical sketch to me at holly@ardmorefirst.org by July 28. Nominations received by our delegation will be prayed over and those selected will be prayerfully submitted to the TLC for consideration.

And as always, please continue to pray for our leaders of the Global Methodist Church.

Blessings to you!

Holly L. Joy
Heartland Conference Lay Leader



WORSHIP SONGS

Opening Song

[Open the Eyes of My Heart](#)

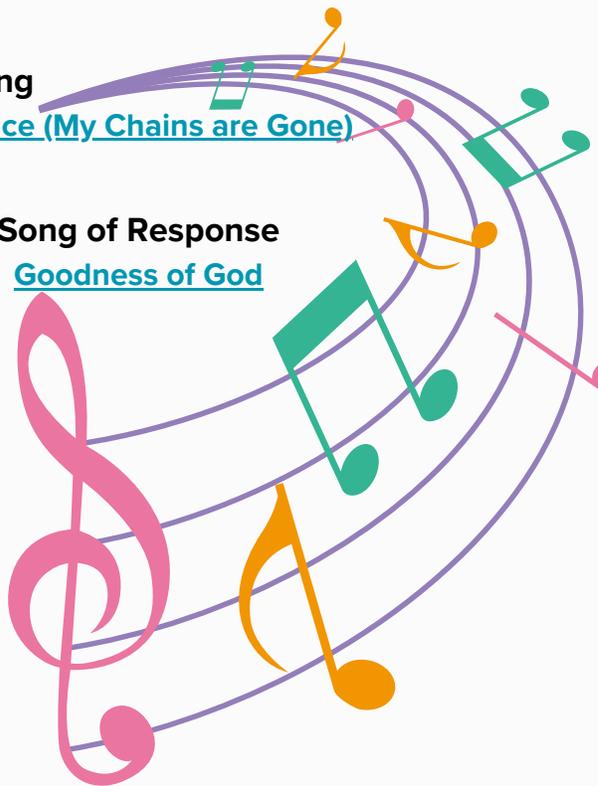
Worship Song

[Amazing Grace \(My Chains are Gone\)](#)

Hymnal #574

Song of Response

[Goodness of God](#)



CONNECTIONS

Access the sign up for [Sunday Volunteers!](#)

Click this title [We Are the Body](#) if you have **missed a sermon** in this series and want to catch up!

Click the link below to sign up for a **Hope Builders group**.

[Hope Builders interest form](#)



MEET & GREET

August 22nd 6:30-8:30 pm at
Laurie Kessler's 6741 Metcalf Ave.

Please join us for an opportunity to get to know each other better and discuss women's ministry opportunities.

8/4 VOLUNTEERS

Clean Up

Earl S.

Fellowship - Treats

Earl S.

Fellowship - Coffee

Jennifer H.

Hospitality

Jennifer H.

Prayer Group

Earl & Sue S., Randall S.

Tech - Audio

Lisa S.

Tech - Video

Bob K.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

It's a joy to have reasons to celebrate and we'd like to add a new "twist". Instead of just celebrating the person we hope everyone will use this list as a reminder to pray for others in the church.

8/1

Sue S.

8/5

Randall S.

8/22

Eric R.

8/26

Tim P.

PRAYER CONCERNS

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
~ *Philippians 4:6*

Prayers for:

Katherine F., on the death of her husband, Bob

For those in transition... new living situations, jobs

For those who have lost their hope in Jesus Christ, may their hearts be softened to hear His voice again

Carolyn E., broken femur and fingers

Jenna R., breast cancer, friend of Michelle G.

Lisa W., diagnosed with ALS, Bill F.'s niece

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Convening General Conference

9/20-9/26/24 San Jose, Costa Rica

Israel & Ukraine

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Prayer | 8:30am

Worship | 9:00am

Children | 9:15am

Fellowship | 9:50am

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