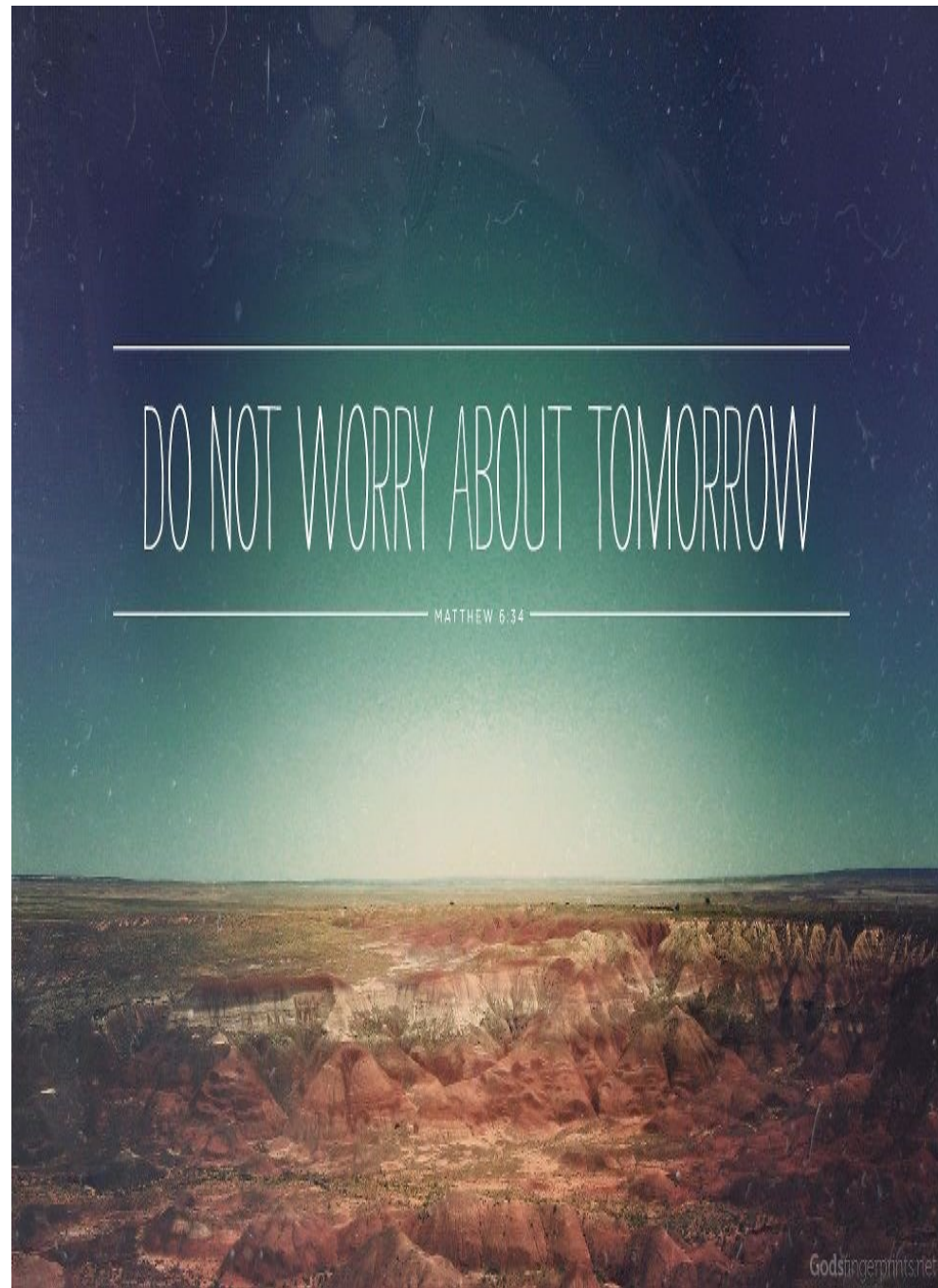


Sunday 10:45 am Hebrews Group	Wednesday 6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Choir
Monday 6:00 pm Bible Study	Thursday 10:00 am Women's Bible Study
Tuesday 4:30 pm Prayer Gathering	

This is Glenna Apsley and Alice Eversole's last Sunday here, Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on new endeavors.

The Prayer Room is open before, during and after today's service. Members of the Prayer Team are available to pray with you after the Service.

Sermon Notes



August 13, 2023

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Hymn**

UMH # 64 - Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Announcements

Confirmation &

Introducing/Welcoming New Members

Pastor:

Members of the household of God,
I commend these precious persons to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
Confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregation:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we
welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this
congregation of the Global Methodist Church, we renew our
covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by
our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in
everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

I Believe in Jesus

(Offering)

Good, Good Father

***Scripture**

Matthew 6:25-34

Message

Worry: Christ Tells Us why not to Worry

***Closing Hymn**

UMH # 140 - Great is Thy Faithfulness

***Benediction**

Congregational Prayer

Merciful and Gracious God, we come before You today knowing the majesty and glory You radiate; we know the power and holiness of Your name. Yet, because of the love that You have given us and continue to shower upon us, we dare to approach You with our humble praise and thanksgiving for all that You have done for us. You created us and sustain us still, even in our weakness, fear, and doubt, and we know that You are near.

Father, give us the knowledge of Your closeness always, in our joy and sorrow, in our health and illness, in our confidence and doubt. Help us always turn toward You each day, knowing Your presence is constant.

Holy and Eternal God, our prayers to You are sometimes halting and hesitant. In our fear and confusion, we often do not know what to do or even what to say. Open our hearts, Lord, so that we may pour out to You our deepest needs and desires, asking You to provide for us as You always have. Remind us, O Gracious Master, that You know our needs before we speak them, but in Your love, You desire us to draw close to You in fervent prayer.

Hear the words we speak, O God, but listen to the unspoken sighs of our hearts, as well.

Allow Your Holy Spirit to surround us, Father, so that when words of prayer fail us, Your Holy Spirit can intercede for us and carry our pain, our fears, our doubts, our grief, and our spiritual hunger to Your ears. Remind us that the love of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, covers us with His redemptive power, so that we can approach You without barriers and without boundaries.

You already know us better than we know ourselves, Heavenly Father. You know our needs even before we say a word. Help us to fully trust in Your faithfulness so that we testify to Your power, mercy, and grace.

Hear our prayers, Eternal God, and answer them according to Your will, not ours. Set us on the pathway that leads only to You. Give us hope of eternal life through the death and resurrection of Your dear Son, in whose name we pray as He taught us:

Our Father. . .

(The Lord's Prayer follows)

***Congregation please stand as able**

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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Arun Paul - arun@decaturgrace.org

(Worship is recorded for T.V. viewing and other social media platforms)