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CHAIRES Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN
*OPENING PRAISE AND WORSHIP *I'll Fly Away* See Screens
WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Kerry Foote
WELCOMING OF GUEST Pastor
If you are worshiping with us for the first time today, we are especially glad you are here. You do not have to know all the answers or have everything figured out to belong among us. We hope today you experience the love of Christ and discover that this is a place where you can worship, grow, ask questions, and walk with others in faith.

PASSING THE PEACE
Which change would improve your week the most: always finding your keys, never forgetting why you walked into a room, or desserts having no calories?

CALL WORSHIP Liturgist
Liturgist: Our God is still at work, bringing hope where hope seems lost.
Congregation: Lord, open our eyes to see what You are doing.
Liturgist: God meets us in our weakness, our waiting, and our need.
Congregation: Lord, give us faith to trust You.
Liturgist: God brings healing, restoration, and new beginnings.
Congregation: Lord, continue Your transforming work in us.
Liturgist: Come, let us worship the God whose grace still changes lives.
Congregation: We give thanks to the God who is not finished with us yet.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *To God Be the Glory* (v. 1-3) UMH #98

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed Liturgist
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE 2 Kings 5:1–14 (NKJV) Liturgist

Naaman's Leprosy Healed
5 Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, *but* a leper. 2 And the Syrians had gone out on raids and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife. 3 Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master *were* with the prophet who *is* in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy." 4 And *Naaman* went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus said the girl who *is* from the land of Israel."
5 Then the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So, he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand *shekels* of gold, and ten changes of clothing.
[6] Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said,
Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy.
[7] And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, "*Am* I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore, please consider and see how he seeks a quarrel with me."
[8] So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."
[9] Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. [10] And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and *you shall* be clean." [11] But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out *to me,* and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' [12] *Are* not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So, he turned and went away in a rage. [13] And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, *if* the prophet had told you *to do* something great, would you not have done *it?* How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" [14] So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor
CHILDREN'S PRAYER
Thank You for loving us. Help us grow in faith. Help us become kinder, braver, and more like Jesus. Even when we cannot see it, help us trust that You are still working. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Luke 8:40-56 (NKJV) Liturgist

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed
[40] So it was, when Jesus returned, that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him. [41] And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, [42] for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying.
But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. [43] Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, [44] came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.
[45] And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?"
When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"
[46] But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." [47] Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.
[48] And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

[49] While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house,* saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."
[50] But when Jesus heard *it,* He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well."
[51] When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. [52] Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping."
[53] And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.
[54] But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." [55] Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given *something* to eat. [56] And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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MISSION MOMENT

HYMN OF PREPARATION *It Is Well with My Soul* (vs. 1-4) UMH #377

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE Pastor
Prayer cards are in the chair backs, except the front row. To share a prayer with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it to the center aisle during the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect and pray over the cards during the service, then share them with the prayer chain for prayer throughout the week.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Take My Life, and Let It Be* (vs. 1-3) UMH # 399

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor

SERMON Pastor
Title: Alpha 101: Does God Still Change Lives?
Theme: Grace Worth Sharing
Core Question: Can God heal, restore, and use my story?

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating our gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER
Gracious God, thank You for the many ways You have blessed and carried us.
Receive these gifts and use them to bring hope, healing, and the love of Christ to others. Help us offer not only our resources, but also our lives and our stories for Your purposes.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PASSING THE PLATE

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings* UMH #95

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION *I Love to Tell the Story* (vs. 1-4) UMH #156

*COMMISION / BENEDICTION Pastor

Go into this week remembering that God is still at work. Where you need help, ask. Where God is moving, notice. Where grace has changed your life, share the story. And when your story still feels unfinished, do not lose hope. The God who has carried you this far is not finished with you yet. Go in the grace, hope, and peace of Jesus Christ…and all of God's children said…Amen

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Grace, Love and Fellowship* CEL#233

* Please stand as you are able.

Sermon Notes

ALPHA 101 — WEEK 10

DOES GOD STILL CHANGE LIVES?

Theme: Grace Worth Sharing
Core Question: *Can God heal, restore, and use my story?*

Old Testament: 2 Kings 5:1–14
New Testament: Luke 8:40–56

Main Idea

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Key Thought:
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My Notes

Challenge

Where have I been trying to handle everything on my own?

Prayer:
"Jesus, I need Your help here."

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2. GOD'S HEALING DOES NOT ALWAYS LOOK THE WAY WE _____.

Sometimes God changes the circumstances. Sometimes God changes us while the circumstances remain difficult.

Key Thought:
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Look not only for what God is changing **around you**, but also what God is changing **within you**.

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3. CHANGED PEOPLE BECOME _____.

A changed life tells a story.

When God has carried us, forgiven us, strengthened us, or restored hope, our story can become encouragement for somebody else.

Key Thought:
Your story does not have to be dramatic to be useful. It only has to be honest.

My Notes

Challenge

Who might need to hear a little of what God has done in my life?

TAKE IT HOME

This week, practice three simple things:

ASK

Where do I need Jesus' help?

NOTICE

Where is God already at work?

SHARE

Who might be encouraged by what God has done in my life?

Remember

Do not give up on a story God is still writing.

God still changes lives.
God still restores hope.
God still heals.
God still transforms.

And by the grace of Jesus Christ, **God is still working in us.**

Prayer for the Week

Lord, help me trust You with the places that still feel unfinished. Give me eyes to notice where You are already working, and courage to share Your grace with someone who needs hope. Amen.