

## Message Notes

**United Methodist Membership Vows:** We promise to support the church through our:  
Prayers      Presence      Gifts      Service      Witness

### Prayer for the Week

#### A Litany based on Psalm 100

Written by Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, the resident bishop of the North Carolina Annual Conference.

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!*

We give thanks for this good earth, your gift to us and our home,  
and we pray for wisdom and gentleness to care for your creation, O God.

*Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.*

We gather with grateful hearts, remembering your mercy and strength,  
your justice and your compassion, your goodness and your grace.

*Know that the Lord is God.*

May we live what we know of you and strive for what you seek, O God.

*We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.*

In humility we pray for the entire human family,  
remembering those in need, and all who are alone, dishonored or excluded.

*Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.*

Move us through thanksgiving and praise to action.  
Use us to heal wherever there is violence and harm.

*Give thanks to God, bless God's name.*

May we embrace your just purpose, O God, and offer ourselves in prophetic witness.

*For the Lord is good;*

We pray for your goodness to flow outward, flooding this world with love.

*God's steadfast love endures forever,*

We pray for your loving purpose in every life this day and into the days to come.

*And God's faithfulness to all generations.*

### The Kingdom is Near:

1. When God acts in your life, what response do you give?
2. How have you experienced the grace and mercy of Christ in your life?
3. What are you grateful for today?