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**Sermon Theme:**

We all know of all the wonderous things the Lord has done, such as the creation of all there is to the birth and resurrection of his son Jesus the Christ. We just have to look around us to see all these amazing things. The miracle of Jesus being sent here to teach us and show us the way to salvation and how we should live was just one that should always stay with us. Jesus used many ways to help us understand the importance of how we live. One of the ways he used was through Parables. Did you know that there are over 30 of them in the Bible and each one conveyed an important lesson. Opening your ears to hear and eyes to see can put the world in a new shining light of faith and salvation.

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**First United Methodist Church of Horseheads**

**April 28, 2024**

**Greeting and Announcements**

{as this service begins, please use the white prayer cards on the pew-back in front of you if you want something read aloud from the pulpit. During our first hymn, the Ushers will collect cards to be read aloud.}

**Prelude:** Gigue, from English Suite II                    J.S. Bach

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn:** Stand Up and Bless the Lord #662 UMH

**\*Unison Prayer:**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer (on screen)** p.#895

**L:** God has abundantly cast God’s seeds of love and hope upon us.

**P: May we be fruitful soil for the planting and growing of hope and peace.**

**L:** Come, let us praise God who is so generous with us.

**P: Let us sing songs of joy to God.  
L:** Hallelujah! **P: Hallelujah!**

O God, We gather together in Your presence with expectation,

hungry for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word.

Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit.

May the seeds of Your Word which are scattered among us this morning fall on fertile soil. May they take root in our hearts and lives and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher, and our Lord. Amen.

**Gift of Music:** Do Not Be Afraid                                        Lloyd Larson

**Young Disciples’ Time**

**Scripture:** Matthew 13:1-9 p. #13-14

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

***People: Thanks be to God!***

**\*Hymn:** My Jesus, I Love Thee #172 UMH

**Scripture**: Jeremiah 17:7,8 p. #719

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

***People: Thanks be to God!***

**Sermon:** What Will God Do Next

**Offering**

**Offering Music:** Jerusalem, My Happy Home                arr. by George Shearing  
**Doxology**

**\*Hymn:** I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me #2153 FWS

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** Trumpet Tune                                    David Lasky

[Please feel free to be seated and enjoy the Postlude}

\*indicates please stand, if able UMH = red hymnal

FWS =   black songbook

**Announcements April 28, 2024**

**Flowers on the altar are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in honor of David Peckham**

**Calendar**

April 28th: Last day for flower sale.

April 28th: No Sunday School, Rummage Sale set up (Spring Break)

May 1st: 6:30pm, Faith Builders, SCR

May 1st: 5pm to 8pm: Rummage Sale

May 2nd: 9am to 4pm: Rummage Sale

May 3rd: 9am-noon, Rummage Sale

May 4th: 3pm, Choir Practice

**Boy Scout Troop 84:**  The Scouts will be having their annual chicken barbecue at the church on Saturday, May 11th from 11am-1pm. Scouts will be selling tickets after service today, April 28th.  The dinner for $13 includes 1/2 a chicken, baked beans, salt potatoes and a dinner roll.  Chicken only is $9 for a half chicken. Pre-sale tickets only.  This fundraiser will help the kids go to summer camp!

**37th Annual Spring Flower Sale!** This is the last day for taking orders. Find us in the Narthex after today’s service.

**Rummage Sale:** The United Women in Faith sponsor our annual rummage sale. All money raised goes solely for the many missions we support. Thank you for all your support with this event. The Spring Rummage Sale will be May 1,2,3. If you wish to help out with this event, please see Cindy Ellis.

**Holy Grounds Kitchen:**  Please find in the entranceway a sign-up sheet for donations of food and kitchen volunteers for the rummage sale.

**Attention parents and grandparents of upcoming high school and college graduates.** Please send us their information by May 1st so that we can celebrate their accomplishments in worship (Date TBD). We would love to know where they are graduating from and what their future plans might be. Send to: [majirossm@gmail.com](mailto:majirossm@gmail.com) thank you!

**Newsletter:** Please let the church office know if you have not received the email with the monthly newsletter at any time. (The newsletter is sent out once a month, usually the last week of the month.) If you would like to be on the email list for the newsletter, and any other emails we need to send out, please send an email to the office at: [office@horseheadsumc.org](mailto:office@horseheadsumc.org). If you would like to put something in the newsletter, please email or bring it to the office by the third Wednesday of the month. You can also find printed copies of the newsletter in the Narthex. Newsletter was sent on Friday, April 26th, so please let us know if you did not receive it via email.

**Bulletin Boards**: Please find outside organizations events on the Bulletin Board by the water fountains in the Narthex. You can find the Monthly calendar for all church Altar Flower sign up calendar hanging on the bulletin board by the kitchen doorway. United Women in Faith bulletin board changes each month, so please check it out. If you have a food panty donation, you can find the cart sitting beside the United Woman in Faith area.

**Casowasco Summer Camp registration is now open!** We will help you with the costs of attending! Go to https://Casowasco.org for information. Camp for all children’s ages is available! Contact Pastor McDowell for more information about our scholarships.

**May House Bank for Hunger:**This event will continue throughout the month of May.   In the past, this collection has raised funds for worldwide hunger through UMCOR World poverty and Hunger, Bread for the World and to local hunger issues through Horseheads Food Pantry.   It has come to our attention that Meals on Wheels needs funds to meet the growing need for their services.  The mission committee has decided to give the funds raised this May to the local meals on wheels.   A wooden house bank will be in the narthex during the month of May, or you can place your gift in the offering plate. Please indicate in the memo of your check or envelope the amount that is slated for the May House Bank.   The missions committee thanks the congregation in advance for your support.

**Help needed**: There will be a Special Workday event on May 18th from 9am till noon. Painting outside window frames and outdoor cleanup will be the focus.

**CPR TRAINING**:  Starting in May, our church will be offering three different types of CPR training.

**Class On May 19th**:  We will offer a 2-hour course that will focus on the first steps to take upon walking into a situation and the different scenarios you could be faced with, from choking to finding someone unconscious.  This will not be a certification class.  Class size will be limited to 10 people but there will be more classes offered if the interest is there.

**Class on May 19th** is called Hands Only, which goes into finding an unconscious person and what to do.  It does not go into AED use, or resuscitation, (breathing), for the victim.  These classes will be limited to 10 participants.  (More classes will be scheduled if more than ten people are requesting this class.)

**Class on June 30th**: This is a recertification class and is 4 hours long.  If you need to be certified in CPR this would be for you.  Extra classes will be scheduled if there is a need for more.

    All classes will start right after church service in the Fellowship Hall.   Sign-ups for these classes will be in the entranceway.  Depending on the number of people interested, we will schedule more classes.  If you have questions, please call Dennis Tubbs or Ande Tubbs at 607-739-7082