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- C. Face masks are optional.

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# O the Blessing of Peace and Persecution

Matt. 5:1-2, 9-12



First United Methodist Church

May 29, 2022  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9:00 Worship Service  
Arkadelphia, AR

## Sermon Outline

# Welcome!

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## *Order of Service*

Opening Song.....*Newsong Praise Band*

Prayer of Confession & Invitation.....*Congregation*

Announcements.....*Pastor Randy*

Children's Moments for Little Methodists.....*Sabrina Mecum*

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer.....*Congregation*

Songs of Praise.....*Newsong Praise Band*

Apostles' Creed.....*Congregation*

Reading God's Word Out Loud..... *Matthew 5:1-2, 9-12*

Sermon.....*Pastor Randy*

*O the Blessing of Peace and Persecution*

Closing Song.....*Newsong Praise Band*

Benediction/Blessing.....*Pastor Randy*

I. Little is big

II. Peace defined (Mt 5:9)

III. Persecution explained (Mt. 5:10-12)

- A. The first Christians were persecuted in every area of life.
- B. Why did the Romans persecute Christians? Because they were falsely accused of:
  - 1. Cannibalism
  - 2. Immorality
  - 3. Being incendiaries
  - 4. Tampering with family relationships
  - 5. Political treason
- C. "blessed that they have allowed themselves to be persecuted for the sake of righteousness [same as Mt. 5:6]"

IV. Please choose to live in God's presence

### Prayer Concerns

Please pray for Tiff Covington and his family. Tiff was in a bad motorcycle accident on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. He is currently at UAMS in the ICU. You can stay up-to-date on his progress at [caringbridge.org/visit/tiffcovington](http://caringbridge.org/visit/tiffcovington)

Please also be in prayer for the family of Mary Ardith Higgins, Bill Higgins' mom. Mary passed away Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Carolyn McAnally fell and broke her hip and is now recovering from surgery. Please pray for a speedy and trouble-free recovery.

## Announcements

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