

PRELUDE.....Ray Meyer

WELCOME AND CENTERING MOMENT

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Beloved disciples, welcome. As we gather, what are you seeking?

**P: We seek God’s presence all around us.**

L: Beloved disciples, if God’s presence is all around us, what are you seeking?

**P: We seek to recognize God’s presence among us.**

L: Beloved disciples, if God is among you, what are you seeking?

**P: We seek God in the faces of family, friends, and neighbors.**

L: Beloved disciples, if God is in the face of your neighbor, what are you seeking?

**P: We seek God in the search and the work for peace and wholeness for all God’s creation.**

L: As we gather today, may we meet God in our seeking and in our finding.

**P: Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN.....”Jesus Calls Us” .....UMH #398**

**\*OPENING UNISON PRAYER**

**Through the storms of life, O God, you are with your people in the person of Jesus your Son. Calm our fears and strengthen our faith that we may never doubt his presence among us but proclaim that he is your Son, risen from the dead, living for ever and ever. Amen.**

YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME--Blessing of the school backpacks

SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 14:22-33, pew Bible page #1492  
Liturgist, Ben O’Clair

Thanks be to God for the gift of Scripture.

HYMN.....”O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”.....UMH #430

SERMON..You of Little Faith: Why do you doubt? Rev. Dr. Barrie Tritle

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY INVITATION ([www.spencergumc.com/give.php](http://www.spencergumc.com/give.php))

OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY.....Doxology.....UMH #94**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CONCERNS AND JOYS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**\*CLOSING HYMN....”Love Lifted Me”....Worship and Song (green book)**

**\*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as able

<p><b>Sermon Notes:</b> _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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## Calendar of Church Events for GUMC:

### Sunday, August 20, 2023

9:00 AM Worship Service

Blessings of the school backpacks and the new school year!

### Tuesday, August 22, 2023

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Weighted Works With Love

3:30 PM UWFaith Planning Meeting in Wesley Room

5:00 PM Esther Circle Meeting in Fireside Room

### Wednesday, August 23, 2023

3:30 PM Grace Cares Meeting

### Saturday, August 26, 2023

1:00 PM—4:00 PM Grace UMC Ministry Planning Retreat

**Meals on Wheels:** All the Thursdays and Fridays are filled with volunteers ready for delivery even during the Clay County Fair!

## Wanted

Baked Goods, Hand Crafted Items, Timeless Treasures

The Missions Committee is looking for items to sell at the **Missions Market** to be held October 21, Saturday. Please get out your knitting needles, lathes, saws, paints, rolling pins, or baking tins and create one-of-a-kind products to donate. We will also offer timeless treasures. These are quality items that you are ready to adopt out to a new home to support Grace's mission work. Suggestions include collectibles and art. Watch for more information by Sheryl Larson.

## Looking for Sunday morning Greeters

- Sign up in the Narthex or contact Dorothy DeGroot.

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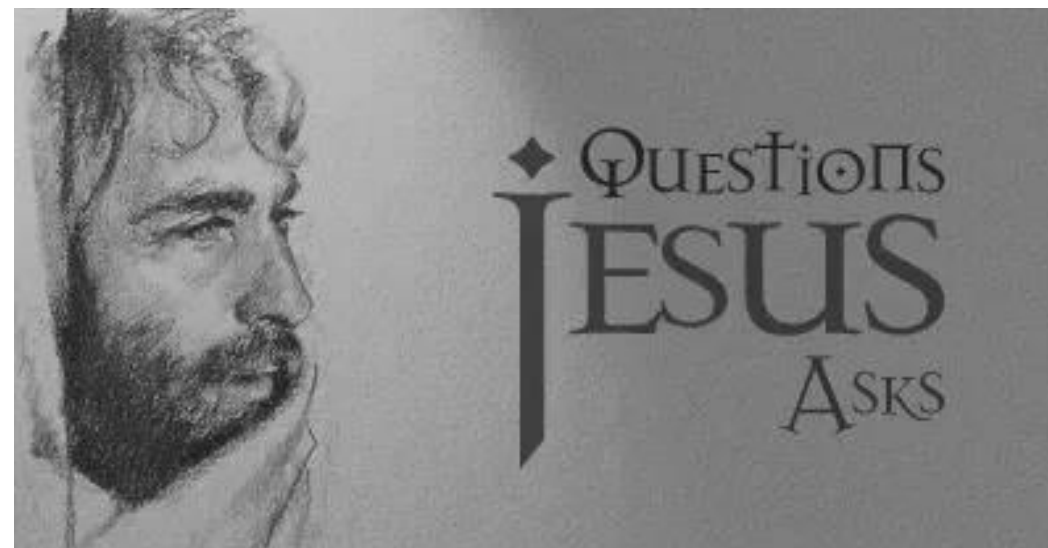
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Rev. Dr. Barrie Tritle

Ministers: All God's People!

9:00 AM

Sunday, August 20, 2023



Questions Jesus Asks  
August – 2023 Sermon Series