

# GBUMC COMPASS

A Weekly Worship Guide

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**"Friends in Christ exercising love, hope and grace to enrich all lives."**

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## Sermon Recap

So much of our DNA as United Methodists is rooted in the biblical mandate to serve. We serve because Christ first served us. In 1<sup>st</sup> Kings, we discover Solomon offering this blessing that reflects his hopes for the prayers he is lifting to God: *"so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God."* If our efforts to serve in mission are so that our church becomes known, it will ultimately be fruitless. If our efforts to serve in mission is so that we might earn God's favor – fruitless. But, if our efforts to serve in mission are for the purpose of helping others to know of the goodness, love, and mercy of God, then blessed are we who are peacemakers.

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*Let these words of mine, with which I pleaded before the Lord, be near to the Lord our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires; so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other. Therefore, devote yourselves completely to the Lord our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day."*

*-1 Kings 8:59-61 (NRSV)*

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## Applied to My Life

Today is Missions Sunday, presented to us by GBUMC's Outreach Team. They, along with other groups in our church provide us with countless opportunities to give to mission, support missions with our time and talents, and even to educate us on how the bigger church to which we belong is serving in all of God's creation. Take time to visit their displays following the service and ask how you can get involved. Maybe you think there isn't anything you can do. Maybe...you'll just be surprised.

## Other Worship Notes I Want to Remember: