

**May 5, 2024**  
**Sixth Sunday of Eastertide**  
**Confirmation**

**SERMON SERIES**

*Hearts Strangely Warmed*

*What it Means to be United Methodist in the Bible Belt!*

**TODAY'S SERMON:**

*"Salt & Light"*

**Scripture: St. Matthew 5:13-16**  
**(New Revised Standard Version)**

**13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.**

**14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.**

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- 1) "United We Stand: What it Means to be United Methodist"**
- 2) "Preaching Now," featuring Sunday sermons**
- 3) "Faith Matters Today" for theology and biblical studies**

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# Sermon Notes

Wesley famously said, *“I want the whole Christ for my Savior, the whole Bible for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship, and the whole world for my mission field.”*

What can we learn from Wesley that can help us to be the faithful people that God intends, and to bring to realization his dream of the whole Church for our fellowship?

1. T \_\_\_\_\_ Together about the Promises of God.

*“As to all opinions which do not strike at the root of Christianity, we Methodists ‘think and let think.’” – John Wesley*

2. L \_\_\_\_\_ Together as the People of God.

*“Methodists are happy in God. They rejoice because they have found forgiveness in Christ. The Holy Spirit is present in their lives assuring them that they are children of God.”*  
– John Wesley

3. S \_\_\_\_\_ Together with the Power of God.

*“A Methodist does good unto all – unto neighbors, and strangers, friends, and enemies.” – John Wesley*