

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
June 18, 2023 - 10:00am - 4th Sunday in Pentecost Season

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

arr. Jeffrey Honoré

Welcome and Announcements – Please sign in on the Attendance pads,
or use your phone and the QR Code to the right to sign in electronically
or use this link: <https://form.jotform.com/211785166356159>

Please fill out your yellow prayer cards



*Opening Hymn UMH #710: *"Faith of Our Fathers"*

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| 1) Faith of our fathers, living still, In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with joy Whene'er we hear that glorious word! Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death. | We all shall then be truly free. Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death. |
| 2) Faith of our fathers, we will strive To win all nations unto thee; And thru the truth that comes from God, | 3) Faith of our fathers, we will love Both friend and foe in all our strife; And preach thee, too, as love knows how By kindly words and virtuous life. Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*The Call to Worship:

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is Good,

P: God's steadfast love endures forever!

L: Give thanks to the God of gods.

P: God's steadfast love endures forever!

L: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

P: God's steadfast love endures forever!

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Time of Prayer – During the Prayer Chorus and/or silent meditation, ushers will collect your yellow prayer cards
and deliver them to the pastor.

Prayer Chorus FWS #2056 – "God Is So Good"

*God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, God's so good to me!
God answers prayer, God answers prayer, God answers prayer, God's so good to me!*

* Please stand if you are able

Silent Meditation

Lifting our Celebrations and Concerns In Prayer

The Lord's Prayer – Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Living Our Gratitude

♪ *You can support your church family by giving in person or online. Enjoy the musical selection as a time to give thanks to God for all with which you have been blessed. Thank you! Use the QR code to the right or give online here:*

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Offertory:

Children's Medley

arr. Marilyn Ham

(Mozart's Sonata in C Major / Praise Him, All Ye Little Children / Music Box Dancer / Jesus Loves Me)

The Doxology:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

UMH #94

Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving: Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not only with our lips, but with our whole lives; turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

Scripture Lessons:

Ephesians 6:1-9

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 184

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother”—this is the first commandment with a promise— ³“so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” ⁴And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. ⁵Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and trembling, in singleness of heart, as you obey Christ, ⁶not with a slavery performed merely for looks, to please people, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the soul. ⁷Render service with enthusiasm, as for the Lord and not for humans, ⁸knowing that whatever good we do, we will receive the same again from the Lord, whether we are enslaved or free. ⁹And, masters, do the same to them. Stop threatening them, for you know that both of you have the same Lord in heaven, and with him there is no partiality.

Children's Message – A special moment just for kids

Special Music

“I Speak Jesus”
Kathy Jimenez

by Kristen Dutton, Jesse Reeves, Dustin Smith,
Abby Benton, Raina Pratt, Carlene Prince

Scripture Lessons:

Ephesians 6:10-18

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 184

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; ¹¹ put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, ¹² for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness ¹⁵ and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Response to the Word

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: GOD, FATHERS, CHILDREN, AND PRAYER

Roger Spann, Guest Preacher

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #496: “Sweet Hour of Prayer”**

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| 1) Sweet hour of prayer! | In seasons of distress and grief, |
| Sweet hour of prayer! | My soul has often found relief, |
| That calls me from a world of care, | And oft escaped the tempter's snare |
| And bids me at my Father's throne | By thy return, sweet hour of prayer! |
| Make all my wants and wishes known. | |

2) Sweet hour of prayer!
 Sweet hour of prayer!
 The joys I feel, the bliss I share
 Of those whose anxious spirits burn
 With strong desires for thy return!
 With such I hasten to the place
 Where God my Savior shows his face,
 And gladly take my station there,
 And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3) Sweet hour of prayer!
 Sweet hour of prayer!
 Thy wings shall my petition bear
 To him whose truth and faithfulness
 Engage the waiting soul to bless.
 And since he bids me seek his face,
 Believe his word, and trust his grace,
 I'll cast on him my every care,
 And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

***Benediction:**

L: Let us go forth into the world in peace and dedicated to your service, O Lord. Let us hold fast to that which is good, render to no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the needy and afflicted, and honor all people. Let us love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of His Spirit and may God’s blessing be upon us and remain with us always.

P: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord and all God’s creation. Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Postlude:**

“Daddy Sang Bass”

by the Gaithers; arr. Carl Perkins

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Guest Preacher: Roger Spann / Liturgist: David Marks / Greeters: Belinda Hatch / Ushers: Tom Kraynak, Bill Draper, Larry Haggerty / Welcome Desk: Betty Jo Cloud / Coffee Hour Host: Carla Piazza Wistehuff / Sound System: Nic Courier / Nursery: Karissa Schultz

THANK YOU to Roger Spann, our guest preacher today, while Pastor Amy is on the Mission Trip.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the men out there who father us in so many ways.

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark Abbe, Ed Babinski, David Barker, Barry Brown, Myrna Cammin, Judy Dawe, Bonnie & Pat Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Wayne Henney, Dr. Kirk Herrick, Marion Hoffman, Sarah Kettlehohn, Barb Kropp, Joyce Maltman, Camille Marek, Bonnie Markley, John Mertz, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Wendy Southgate Murphy, Ron Perry, Al & Teddy Reichard, Madge Richmond, Anne Ruffle, Eugenia Shek, Joanna Thompson, and Rev. Richard Turner. Also, please pray for UMCOR, all suffering from illness/famine/oppression, those suffering from wildfires, and an end to war in Ukraine.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Ed Babinski, Rev. Doug Leifler

OUR SYMPATHY to Jane MacQueen and family on the death of Jane's mother Rose Prevost on Friday, June 16, 2023.

MEMORIAL SERVICE For Carol Brown is here on Sat. June 24 at 11am, with visitation at 10am.

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY given by Lou & Karen Constan in honor of Zachary Constan's birthday.

THE YOUTH MISSION TEAM left this morning for Cabell County, WV, to work with Appalachia Service Project to make homes warmer, safer, and drier. Thank you all who supported the team this year! Please hold Anthony Ashmall, Rob Ashmall, Madeline Curtiss, & Pastor Amy in your prayers.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING in person and online – Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00pm.

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS have resumed on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Our next free meal is Tuesday, July 11. Volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>

SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM to help families facing food insecurity. Thank you to all who helped pack bags, who delivered food, and who supported this mission financially. Please consider adopting a student or two for the 2023-24 school year. It costs the church \$150 per child to feed them for an entire school year. Currently, we feed 72 children every weekend. Thank you all!!

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY – Sunday, July 9 following worship. Lunch will be provided for those who stay. Please dress in your work clothes for worship. Our custodian, Tina Castle, does a WONDERFUL job for us, but she's only employed here ten hours a week, and there are some annual tasks that we rely on our members to help us get done. You can plan to stay and be assigned a job somewhere in the building OR if you prefer, you may sign up for a specific job/room online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-allchurch>

COFFEE HOUR hosts needed. Sign up at the welcome desk or sign up and view instructions online here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-coffee>. You may also call the church office at (989) 799-0131 to sign up. Thank you!



2023

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

WE NEED YOU!

Where: **Covenant Neighborhood**

Homebase - Bliss Park

When: June 14, 15, 16, 17 and 21, 22, 23

Daily Shifts - 7:30am-12pm and 12:30pm-5pm

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ✓ Event Sponsor
- ✓ Volunteer
- ✓ Provide lunch
- ✓ Spread the word
- ✓ Donate materials or funds



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June 20 STRAWBERRY Festival 2023

Tuesday • 4-8 pm

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- Food Trucks
- Live Music
- Fresh Strawberries
- Strawberry Shortcake
- Silent Auction

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