

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
June 25, 2023 - 10:00am - 5th Sunday in Pentecost Season

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude from the Bell Quartet:

Selected Quartets

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 FWS #2237: “As A Fire Is Meant for Burning”**

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| 1) As a fire is meant for burning
With a bright and warming flame,
So the church is meant for mission,
Giving glory to God’s name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
But to build a bridge of care,
We join hands across the nations,
Finding neighbors everywhere. | By our gentle loving actions,
We would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening spirit,
We would live to God’s delight. |
| 2) We are learners; we are teachers;
We are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
We are vessels made of clay. | 3) As a green bud in the springtime
Is a sign of life renewed,
So may we be signs of oneness
Mid earth’s peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
When a storm is past and gone,
May our lives reflect the radiance
Of God’s new and glorious dawn. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***The Call to Worship:**

(adapted from The Whole People of God on <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>.)

One: Jesus calls us to give freely, for we have freely received.

All: All are welcome here, for we have all been forgiven by the same grace.

One: Jesus said that whoever welcomes one of his followers, welcomes Jesus himself.

All: All are welcome here, for Christ invites all to follow regardless of our differences.

One: Whoever welcomes Jesus, also welcomes God.

All: The Spirit is welcome here; we embrace the divine call to serve even when it’s hard.

One: Whoever offers even a cup of cold water to a little one will be blessed by God.

All: God is here among us, welcoming us all into His presence. Let us worship God.

* Please stand if you are able

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 #2129 – “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

*I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, no turning back.*

*The world behind me, the cross before me; The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me; No turning back, no turning back.*

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!*

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Offertory: *“Reach Out and Touch Somebody’s Hand”* by Nikolas Ashford / Valerie Simpson; arr. Karen L. Thomas

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: **Mighty God, these are tough times in our churches; we need to be renewed again and filled with your power. Bless our gifts and we who bring them. As you revived the saints who came before us, revive us to go out and welcome the forgotten, heal the sick, speak the words of comfort and hope to the discouraged. In the holy name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons: Matthew 10:1-14 Pew Bible N.T. pg. 9

¹ Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

“Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; therefore, give without payment. ⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town.

Children’s Message – A special moment just for kids

Special Music from the Bell Quartet

Selected Quartets

Scripture Lessons:

Matthew 10:40-42

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 10

⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

SENT OUT

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #670: "Go Forth for God"**

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| <p>1) Go forth for God,
 go to the world in peace;
 Be of good courage,
 armed with heavenly grace,
 In God's good Spirit daily to increase,
 till in the kingdom we see face to face.
 Go forth for God,
 go to the world in peace.</p> <p>2) Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
 Strengthen the faint,
 give courage to the weak;
 Help the afflicted; richly from above
 God's love supplies
 the grace and power we seek.
 Go forth for God, go to the world in love.</p> | <p>3) Go forth for God,
 go to the world in strength;
 Hold fast the good,
 be urgent for the right;
 Render to no one evil; Christ at length
 Shall overcome all darkness
 with his light.
 Go forth for God,
 go to the world in strength.</p> <p>4) Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
 To serve God's people every day & hour,
 And serving Christ,
 our every gift employ,
 Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.</p> |
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***Benediction:**

L: Beloved, go out to proclaim the good news! Believe that the kingdom of heaven has come near. Help the sick, the grieving, the oppressed, and the wayward. Serve unselfishly. Welcome others as God welcomes you. Let your peace rest on those you encounter, and the peace of God will carry you through your days.

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

***Postlude:**

"The Voice of God Is Calling"

by William Lloyd; arr. Gilbert Martin

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Bill Cowdry / Greeters: Sue Arceo & Roger Spann / Ushers: Bob Bula, John Cammin Jr, Chuck Priem / Welcome Desk: Karen Constan / Coffee Hour Host: NEEDED / Sound System: Angie Smith / Nursery: Katie Moon

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: Marilyn Ashmall, Rev. Doug Leifler

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

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY have been given by Barry Brown in memory of Carol Brown, whose life we celebrated here yesterday.

THANK YOU to our bell quartet – Evie Kraynak, Bryan Latimer, Christine McGuinness, and Catherine McMichael – for blessing us with your music today.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING in person tomorrow – Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00pm. If you need an online option, please let Pastor Amy know. You can call or email her at (989) 274-6363 or pastoralbt@outlook.com.

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>

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>
Sign up to donate food at the welcome desk or online here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food2>

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!!

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!

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