

# First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community  
August 20, 2023 - 10:00am - 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost Season

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Prelude:** *Three Settings of "We Walk By Faith"*

*by Hugh Wilson; arr. Donald Rotermund*

**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 #121:** *"There's A Wideness In God's Mercy"*

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| 1) There's a wideness in God's mercy<br>like the wideness of the sea;<br>There's a kindness in God's justice,<br>which is more than liberty. | 3) For the love of God is broader<br>than the measure of our mind;<br>And the heart of the Eternal<br>is most wonderfully kind.             |
| 2) There is welcome for the sinner,<br>and more graces for the good!<br>There is mercy with the Savior;<br>there is healing in his blood.    | 4) If our love were but more simple,<br>we should rest upon God's word;<br>And our lives would be illumined<br>by the presence of our Lord. |

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**\*Call to Worship:**

*(from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>.)*

**One:** Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord—

**All:** **Outsiders and insiders, old-timers and new-comers, the young, the old, and the in-between.**

**One:** All are welcome in God's house.

**All:** **For this is a house of prayer for all people.**

**One:** Come as you are, but expect to leave this place different than you are.

**All:** **Challenged, renewed, healed, and fed. This is the work of God in us for growth. Thanks be to 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 #2064:** “O Lord, You’re Beautiful”

*O Lord, you’re beautiful, your face is all I seek;  
And when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me.*

*O Lord, you’re wonderful, your touch is all I need;  
And when your hand is on this child, your healing I receive.*

**Silent Meditation and 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:** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” *by Lowell Mason; arr. John Carter*

**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:** Creator and Architect of the universe, as we bring you our offerings this day, we affirm your presence with us in the pits of despair as well as in the palaces of plenty. We give with gratitude, pledging ourselves and our service to you in Christ’s holy name. Amen.

**Children’s Message** – *A special moment just for kids*



**WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD**

**\*Closing Hymn UMH #374: “Standing on the Promises”**

1) Standing on the promises  
of Christ my King,  
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
Glory in the highest,  
I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.

By the living Word of God  
I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God. [R]

R: *Standing, standing, standing  
on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing – I'm standing  
on the promises of God.*

3) Standing on the promises  
of Christ the Lord,  
Bound to him eternally  
by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
Standing on the promises of God. [R]

2) Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt  
and fear assail,

4) Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
Listening every moment  
to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God. [R]

**\*Benediction:**

One: Beloved, go forth from this time of worship with a tenacious commitment to follow Christ, love others, and help any in need, and may the Love of God, the Mercy of Jesus Christ, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit guide you in that work this week.

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

**\*Postlude: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”**

*by Oliver Holden; arr. Gordon Young*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Stacy Sharrow / Greeters: Belinda Hatch and Stacy Sharrow / Ushers: Tom Kraynak, Bill Draper, and Larry Hagerty / Welcome Desk: Roger Spann / Coffee Hour Hosts: Jill Spaulding / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / Nursery: Katie Moon

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to the families of Florence Alever, Joanna Thompson, Lt. Com. Ken Kelly, and Rev. Richard Turner, all of whom passed on to eternity within the last month.

**PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Mark Abbe, Marilyn Ashmall, 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, Marilyn Latimer, Joyce Maltman, Camille Marek, Bonnie Markley, John Mertz, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Wendy Southgate Murphy, Al & Teddy Reichard, Madge Richmond, Anne Ruffle, Eugenia Shek, Mac Thompson, and Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, the sick, all suffering from famine/oppression/wildfires, and an end to war in Ukraine.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** are given by Sue Myers, Barbara Fairbanks, and Beverly Poitras in memory of their mother Florence Alever, whose life we celebrated yesterday.

**DISTRICT BLOCK PARTY AT AMES UMC BUILDING** – THIS Thursday, August 24 from 2:00-5:00pm. Volunteers need to help cook hot dogs and set up food, oversee kids bounce house / crafts, hand out school supplies, and talk to neighborhood residents about needs and dreams.

**FREE COMMUNITY MEALS** are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, continuing September 12.

Volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>

**FREE COMMUNITY MEAL COMMITTEE MEETING** to plan for the fall is scheduled for next Sunday, Aug. 27 immediately following Worship. All interested in meal planning should attend.

**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!

**THE SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM** helps families facing food insecurity. 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. **TODAY, OUR THIRD SUNDAY MISSION GIFTS GO TOWARDS THE BACKPACK PROGRAM.** Currently, we feed 72 children every weekend. Thank you all!!

**A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY** is in the works to be published by Sept. 10, but we need your help. Please view the preliminary print-out at the Welcome Desk to check your information and correct as needed. If you're new and your information isn't there, please add it. You may also call the church office at (989) 799-0131 to check your information and make corrections. Thank you!

**50<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION TODAY** after worship for our organist Bryan Latimer. Stay and have cake and ice cream, and be sure to sign a birthday card at the welcome desk.

**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!**

*Be sure to check in on Facebook! The more of us that do, the more people learn about who we are!*

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