

# *First United Methodist Church*

*Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!*

*June 15, 2025 - 10:00am - Father's Day*

## **GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**Prelude:** *"This Is My Father's World"*

*Traditional English Melody; arr. Jerry Westenkuehler*

**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 yellow prayer card to share joys/concerns.*

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

**\*Opening Hymn UMH #140:** *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

- 1) Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; As thou has been, thou forever will be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2) Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

- 3) Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

## **PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION**

**\*The Call to Worship:**

*(compiled by Christine Longhurst, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>.)*

**One:** Grace and peace to you from God our Father, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven: *(Eph 1)*

**All:** **Who knew us and chose us before the world began;** *(1 Pet 1, Eph 1)*

**One:** Who loves us so much that he calls us his own children; *(1 Jn 3)*

**All:** **Who encourages and strengthens us in every good deed and word;** *(2 Thess 2)*

**One:** Who has prepared an inheritance for us that will never spoil or fade; *(1 Pet 1)*

**All:** **Who comforts us in our troubles so that we can comfort others.** *(2 Cor 1)*

**One:** Who has brought us from darkness into light and filled us with glorious power; *(Col 1)*

**All:** **This is our God, the ultimate source of all things and the One for whom we live. Let us worship God together!** *(1 Cor 8)*

**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 #2038:** *“Father, I Adore You” (may be sung as a round)*

*Father, I adore you; lay my life before you; how I love you!*

*Jesus, I adore you; lay my life before you; how I love you!*

*Spirit, I adore you; lay my life before you; how I love you!*

**Silent Meditation and the Pastoral Prayer lifting Celebrations and Concerns**

**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.**

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**Offertory:** *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

*by J.B. Dykes; arr. Jim Martinez*

**\*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!**

**\*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

**Holy God, as your wisdom calls out to all creation, we offer these gifts in response to that call. May our offerings serve to honor the beauty and unity of your divine work, revealed through the wonder of your creation. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

**Special Music:** *“Pour On the Power”*

*by Mark Gersmehl, Niles Borop, Dwight Liles*

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

**Chorus UMH #191:** *“Jesus Loves Me”*

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.*

*Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**Scripture Lesson:**

Luke 7:1-10

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 61

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. <sup>2</sup> A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly and who was ill and close to death. <sup>3</sup> When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. <sup>4</sup> When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, <sup>5</sup> for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." <sup>6</sup> And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; <sup>7</sup> therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. <sup>8</sup> For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me, and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." <sup>9</sup> When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and, turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." <sup>10</sup> When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

**Response to the Word**

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

**All: Thanks be to God!****Meditation:****EVEN JESUS WAS AMAZED***Pastor Amy Terhune***WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD****\*Closing Hymn UMH #133:** *"Leaning On the Everlasting Arms"*

- 1) What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

- 2) O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)
- 3) What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

**\*Benediction:**

One: Beloved, go out into the world with kindness and compassion, living humbly yet valuing the worth of all, and sharing in the love of God, which carries us in every time of trial. And may that love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit be yours as you live your faith this week.

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

**\*Postlude:** *Fantasy on "Old 100<sup>th</sup>"**by Michael Joseph*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY** to all the men in our lives that father us in many ways!

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Carla Piazza-Wistehuff /  
Greeters: Stacy Sharrow and Jane MacQueen / Ushers: Tom Kraynak, Bill Draper, Andy Sharrow /  
Welcome Desk: Dina Draper / Coffee Hour Host: Jacque Kurtz / Sound System: Izzy Terhune /  
Nursery: Karissa Schultz

**PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Marilyn Ashmall, Ed Babinski, Barry Brown, Tom Brubaker, Bernie Buggia, Myrna Cammin, Sue Cooper, Bill Cowdry (now home), Bonnie Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Wayne Henney, Marion Hoffman, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Mark Leffler, Joyce Maltman, Bonnie Markley, Kay Mertz, Trinity & Audri Miller, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Noreen Southgate, Jerry Taylor (now at Great Lakes Rehab), & Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, for peace in Ukraine/Russia and Israel/Gaza.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Sue Johnson, who entered eternal life May 17, 2025. A Memorial Service was held here yesterday. We continue to hold the Johnson family in prayer.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to loved ones of David Barker, who entered eternal life on April 28. A Memorial Service will be held here on TODAY at 2:00pm. If you can help with a reception or provide a dessert, sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-52860436-memorial#/>

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD** will meet **TOMORROW** – Monday, June 16 at 7:00pm

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** will meet Tuesday, June 17 at 7:15pm via Zoom.

**TRUSTEES** will meet Tuesday, June 24 at 7:00pm

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held Sunday 8/10, Monday 8/11, and Tuesday 8/12 from 5:30-7:45pm. Join us for Safari Fun, where kids go wild for God!

**FREE COMMUNITY MEALS** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, continue Tuesday, July 8 from 5:30-6:30pm. On the menu for July: Summer Salads Sign up to help or donate food at the Welcome Desk.

**BIBLE EXCHANGE** – We now have a bookshelf in the lobby area with copies of Scripture available for free. If you need a bible, or see a translation you've not studied before, please feel free to take a bible. If you have extra copies of Scripture around your home that aren't being read/used, donate them!

**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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