

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!
August 3, 2025 - 10:00am - 8th Sunday after Pentecost / Communion

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: “Where Your Treasure Is”

by Marty Haugen

Soloists: Peggy Wilken, Terry Moon, Bryan Latimer

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 #617:** “I Come With Joy” (vs. 1-3, 5)

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| 1) I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved and free,
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me;
His life laid down for me. | 3) As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
And strangers now are friends;
And strangers now are friends. |
| 2) I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread;
In Christ's communion bread. | 5) Together met, together bound,
We'll go our different ways,
And as his people in the world,
We'll live and speak his praise;
We'll live and speak his praise. |

PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

***The Call to Worship:**

(adapted from John W. Howell in “Touch Holiness”, 2nd ed. pg. 194.)

One: Creator God, it is in our lives that we become aware of your life.

All: It is in the rhythms of the world that we hear your pulse and your breath.

One: We have built this house of worship, not as a vault to contain you, but as a reminder of the sanctuary that is the whole world you have made.

All: This is not the only place we find you, but here we are reminded to look for you on the sidewalks, highways, playgrounds, cubicles, and diners in which we share our lives.

One: And it is here we are reminded that we may bring you to each other in a compassionate touch, a shared prayer, a common cup.

All: We come to meet you, to worship you, to connect our lives in yours. Meet us, O Loving God, and inspire our worship and our living, in Christ's name. Amen.

Time of Prayer — *During the Prayer Chorus and/or silent meditation, ushers will collect your yellow prayer cards and deliver them to the Worship Leader.*

Prayer Chorus FWS #2267: “Taste and See” (chorus only)

*Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord; of the Lord!*

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.

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: “I Surrender All”

by W.S. Weeden; arr. Michael Shea

***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:**

Creator of Life, Source of all goodness, transform these gifts by your Spirit into more than the sum of their parts, and so use them to empower your church to do your work and accomplish your will, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen..

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 12:13-21

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 70

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What

should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Response to the Word

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

All: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon: KNOWING ENOUGH

Pastor Amy Terhune

*** Hymn FWS #2177: “Wounded World that Cries for Healing”**

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| 1) Wounded world that cries for healing;
Here we hold each other's pain,
Wounded systems, bruised and bleeding,
Bear the load, the scars of strain;
Dollars ration out compassion,
Hard decisions rule the day,
Jesus of the healing Spirit,
Free us to another way! | Tax and tithe are for a purpose,
Shared to shield the poor and weak;
Past the symptoms of our sickness,
Let the voice of justice speak. |
| 2) Through our nation's spent frustration,
Through the corridors of stress,
May there move a kindlier wisdom
All my feel and all may bless; | 3) Honor those whose loving spirit
Nurses hope, restores and heals,
Towel and basin used in service
Like the Christ who comes and kneels;
In the tending, in the mending
May we see the right and fair,
In our common quest for wholeness,
Heal each other by our care. |

The Sacrament of Holy Communion:

UMH pg. 17-18, Musical Setting A

One: The Lord be with you,

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere,

to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,

and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ,
who healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
In Jesus' suffering and death, you took upon yourself our sin and death
and destroyed their power forever.
You raised from the dead this same Jesus, our Savior,
Who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit,
nourishing us by the Spirit's ongoing presence with us to this very day.
On the night before he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take; eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
Likewise, when the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you,
gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink of this, remember me.
And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ Jesus,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

One: Let us pray: Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ;
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast together at his heavenly banquet.
Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

*Those who worship with us in person this morning are invited to come forward via the center aisle,
Take a piece of bread and dip it into the chalice and partake. Then return to your seats via the side aisles.
When all who are able to come forward have been served, the communion stewards
will bring the sacrament out to those who are unable to come forward.*

*Those who worship online from home this morning are invited to use what you have in your home
(bread, crackers, juice, etc.) to participate in the sacrament along with the congregation.*

*Music During Communion: "Fairest Lord Jesus/More Precious Than Silver" arr. Marcia Wells
(traditional German hymn / by Lynn DeShazo)*

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #664: “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”**

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| 1) Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God
From this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended,
O now be extended
The fruits of our worship
In all who believe.
The seed of the teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action
For God and for all.
God's grace did invite us,
And love shall unite us
To work for God's Kingdom
And answer the call. | 2) With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life
We will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing God's children
Of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us,
With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one
In this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ
And that name which we bear. |
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***Benediction:**

(adapted from Bruce Prewer; <http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocC/C47sun18.htm>)

One: Beloved, blessed are those who know where real treasure is found, and who share the gifts of God. May you leave this time with spirits lighter than when you came in, trusting Christ to take an intimate interest in the costly investment he has made. And may the redeeming grace, enfolding love, and enduring fellowship of the Holy be yours this week.

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

***Postlude: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”**

by J.S. Bach; arr. Paul Manz

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Lexi Sharrow / Communion Servers: Lexi Sharrow, Haley Sharrow, Carla Piazza-Wistehuff / Greeters: Bonnie Dole, Bill Johnson / Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Bill Johnson Jr. Dave O'Dell, Angie Smith / Welcome Desk: Jill Spaulding / Coffee Hour Host: Jill Spaulding / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Counters: Dee Mills, Jackie Matlock

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 & Phyllis Henney, Marion Hoffman, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Mark Leffler, Bonnie Markley, Kay Mertz, Trinity & Audri Miller, Merlyn Mondol, Jackie Moore, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Noreen Southgate, Rita Taylor, & Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, for peace in Ukraine/Russia and Israel/Gaza.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Dave Tolley – recovering from open-heart surgery at Mary Free Bed. Jackie Moore – recovering from hip replacement surgery at Covenant.

OUR SYMPATHY: to the family of Joyce Maltman, who passed away Tuesday, July 22. A private family service will be held this fall.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING TONIGHT – Sunday, August 3, 2025 from 6-8pm.

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! See attached registration form to sign up!

TAIZÉ WORSHIP – This Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 7:00pm – music, short readings, silent meditation/prayer.

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continue Tuesday, August 12. On the menu for August/VBS: Burgers and Hotdogs and summer picnic fun!

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!*

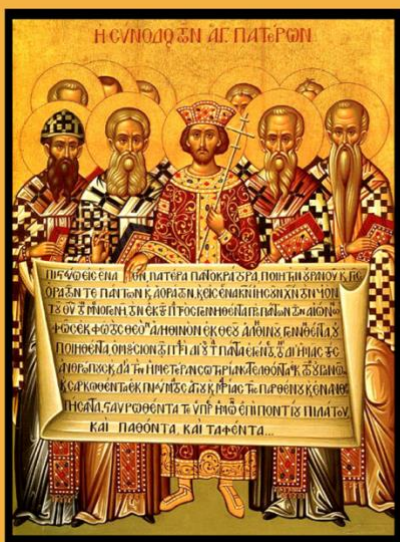
The more of us that do, the more people learn about who we are!

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AUGUST SERMON SERIES THE NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed is the first Statement of Faith published by the church in the summer of 325 A.D. Supported by Emperor Constantine, Christianity became the Roman Empire's official state religion. As part of the sermon series, we look at its history, theological significance, and relevance for the modern church 1700 years later.

August 10 - True God from True God

August 17 - In Accordance with the Scriptures

August 24 - One

REGISTRATION FORM – VBS 2025

Sunday, August 10, 5:30-7:45pm

Monday, August 11, 5:30-7:45pm

Tuesday, August 12, 5:30-7:45pm

FREE for all kids who are potty trained

Through the 5th grade

**Evening includes dinner, story time, songs,
crafts, games and MESSY TIME!!!!!!**

NOTE: DON'T WEAR YOUR BEST CLOTHES!

YOUTH HELPERS NEEDED



You can register online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/252025534069050>

or use the QR code to the left to register online!

Name of Child/Youth #1 attending/helping with VBS: _____

Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping

Grade: ____ Birthdate: ____/____/____ School: _____

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? _____

Name of Child/Youth #2 attending/helping with VBS: _____

Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping

Grade: ____ Birthdate: ____/____/____ School: _____

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? _____

Name of Child/Youth #3 attending/helping with VBS: _____

Circle whether child or youth and whether attending or helping

Grade: ____ Birthdate: ____/____/____ School: _____

Any allergies medical conditions or special needs we should know about? _____

Parent Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone: (____) _____ Texts? Y N Email: _____