

# First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!  
**August 10, 2025 - 10:00am - 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Prelude:** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*traditional Welsh tune; arr. Michael Burkhardt*

**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 FWS #2060:** “God, the Sculptor of the Mountains”

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| 1) God the sculptor of the mountains,<br>God the miller of the sand,<br>God the jeweler of the heavens,<br>God the potter of the land:<br>You are womb of all creation,<br>We are formless; shape us now.   | 3) God the dresser of the vineyard,<br>God the planter of the wheat,<br>God the reaper of the harvest,<br>God the source of all we eat:<br>You are host at every table,<br>We are hungry; feed us now. |
| 2) God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,<br>God the cleaver of the sea,<br>God the pillar of the darkness,<br>God the beacon of the free:<br>You are fount of all deliverance,<br>We are sightless; lead us now. | 4) God the unexpected infant,<br>God the calm, determined youth,<br>God the table-turning prophet,<br>God the resurrected Truth:<br>You are present every moment,<br>We are searching; meet us now.    |

## PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

**\*The Nicene Creed:**

*(see UMH #880)*

**One:** Please join me in remembering the ancient creed of the church: We believe in One God,

**All:** **The Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**One:** We believe in One Lord, Jesus Christ,

**All:** **The only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made.**

**One:** For us and for our salvation,

**All:** He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

**One:** We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**All:** Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, and who, with the Father and the Son, is worshiped and glorified; who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy universal and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 #2157:** “Come and Fill Our Hearts”

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.*

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!*

**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!*

*Use the QR code to the right or give online here:*

<https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/give/>



**Offertory:** “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

*from Columbia Harmony 1825; arr. Dale Wood*

**\*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:** Redeeming God, you have reconciled us in Christ Jesus and have given us the ministry of reconciliation. Use these gifts, and we ourselves, to advance reconciliation and peace, until your people are one in the hope promised in the gospel; and one in servanthood to you and others, through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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:** Colossians 1:15-23

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 188-189

<sup>15</sup> Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. <sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, <sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

**Response to the Word**

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music:** *“The Nicene Creed”*

*by Stephen Dean*

*Peg Wilken, Terry Moon, Bryan Latimer – Trio*

**The Sermon:** THE NICENE CREED, WEEK 1: “TRUE GOD FROM TRUE GOD” *Pastor Amy Terhune*

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

### **\*Closing Hymn UMH #85: “We Believe In One True God”**

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| 1) We believe in one true God,<br>Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,<br>Ever present help in need,<br>Praised by all the heavenly host;<br>By whose mighty power alone<br>All is made and wrought and done. | And for us salvation won;<br>By whose cross and death are we<br>Rescued from sin's misery.   |
| 2) We believe in Jesus Christ,<br>Son of God and Mary's Son,<br>Who descended from his throne   | 3) We confess the Holy Ghost,<br>Who from both fore'er proceeds;<br>Who upholds and comforts us<br>In all trials, fears, and needs.<br>Blest and Holy Trinity,<br>Praise forever be to thee! |

### **\*Benediction:**

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

**One:** Beloved, as you go from here, may you be strengthened by God's glorious might; the kind of strength that not only endures the unendurable, but spills over into joy and thanksgiving to God! And may the blessings of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – 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: “O Worship the King”**

*attributed to Johann Haydn; arr. Wayne Eastham*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Cal Mott / Greeters: Judy Gerken, Bonnie Dole / Ushers: Keith Courier, Bonnie Arnst, Marc Cesere, Kathy Winkowski / Welcome Desk: Robin Schwellenbach / Coffee Hour Host: Carla Piazza-Wistehuff / Sound System: Angie Smith / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Counters: Marc Cesere

**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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS TONIGHT!** And continues Monday 8/11, and Tuesday 8/12 from 5:30-7:45pm. It's not too late to join us for Safari Fun, where kids go wild for God! See attached registration form to sign up!

**FREE COMMUNITY MEALS** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, continuing **THIS 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!*

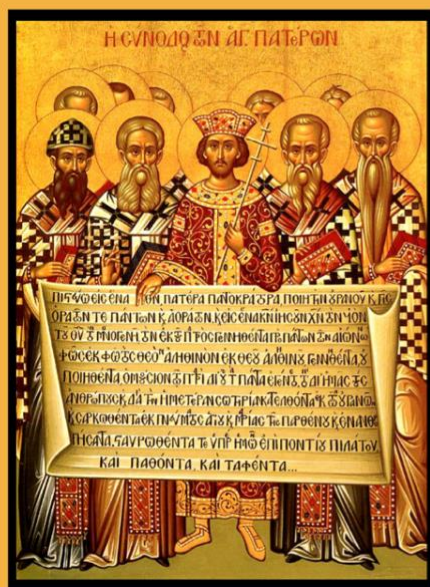
*The more of us that do, the more people learn about who we are!*

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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 it's 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

**BEGINS TONIGHT!!**

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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