

# First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!  
*August 17, 2025 - 10:00am - 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Prelude:** *“The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns”* by Jeremiah Clarke; arr. Charles Callahan

**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  
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*Please fill out yellow prayer card to share joys/concerns.*

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

**\*Opening Hymn UMH #546:** *“The Church’s One Foundation”*

- 1) The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
We are his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be  
His living servant people, by his own death set free.
- 2) Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
Our charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name professing, and at one table fed,  
To one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.
- 3) Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
- 4) Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,  
We wait the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till, with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
- 5) Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

## **PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION**

### **\*The Call to Worship:**

*(Based on themes from this year's Vacation Bible School)*

One: Come, beloved, and worship God! Let the Spirit be your guide on life's journey!

**All: We come today to talk to God, bringing our praises, needs, and world before our Lord in prayer.**

One: We come today to talk about God, and to commit to sharing the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and actions.

**All: We will tell of all the marvelous things you have done, O Lord!**

One: We come today to build up the strength and encouragement to work for God.

**All: Empower us, O God, to work hard and cheerfully at every task, as though we were doing it for you, for we are grateful for your ongoing work in us!**

**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 #2071:** *“Jesus, Name Above All Names*

*Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord;  
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word!*

**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**

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*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:** *“How Majestic Is Your Name”*

*by Michael W. Smith; arr. Fred Bock*

**\*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, we bring these gifts, and with them, all that we have and all that we are, that you might use us to spread your love and further your reign in this place and around the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Special Music:** “Happy All the Time” – *offered by the kids from Vacation Bible School*

**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.*

**The Nicene Creed (A Reading) – UMH #880**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, 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.

For us and for our salvation, 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic\* 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.

*\*universal*

**Scripture Lesson:** Colossians 2:6-10

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 189

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup> Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

**Response to the Word**

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon:** THE NICENE CREED, WEEK 2: “IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES”

*Pastor Amy Terhune*

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

### **\*Closing Hymn FWS #2173: “Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

- 1) Lord, the light of your love is shining; in the midst of the darkness, shining,  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus: Shine, Jesus shine; fill this land with the Father’s glory,  
Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

- 2) Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance,  
By the blood I may enter your brightness; search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
Shine on me, shine on me. (Chorus)
- 3) As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story,  
Shine on me, shine on me! (Chorus)

### **\*Benediction:**

One: Beloved, as you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, and the abiding peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

### **\*Postlude: “Crown Him With Many Crowns”**

*by George J. Elvey; arr. Don Hustad*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Stacy Sharrow / Greeters: Stacy Sharrow, Jane MacQueen / Ushers: Bob Bula, Bill Draper, Andy Sharrow / Welcome Desk: Jan Tolley / Coffee Hour Host: Jackue Kurtz / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Counters: Brian Hatch & Dina Draper

**PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Marilyn Ashmall, Ed Babinski, Barry Brown, Tom Brubaker, Bernie Buggia, Myrna Cammin, Sue Cooper, Bonnie Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Wayne & Phyllis Henney, Marion Hoffman, Erlene Kimber, 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, and for peace in Ukraine/Russia and Israel/Gaza.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Dave Tolley – recovering from open-heart surgery at Mary Free Bed. Jackie Moore – Now home.

**OUR SYMPATHY:** to Wayne & Phyllis Henney and family on the passing of Wayne's brother Dale Henney on August 13, and to Jan & Dave Tolley and family on the passing of Jan's brother Jack Swander on August 4.

**FREE COMMUNITY MEALS** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, continuing TUESDAY, September 8. On the menu for September: Chicken and Biscuits!

**PFLAG MEETING HERE TODAY** – at 2:00pm. Theme: Faith and the LGBTQIA+ Community.

**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!

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*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**