

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!
August 24, 2025 - 10:00am - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

by L. Bourgeois

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 #114:** “Many Gifts, One Spirit”

1) God of change and glory,
God of time and space,
When we fear the future,
Give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways
give us still the grace to praise.

2) God of many colors,
God of many signs,
You have made us different,
Blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear,
Let your love cast out our fear.
(Chorus)

Chorus: Many gifts, one Spirit,
One love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing,
from diversity we praise
One Giver, One Lord,
One Spirit, One Word
Known in many ways,
Hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts,
Praise, praise, praise!

3) Freshness of the morning,
Newness of each night,
You are still creating
Endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part,
Many gifts from one great heart.
(Chorus)

PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

***The Call to Worship:**

(adapted from I Corinthians 12:4-11, the Message Translation)

One: God’s various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit.

All: God’s various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit.

One: God’s various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all.

All: Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits.

One: All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit; the variety is wonderful: wise counsel, clear understanding, simple trust, healing the sick, miraculous acts, proclamation, discernment, language, and interpretation!

All: All these gifts have a common origin, but are handed out one by one by the One Spirit of God.

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 #2224: “*Make Us One, Lord*”

*Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in 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.

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: *Invention on “In the Garden”*

by C.A. Miles; arr. C. Berry

***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:** Come, Holy Spirit, and pour out your blessings upon us and on these gifts. Use them to bless and unite all people in love and compassion, that the peace of Christ may rule both our hearts and our world, for we ask in grateful service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 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.*

THE NICENE CREED (IN UNISON) – 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. *universal
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.

Special Music: “*Laudamus Te*”

by Antonio Vivaldi

Kathleen Jimenez and Bethany Tomasino (duet); Catherine McMichael (accompaniment)

Scripture Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 190

¹² Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 3: “ONE”

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn FWS #2220: “We Are God’s People”**

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| 1) We are God's people,
the chosen of the Lord,
Born of the Spirit,
established by the Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
and strong in Christ we stand;
O let us live transparently, and walk
heart to heart and hand in hand. | 3) We are the Body
of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Christ,
now risen from the dead;
God wills us be a family,
diverse yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God, and so
shall God’s work on earth be done. |
| 2) We are God’s loved ones,
the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it,
the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return
the gift of love once given;
O let us share each joy and care, and
live with a zeal that pleases heaven. | 4) We are a temple,
the Spirit’s dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness,
a cup to hold God’s grace;
We die alone, for on its own
each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
to give warmth & light, & to inspire. |

***Benediction:**

One: Beloved, as we go out into the world to live our faith, hear again the words of John Wesley, who challenges us to ask: “Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one mind? Without all doubt, we may...and must”. Go in the oneness of God and the unity of love.

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

***Postlude: “O God, Our Help In Ages Past”**

by W. Croft

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Jude Mertz / Greeters: Belinda Hatch, Sharon Beutel / Ushers: Bob Bula, Chuck Priem, Cal & Pam Mott / Welcome Desk: Karen Constan / Coffee Hour Host: NEEDED / Sound System: Angie Smith / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Counters: Sue Myers and Jan Talkington. **A special THANK YOU goes out to Betty Mayer, who is filling in today as our musician while Bryan Latimer is away on vacation.**

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Marilyn Ashmall, Ed Babinski, Barry Brown, Lucas 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: Jackie Moore, Bob Mueller, Dave Tolley (all 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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY given in loving memory of David Marks, whose birthday would have been this Wednesday, from Jim & Anne Marks-Gaertner.

LAY LEADERSHIP/NOMINATIONS MEETING – Monday, Aug. 25 at 10:00am

TRUSTEES MEETING – Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 7:15pm

SCHEDULE for CHANCEL CHOIR and BELL CHOIR has been published and are at the Welcome Desk. Bell Choir begins Thurs. Sept. 4 at 5:30pm. Chancel Choir begins Thurs. Sept. 11 at 7:15pm.

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing TUESDAY, September 9. On the menu for September: Chicken and Biscuits! Sign up to 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!

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