

First United Methodist Church

*Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!
August 31, 2025 - 10:00am - 12th Sunday after Pentecost*

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude: *“All Who Love and Serve Your City”*

Southern Harmony; arr. James Gilbert

Welcome and Announcements – Cal Mott

*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 #2197: “Lord of All Hopefulness”**

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| 1) Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day. | 3) Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day. |
| 2) Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors,
and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day. | 4) Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day. |

PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

***The Call to Worship:**

(from resources for Labor Day, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>.)

One: God said, “Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

All: But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord.”

One: Jesus said, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

All: And I will give you rest.”

One: With gratitude for the many who labor, both paid and unpaid,

All: In factory, office, classroom, farm, hospital, mission field, and courthouse;

One: And in solidarity with all those looking for work, struggling to make ends meet;

**All: We come by God’s grace, resting from our labors to worship the Lord this
day! Thanks be to 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 #3117: “Rule of Life”

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
In all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
At all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can!*

Silent Meditation and the Prayer lifting Celebrations and Concerns – Peg Wilken

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: “All Good Gifts”

from ‘Godspell’ by Stephen Schwartz

***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:** Bless these gifts we offer today, O God, that they may extend your love to those who hunger, who seek justice, and who long for hope. Shape us into a people whose generosity reflects your own, that through our giving, we may proclaim your unshakable kingdom, in Christ’s holy name. Amen

Children’s Message – A special moment just for kids

Carla Piazza-Wistehuff

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: Mark 5:21-42

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 44

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him by the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and pleaded with him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.”

²⁴ So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, “If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²⁹ Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my cloak?” ³¹ And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³² He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” ³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, “Do not be afraid; only believe.” ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the synagogue leader’s house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand, he said to her, “Talitha kum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴² And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

Response to the Word

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

All: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn FWS #2185: “One Great Peace”**

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| 1) This thread I weave, this step I dance,
This stone I carve, this ball I bounce,
This nail I drive, this pearl I string,
This flag I wave, this note I sing. | This seed I nurse, this rift I mend,
This child I raise, this earth I tend, |
| 2) This pot I shape, this fire I light,
This fence I leap, this bone I knit, | 3) This check I write, this march I join,
This faith I state, this truth I sign,
This is small part, in one small place,
Of one heart's beat for one great peace. |

A Reading for Labor Day: “Interruptions”

Anne Marks-Gaertner, Reader

by Jenny Williams & Henri Nouwen

Special Music: “God Has Work For Us To Do”

Bryan Latimer, Soloist

by Mark A. Miller

Reflection: “On Work”

Jim Doane, Reader

by Kahlil Gibran

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #581: “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”**

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| 1) Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy’s perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose
Every gift that you impart. | 3) As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love’s revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share. |
| 2) Still your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole. | 4) Called by worship to your service,
Forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort,
Counsel, aid and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom
May your mercy know and live |

***Benediction:**

One: Beloved, go now, as citizens and servants of God’s present and coming Kingdom with hearts made holy in love, with hands ready to serve, and with voices willing to speak truth and hope.

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

***Postlude: “O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

by Carl G. Glaser; arr. Phil Lehenbauer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Ethan Hagerl / Greeters: Laurie Reichard-Granger, Jim & Linda Doane / Ushers: Kevin Malotka, Bob Bula, Lou Constan, Nancy Kozumplik / Welcome Desk: Kathy Winkowskoi / Coffee Hour Host: Jacque Matlock, Dee Mills / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Counters: Sue Myers, Jan Talkington. THANK YOU to those who stepped in to lead worship this morning.

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.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Dr. Robert Miller and family upon the death of Robert's brother John Miller on Tuesday August 26 in West Virginia.

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Monday 9/8 – 4:00pm Anniversary Committee
6:00pm Nurture Committee
7:00pm Reach-Prepare-Send
Monday 9/15 – 6:00pm SPRC on zoom w/ DS
Tuesday 9/16 – 7:15pm Finance Committee
Monday 9/22 – 7:00pm Administrative Board
Tuesday 9/23 – 7:15pm Trustees
Sunday 9/28 – 6:00pm Church Conference at Essexville: St. Luke's UMC

KIDS CLUB will begin Sunday, September 14 following worship.

2025 MISSION FAIR will be held following worship on Sunday, Sept. 21. Take this opportunity to learn more about various ministries in the church and by organizations using our building.

YOUNG ADULT DINNER – Sunday, September 14 at 6:00pm. Ages 18-40 welcome (and those a few years over 40 are welcome too!! If you consider yourself a young adult, come and join us!)

FALL BOOK STUDY FOR ADULTS begins in person at 6:00pm on Tuesday 9/23 and online at 7:30pm on Wednesday 9/24. This fall, we're reading "Learning to Walk in the Dark" by Barbara Brown Taylor. The fall book study lasts 6 weeks. Books are \$15 in the main office. *We are committed to ensuring that cost is not a barrier to participation. Books are available for free upon confidential request to the pastor.*

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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