



CONNECTION WITH THE LARGER CHURCH

On World Communion Sunday,
Christians remember that
they are part of the one body
of Christ. This Sunday
celebrates our diversity as
well as our common bonds.

October 5, 2025

First  United

Methodist Church of Lancaster
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First United Methodist Church

Our Vision

To be a central hub of Christian
ministry in Lancaster County & beyond

Our Mission:

Connect people to Jesus Christ
& the church, grow Christian disciples,
& relieve suffering

World Communion

October 5, 2025

8:15 & 10:45 AM

Prelude "Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether" (arr. Charles Callahan)
Peter Omundsen, organ

Announcements & Greeting

(10:45 AM) Introit "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (William Runyan)
Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

*Call to Worship

Leader: From challah, pita, and tortilla, to brioche, cracker, and bagel,

People: The Body of Christ is broken for you.

Leader: From ornate chalices to simple cups,

People: The Cup of God's love has been poured out for you.

Leader: Around the world, in many ways, in many places, in many languages,

People: We all feast at the Table of the Lord.

All: Let us worship with praise and thanksgiving!

*Hymn No. 617 "I Come With Joy"

Common Prayer

O Redeemer God, as we gather in worship on this World Communion Sunday, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to fall afresh on us. We pray for your Spirit to awaken new hope in us. Grant us the vision to see the coming of your kingdom. Help us to celebrate the glimpses of grace that you have given to each of us. Knit our hearts together in worship and communion so that we know we do not struggle alone in working for your peace and justice. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mission Moment "Sleeping Bag Project"

Scripture Psalm 133 Marc & Correen Russo: English & Italian
Yaya Ríos: Spanish & Portuguese

-- Ushers will collect the offering during the anthem --

(8:15 AM) Anthem "Pacem" (Lee Dengler)
Chapel Choir– Peter Omundsen, Director
Allison Fitzgerald, violin; Judy Williams, piano

(10:45 AM) Anthem "Sanctus" (Joseph Haydn)
Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Grow”

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms**

** * Children ages 3-5th grade are dismissed to Jr. Church * **

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

(*pew Bible, NT, p. 162*)

Pastor Jason Ríos

Hymnal No. 881

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

“Glory Be to the Father”

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
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Glory to God. Amen.

(musical setting A, p. 23)

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.

Sharing the Sacrament

Communion Hymns

(Please sing one stanza as people move towards communion tables)

No. 547 "O Church of God, United"

No. 548 "In Christ There is No East or West"

No. 620 "One Bread, One Body"

Congregational Prayer

Almighty God, with humility and love, we praise you and worship you. Who are we that you invite us to a sacred meal? Who are we that you would break your body and pour out your blood for us? As we partake of the one bread, make we, who are many, one body, forever united in your love. We pray this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

*Hymn No. 620

"One Bread, One Body"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Response, No. 620

"One Bread, One Body" (refrain)

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Postlude

"Lift High the Cross"
Peter Omundsen, organ

(arr. John Behnke)

8:15 AM Worship

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Acolyte - Rachel Ridgeway
Liturgist - Marc Russo
Sound Tech - Amaya Dibiasi
Pastors- Jason Rios & Laura Sambrick
Ministers- First Church Congregation

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The red rosebud on the altar announces the birth of Noah Allen Reth to Maggie & Mark Reth on September 25, 2025. Grateful grandparents are Pam & Myron Reth.



TODAY ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY churches around the world are gathering around the table to express our essential unity in Christ. We are using a special communion set given to us by the Chong Dong Church of Seoul, South Korea, as a reminder of the global nature of the Christian community, and First Church's unique connection to the people of Korea.

BUY A GROCERY CARD TO SHOP FOR THE HOLIDAYS! An easy way to support the ministries of First Church is by purchasing grocery store cards to do your regular weekly shopping. Each week at the Welcome Center (after 8:15/ before 10:45 AM services) gift cards are available from Stauffer's, Giant & Weis. First Church receives a percentage of all card sales but you get the FULL purchase price. Stauffer's of Kissel Hill give us a 5.5% return on their cards so stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday and get some cards just in time for your Fall and Christmas shopping! Contact Lois Greene with questions (lois.j.greene10@gmail.com)

IT'S YOUR TIME TO SHINE! Now is your time to be part of the team who welcomes guests to our beautiful church, making them feel comfortable and getting them where they need to go. **Greeters** are the first people we see as we enter and **ushers** help keep worship running smoothly. Both positions are important but easy to do. If you would like to serve on 6-7 week rotation, please sign up on the Connect Card or contact Katherine Spear (kgs.130@gmail.com).

ONLINE DIRECTORY REMOVAL— Due to recent spam attacks, we have removed our online directory from our website. Even though it was password protected, we want to be extra cautious. New printed directories are available by request so please let us know if you would like one.

“ADOPT A CHILD” AT DISCOVERY CORNER ACADEMY! Today and next Sunday Oct 12th, the “Adopt A Child” scholarship fundraiser continues. Members of the DCA Board will be in the Gathering Place after all services. The scholarship fund gives children the opportunity to receive a Christian education that, otherwise, they might not be able to afford. Our “Adopt A Child” fundraiser supports these families and all contributions are greatly appreciated! Please make checks payable to “First UMC” with “DCA Scholarship” in the memo line or **with this link**. Thank you for your support!

OPEN HOUSE TODAY! Director Ashley Richter is in the school to show you around and answer questions. Stop in and take a tour of our beautiful school!

CONTEXT



FALL BIBLE STUDY

with Pastors Jason & Laura

OCTOBER 16 - NOVEMBER 20

Context: Putting Scripture in Its Place

by Josh Scott

REGISTER
HERE!

6 - 7:30 PM

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