



First United Methodist Church Graham, NC

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UWF Sunday

Father's Day

June 21, 2026



United
Women
in Faith

UWF Sunday

Our Mission

To make disciples for Jesus Christ through love and service

Our Vision

A loving and diverse community meeting the real needs of our neighbors through spirit-filled worship, intergenerational discipleship, and caring service

Come, Let Us Worship the Lord

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CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Beth Gove

PRELUDE

Stories of Jesus

arr. Burger

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as God's beloved children:

However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community:

In this place, all are welcome.

We come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with others:

Let us praise the Lord!

†OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth, vv. 1-4

*(UMH #92)**

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gently thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

†SHARING THE PEACE

Please greet your neighbor and pass the Connect pads to register your attendance.

CANDLE BURNING

Linda Fogleman and Susan Brink

BABY RECOGNITION

Carol Steele and Doris Sugg

SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Susan Rayle and Betsy Hubbell

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Barbara Crissman

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Exodus 18:14, 17-23](#)

Sandra Yarborough

¹⁴ Jethro saw how much Moses had to do for the people, and he asked, “Why are you the only judge? Why do you let these people crowd around you from morning till evening?”

¹⁷ That isn't the best way to do it. ¹⁸ You and the people who come to you will soon be worn out. The job is too much for one person; you can't do it alone. ¹⁹ God will help you if you follow my advice. You should be the one to speak to God for the people, ²⁰ and you should teach them God's laws and show them what they must do to live right.

²¹ You will need to appoint some competent leaders who respect God and are trustworthy and honest ²² These judges can handle the ordinary cases and bring the more difficult ones to you. Having them to share the load will make your work easier. ²³ This is the way God wants it done. You won't be under nearly as much stress, and everyone else will return home feeling satisfied.

SHARING FAITH WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Carol Stanley

Childcare is available for children aged 5 and under in Room 121. Red drawstring “Worship Kid Kits” with children’s bulletins are available in the entrance area each week for children to use throughout worship.

ANTHEM

I Worship You

Berry

Ladies Ensemble

Here am I, Holy Lord, seeking now Your face,
thankful for Your grace, as I worship You.
Here am I, Holy Lord, in this quiet hour.

By Your Spirit's power, cleanse my heart anew.
O Lamb of God, the One that I adore,
I long to sing Your praise forevermore.

I worship You with songs of praise;
in You alone my heart rejoices.
Accept this offering of love,
O God above, I worship You.

Search my heart, know my thoughts,
lead me in Your ways,
As I seek to praise and magnify Your name.
Mighty King, Lord of all, I stand in awe of You.
Faithful, just and true, You're evermore the same.
O Righteous One who knows my heart and mind,
in You alone a blessed peace I find as
I worship You with songs of praise;
in You alone my heart rejoices.
Accept this offering of love.
O God above, I worship You.

HIGHLIGHTS OF UWF MISSIONS (Slideshow)

Susan Barnes

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON [Ecclesiastes 4:9-12](#)

Susan Barnes

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor. If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Susan Barnes

SERMON

“It’s Okay to Ask for Help”

Barbara Clayton

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(UMH #895)

**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.

†A MODERN AFFIRMATION

(UMH #885)

Pastor:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

All:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

Amen.

†GLORIA PATRI

(UMH #71)

**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.**

†CLOSING HYMN

Jesu, Jesu

(UMH #432)*

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

2. Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are near and far away.

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

4. Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you.

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

†UWF BENEDICTION

Diana Cummings

"May the LORD watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from another."

†CHORAL RESPONSE (Choir and Congregation)

(UMH #898)*

Amen, amen, amen.

†CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

†POSTLUDE

Festal Postlude

Stairs

†Please stand if you are able.
*Songbooks are located in pew rack.