

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – *Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost - September 13, 2020*

PRELUDE.....*Psalm Prelude No. 2*.....Robert Cruz, organ

[But the meek shall possess the land,
and delight themselves in abundant prosperity - Psalm 37:11]

Herbert Howells

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. David Hobson

† CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. David Hobson

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”.....No. 662

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Debby Williams

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Mikel Husted

† SCRIPTURE READING.....II Thessalonians 2:13-17.....Debby Williams

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† GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

JOYS & CONCERNS.....Dr. Pat Day

PASTORAL PRAYER.....Dr. Ashley Goad

PRAYER RESPONSE.....*The Lord's Prayer*.....Men's Ensemble
Albert Malotte

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Ashley Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Holy, Holy, Holy*.....Men's Ensemble
arr. Paul Sjolund

† DoxologyNo. 94
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; 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!*

SCRIPTURE READING.....I Corinthians 15:58.....Dr. Pat Day
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MESSAGE.....**STANDING FIRM MOMENTS DEFINE YOUR LIFE**.....Dr. Pat Day

I. First, standing firm moments reveal your **CHOICES**.

II. Second, standing firm moments reveal your **CHARACTER**.

III. Third, standing firm moments reveal your **COURAGE**.

IV. Fourth, standing firm moments reveal your **CHALLENGES**.

V. Finally, standing firm moments reveal your **COMMITMENTS**.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Standing on the Promises”.....No. 374
(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family
are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)

BENEDICTIONDr. Pat Day

SENDING FORTH.....*Grace, Love, and Fellowship*.....Men’s Ensemble
Tom Fettke

POSTLUDE..... “Allegro maestoso e vivace”Robert Cruz, organ
from *Sonata No. 4*
Felix Mendelssohn



† Those who are able may stand. ‡ Latecomers may be seated at these times.

Hymn of Praise No. 662
“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

Stand up and bless the Lord,
Ye people of his choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord your God
With heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise,
Above all blessing high,
Who would not fear his holy name,
And laud and magnify?

O for the living flame
From his own altar brought,
To touch our lips, our minds inspire,
And wing to heaven our thought!

God is our strength and song,
And his salvation ours;
Then be his love in Christ proclaimed
With all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord;
The Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless His glorious name,
Henceforth forevermore.

Hymn of Invitation No. 374
“Standing on the Promises”

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of Christ my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

(Refrain)

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

(Refrain)

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.

(Refrain)

Affirmation of Faith

No. 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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.

II Thessalonians 2:13-17

"But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word."

I Corinthians 15:58

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."