

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost - October 26, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Dr. David Hobson

PRELUDE.....*Bist du bei mir*.....Ruth Drummond, cello
[You Are with Me] E. Ray Peebles, organ
Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”.....No. 3

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 691.....Dr. Will Andress

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*O Love*.....Ensemble (8:30)
[See Hymn No. 92: St. 1 & 3] Chancel Choir (11:00)
Elaine Hagenberg Ruth Drummond, cello
E. Ray Peebles, piano

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Titus 3:1-8.....Mary Rogers

† GLORIA PATRI.....No. 33

*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.*
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CHILDREN’S BLESSING.....Staci Zeagler

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Emily Blair

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....Congregation (speaks in unison)

*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.*
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PRAYER RESPONSE.....No. 341

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.
Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek and ye shall find;
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.*

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Lonesome Valley*.....Sarah Wilkerson, soprano
arr. William Parsons Ruth Drummond, cello
E. Ray Peebles, piano

† DOXOLOGYTraditional

*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!*

MESSAGE.....**EVERYDAY THEOLOGY:**.....Dr. Steven Bell
A DIFFERENT WORLD

Reveal the Unseen

The Ways to Win a Hearing

Convincing Others of the Truth

Scripture Memory Verse

“... he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.”
Titus 3:5

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Christ for the World We Sing”.....No. 450
(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.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Steven Bell

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to the congregation of First Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

† BENEDICTIONDr. Steven Bell

† SENDING FORTH.....*On Eagles Wings*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata and Fugue in D Minor*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Johann Sebastian Bach

*11:00: Banner Carrier – Asher Storer • Crucifer – Abram Storer
Acolytes – Norah Crawford & Audrey Storer*

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

** **IF YOU WISH TO JOIN** the First Methodist Church family, please come forward at this time.*

***Children leaving the service for Children's Chapel may be picked up after the service.*

• 3–4 years (8:30 & 11:00): Children's Ministry Center

• K5–3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary

Childcare for infants through 4 years is available from 8:15 to 12:15 in the Children's Ministry Center. From the sanctuary, follow the sign located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Dawson Building. Outdoor access is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Street.