SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given by Jan and Pete Richards to the Glory of God and in honor of Pete and Jan's dear friend, Pete's karate teacher, Major (retired) Hanshi Doug Perry and his influence on our entire community.

To donate flowers, please contact Becky Kirtley at 252-331-3431.

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ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne – Lead Pastor Rev. Erin Yow – Associate Pastor Rev. Steve Coss – Associate Pastor Michael S. Brannon – Director of Music Chancel Choir – Musicians Marge Heard – *Reader* Jan Richards – Altar Guild Volunteer Jason Gardner, Keith Anderson - Sound Technicians

GIVING

To support the ministries and missions of First United Methodist Church, place a gift in the offering plate, give online through the QR code below, send a check to the church, or give through regular bank drafts. Thank you for your generosity.



MAY 2025 GIVING

Funds Needed - \$105, 800 Funds Received - \$87,914.76

2025 YTD GIVING

Funds Needed - \$529,000 Funds Received - \$477.983.18



No one has ever seen God.

A warm welcome to all guests and newcomers. Please fill out the attendance register on your pew. All persons are welcome at First Chiming of the Trinity United Methodist Church, as Opening Voluntary Jesus Christ has welcomed us into the love and grace Call to Worship of God. Our mission is to change lives and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

At the chiming of the Trinity, please silence your mobile devices and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

+ Please rise in body

or in spirit

+Hymn 64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

> Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.





GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Todd Beaney

If we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us. Thanks be to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

NICAEA

 Affirmation of Faith A Modern Affirmation Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare: 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. 			 †Hymn 95 Doxology Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen Pastoral Prayer Pastoral Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on eat Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive And lead us, not into temptation but deliver For thine is the kingdom, and the power, ar 						
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Sermon	A Father We Can Trust In	Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne	O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, lea O how bright the path grows from day to da Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all a						
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SENDING FORTH

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;

leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins; we depart to be the church in the world.

The closing voluntary is offered as the final act of praise of God. Go forth as the music ends to continue praising the Lord with your life.

arr. Lloyd Larson