

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given  
by Jan and Pete Richards  
to the Glory of God and  
in honor of their forty-ninth wedding anniversary  
on August eighth  
and are given  
by Dianne and Jack Hobbs  
in honor of their forty-fifth wedding anniversary.

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

LICENSES

Some music for our worship experience is offered with express  
permissions granted by One License A-734965.

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; Don Jennings, guitar — *Musicians*  
Dennis Sanders — *Reader*  
Jody Swenson — *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.



JULY 2025 GIVING

Funds Needed - \$105, 833  
Funds Received - \$97,150.51

2025 YTD GIVING

Funds Needed - \$751,075  
Funds Received - \$657,626.96



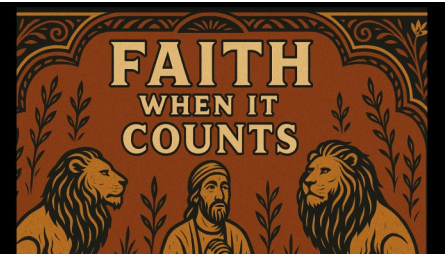
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A warm welcome to  
all guests and  
newcomers. Please  
fill out the  
attendance register  
on your pew.  
All persons are  
welcome at First  
United Methodist  
Church, as  
Jesus Christ has  
welcomed us into  
the love and grace  
of God. Our 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

FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
AUGUST 10, 2025  
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Chiming the Trinity

Opening Voluntary                      In This Very Room                      arr. Kurt Kaiser

Prayer of Invocation                      Julian of Norwich, UMH #495  
**God, of your goodness give me yourself; for you are sufficient for me. I cannot properly ask anything less, to be worthy of you. If I were to ask less, I should always be in want. In you alone do I have all. Amen.**

†Hymn 451                      Be Thou My Vision                      SLANE  
**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

†Affirmation of Faith  
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada  
**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God. (continued on next page)**

<p>We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.</p>			<p>✠Responsorial Hymn 95DoxologyOLD 100TH</p> <p>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</p>		
<p>✠Responsorial Hymn 71GREATOREX</p> <p>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.</p>			<p>The Lord’s Prayer</p> <p>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</p>		
<p>PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD</p>			<p>SENDING FORTH</p>		
<p>Old Testament LessonEzekiel 1:1-3, 15-2:4</p> <p>The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.</p>			<p>✠Hymn 508Faith, While Trees Are Still in BlossomFOR THE BREAD</p> <p>Faith, while trees are still in blossom, plans the picking of the fruit; faith can feel the thrill of harvest when the buds begin to sprout.</p>		
<p>SermonGod Is On the MoveRev. Erin Yow</p>			<p>Long before the dawn is breaking, faith anticipates the sun. Faith is eager for the daylight, for the work that must be done.</p>		
<p>RESPONSE TO THE WORD</p>			<p>Long before the rains were coming, Noah went and built an ark. Abraham, the lonely migrant, saw the light beyond the dark.</p>		
<p>Moment of MeditationVisitingWilliam Ackerman</p>			<p>Faith, uplifted, tamed the water of the undivided sea, and the people of the Hebrews found the path that made them free.</p>		
<p>Invitation to Offering</p>			<p>Faith believes that God is faithful: God will be what God will be! Faith accepts the call, responding, “I am willing, Lord, send me.”</p>		
<p>You are invited to join the choir in singing the bold printed text. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!</p>	<p>AnthemMajestyarr. Jack Schrader</p> <p>Majesty, worship His majesty; Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise; Majesty, kingdom authority, Flow from His throne unto His own, His anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus; Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King. Majesty, worship His majesty; Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings. He is Lord, lift up his name, the name of Jesus; He is risen from the dead, and He is Lord.</p>		<p>✠Dismissal with Blessing</p>		
	<p>Join the choir in singing Holy, Holy, Holy! 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!</p>		<p>Closing VoluntaryTo God Be the Gloryarr. Marilynn Ham</p>		
	<p>Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.</p>		<p>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.</p>		