

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given
by Lavinia Zimmermann
to the Glory of God and
in honor of what would have been Chris and Lavinia's
sixty-seventh 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 — *Musicians*
Shirley Feagin — *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

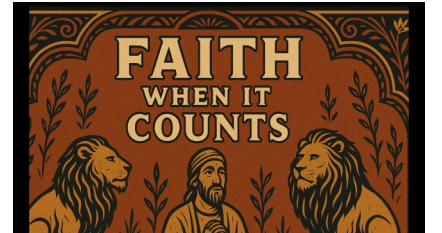


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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 17, 2025
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Chiming the Trinity

Opening Voluntary Be Not Afraid arr. Dan Forrest

† Call to Worship Alan Paton UMH #456

May the Lord open our eyes that we may see the needs of others; open our ears that we
may hear their cries; open our hearts so that they need not be without comfort;

**Let us not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to
defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.**

May the Lord show us where love and hope and faith are needed, and use us to bring
them to those places;

**and so open our eyes and our ears that we may this coming day be able to do some work
of peace for God.**

† Hymn 96 Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above AMSTERDAM

**Praise the Lord who reigns above and keeps his court below;
praise the holy God of love and all his greatness show;
praise him for his noble deeds, praise him for his matchless power;
him from whom all good proceeds let earth and heaven adore.**

Celebrate th'eternal God with harp and psaltery,
timbrels soft and cymbals loud in this high praise agree;
praise with every tuneful string; all the reach of heavenly art,
all the powers of music bring, the music of the heart.

God, in whom they move and live, let every creature sing,
glory to their Maker give, and homage to their King.
Hallowed be thy name beneath, as in heaven on earth adored;
praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord.

† 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)

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

<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>			Pastoral Prayer		
<p>†Responsorial Hymn 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.</p>			GREATOREX		
<p>PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD</p>			<p>The Lord’s Prayer 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>Old Testament Lesson The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.</p>			<p>SENDING FORTH</p>		
<p>Sermon Faith In the Lions’ Den</p>			<p>†Hymn 513 Soldiers of Christ, Arise Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on, strong in the strength which God supplies thru his eternal Son; strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in his mighty power, who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.</p>		DIADEMATA
<p>RESPONSE TO THE WORD</p>			<p>Stand then in his great might, with all his strength endured, but take to arm you for the fight the panoply of God; that having all things done, and all your conflicts passed, ye may o’er-come thru Christ alone and stand entire at last.</p>		
<p>Moment of Meditation</p>			<p>Pray without ceasing, pray, (your Captain gives the word) his summons cheerfully obey and call upon the Lord; to God your every want in instant prayer display, pray always, pray and never faint, pray, without ceasing pray.</p>		
<p>Invitation to Offering</p>			<p>From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight and pray, tread all the powers of darkness down and win the well-fought day. Still let the Spirit cry in all his soldiers, “Come!” till Christ the Lord descends from high and takes the conquerors home.</p>		
<p>Anthem Total Praise Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills, Knowing my help is coming from You. Your peace, You give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength, You are the strength of my life. I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.</p>			<p>†Dismissal with Blessing</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>†Responsorial Hymn 95 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>Closing Voluntary A Mighty Fortress Is Our God arr. Dan Forrest</p>		
<p>Doxology</p>			<p>OLD 100TH</p>		