

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given
by Phyllis and Mike Owens
to the Glory of God and
in honor of their
fifty-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 — *Musicians*
Sissi Carroll — *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

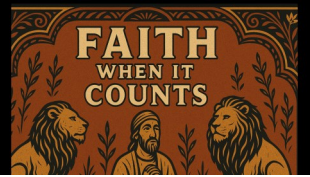
2025 YTD GIVING

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



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FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AUGUST 31, 2025
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Chiming the Trinity

Opening Voluntary Trusting Jesus Medley arr. Marilyn Ham

✚ Call to Worship
You have told us, O Lord, what is good and pleasing in your sight.
You have shown us what it means to be a devoted disciple of Jesus.
As we worship you today, shape our hearts more completely in love
so that we might do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you all our days.

✚ Hymn 2218 You Are Mine YOU ARE MINE
I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me.

Refrain
Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. *Refrain*

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain, stand up, now walk, and live! *Refrain*

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

✚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.
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.

✚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.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson
 The word of God for the people of God.
 Thanks be to God.

Amos 5:21-24; Micah 6:6-8

Sermon
 Faithful Justice
 Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Moment of Meditation

Invitation to Offering

Anthem
 We love the place, O God
 Paul Leddington Wright
 We love the place, O God, wherein thine honor dwells; The joy of thine abode all
 earthly joy excels. We love the house of prayer, wherein thy servants meet; And thou,
 O Lord, art there thy chosen flock to greet. We love thine altar, Lord; Oh, what on
 earth so dear? For there is faith adored, we find thy presence near. We love the word
 of life, the word that tells of peace, Of comfort in the strife, and joys that never cease.
 We love to sing below for mercies freely given; But oh, we long to know the triumph-
 song of heaven! Lord Jesus, give us grace on earth to love thee more, In heaven to see
 thy face, and with thy saints adore.

✚Responsorial Hymn 95
 Doxology
 OLD 100TH
 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

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

SENDING FORTH

✚Hymn 729
 O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines
 JERUSALEM
 O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
 guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.
 May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,
 till by God’s grace our warring world shall see Christ’s promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;
 as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.
 Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;
 the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

✚Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary
 O God Beyond All Praising
 Todd Beaney

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.