SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given by Grace Vineyard to the Glory of God and in honor of what would have been Bill and Grace's fifty-ninth wedding anniversary on the tenth of September and in honor of their son, Mark's birthday on the ninth of September.

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

LICENSES

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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 Rev. Larry Harvey – Reader Deborah Kirkman – Altar Guild Volunteer Iason 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.



AUGUST 2025 GIVING

Funds Needed - \$105, 833.00 Funds Received - \$91,577.19

2025 YTD GIVING

Funds Needed - \$846,664.00 Funds Received - \$749.559.15

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



A warm welcome to all guests and newcomers. Please fill out the attendance register

> on your pew. All persons are Chiming the Trinity

welcome at First

United Methodist Opening Voluntary 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,

mobile devices

and prepare your hearts

and minds

for worship.

please silence your

+ Please rise in body

Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. Joel Raney

†Call to Worship

Come to the Lord who offers us rest and grace.

We come, bearing burdens and cares.

Place your lives in the loving hands of God who sees you and knows you.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

We come in faith, trusting in God's love and mercy. Amen.

+Hymn 185

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day when from the heart we say:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

In heaven's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this:

May Jesus Christ be praise!

or in spirit Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised!



204 Sixth Avenue West Hendersonville, NC 28739 **†**Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Responsorial Hymn 71

GREATOREX

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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

†Gospel Lesson

Matthew 23:1-12, 23-26

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Rev. Erin Yow

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Moment of Meditation

Invitation to Offering

Anthem Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord Robert A. Hobby

Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Make a joyful noise, all you lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before God's presence with a song!

Know that the Lord is God, our Creator, to whom we belong;

we are God's peoples, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and into the courts with praise!

Give thanks to God, and bless God's name!

For the Lord is good whose steadfast love is everlasting,

and whose faithfulness endures from age to age, the Lord is good from age to age.

†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 Praver

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 164 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life THE CALL

As our time of

worship comes to an end, our time of service

depart to be the

church in the

The closing

voluntary is

offered as the final act of praise

of God. Go forth

as the music

with your life.

world.

begins; we

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath, such a truth ascends all strife, such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

†Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary

O Worship the King

ends to continue praising the Lord

arr. Joel Raney