

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given
by Barbara Clay
to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
her husband, John, on what would have been
their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary
and also in memory of her parents,
Arthur and Dorothy Schorr, who would have celebrated
their anniversary on October twenty-ninth.

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

LICENSES

Some music for our worship service is offered with
permissions granted by One License A-784965.

ASSISTING IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne
Lead Pastor

Rev. Erin Yow
Associate Pastor

Rev. Steven Coss
Associate Pastor

Michael S. Brannon
Director of Music

Chancel Choir; Lynn Killian, violin
Musicians

Alan Bowen
Reader

Gwen Wilkins
Altar Guild Volunteer

Gwen Wilkins, Bobby Wilkins,
Phyllis Owens, Mike Owens
Communion Servers

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 this QR code,
send a check to the church, or give through regular
bank drafts. Thank you for your generosity.



If you have not returned your 2025 Commitment
Card, you may place it in the offering plate today, or
in the deposit opening in the Finance Office.

SEPTEMBER 2025 GIVING

Funds Needed - \$105, 833.00
Funds Received - \$54,101.29

2025 YTD GIVING

Funds Needed - \$952,497.00
Funds Received - \$794,052.44



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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
OCTOBER 5, 2025
WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

CHIMING THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Todd Beaney

✚ HYMN 548 In Christ There Is No East or West McKEE
In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All pray in silence.
Hear the good news!
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

✚ RESPONSORIAL HYMN 71 Glory Be to the Father 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

✚ THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4:14-30

RESPONSE TO THE LESSON
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Good News For All Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Be Thou My Vision Tom Trenney

✚ 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.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

A - men, a - men a - - men.

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.

HYMN 620 One Bread, One Body ONE BREAD, ONE BODY
Refrain
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. Refrain

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. Refrain

HYMN 624 Bread of the World EUCHARISTIC HYMN
Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

SENDING FORTH

✚ HYMN 630 Become to Us the Living Bread GELOBT SEI GOTT
Become to us the living bread by which the Christian life is fed,
renewed, and greatly comforted: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Become the never-failing wine, the spring of joy that shall incline
our hearts to bear the covenant sign: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

May Christians all with one accord unite around the sacred board
to praise your holy name, O Lord: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

✚ DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

✚ CLOSING VOLUNTARY How Can I Keep from Singing? arr. Howard Helvey

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 a the final act of praise of God. Go forth as the music ends to continue praising the Lord with your life.

The ushers will direct you to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free bread is available; ask your server if needed.

If you are unable to walk to the altar, let the usher know and you will be served at your seat. All are invited to join in singing the Communion hymns while others are being served.