

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given
by Frank Thompson
to the Glory of God
and in honor of
Don Youmans’ contribution
to the Music Ministry.

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

LICENSES

Some music for our worship experience is offered with express
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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; Lynn Killian, violin ;
Sandie Salvaggio-Walker, soprano soloist;
Lawrence Stewart, baritone soloist— *Musicians*
Rev. Carol Cannon — *Reader*
Gwen Wilkins — *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.



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.

The voluntaries
today are played
from a book owned
by Barbara
Copenhaver and
given to me by her
husband, Julian.
Barbara recently
passed away and she
will be forever
remembered for her
support of the Music
Ministry. She sang in
the choirs and most
recently sang in the
Solace Choir.

+ Please rise in body
or in spirit

FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 12, 2025
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Chiming the Trinity

Opening Voluntary On Eagle’s Wings arr. Janet Vogt

+ Call to Worship adapted from “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune our hearts to sing thy grace.
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind our wandering hearts to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, we feel it, prone to leave the God we love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

+ 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 by thy name beneath, as in heaven on earth adored;
praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord.

✚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
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
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon
Coming Home
Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Moment of Meditation

Invitation to Offering

Anthem
We Lift Up Our Voices
From over the mountains there rises a song, as tongues in their thousands all join in the throng. The earth in her flow’ring, the depth of the seas, the trees in their tow’ring continue the theme. We lift up our voices in honor and praise; Our spirit rejoices as

anthems we raise! Your stars spin their circles in the darkness of space, their silver light hurtling through infinite grace. You order the heavens, ordaining the skies, the planets’ progressions in chorus arise. The cry of a newborn, the coo of a dove, the silence of dew-morn, the sigh of new love; Thus, all of creation in answering your call brings glad adoration to Heaven’s bright hall!

✚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

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 340
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. *Refrain*

Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all. *Refrain*

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. *Refrain*

✚Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary
Here I Am, Lord
arr. Janet Vogt

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.