

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given by Jody and Craig Swenson to the Glory of God and in honor of their fortieth 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*
Susan Harvey — *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 19, 2025
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Chiming the Trinity
Opening Voluntary Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole arr. Janet Vogt

+ Call to Worship
In Jesus, the light of God came into the world,
And the darkness will not overcome it.
In Jesus, we see who God is.
Let us shine the light of his love for all the world to see.

+ Hymn 85 We Believe in One True God RATISBON
We believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, ever-present help in need, praised by all the heavenly host; by whose mighty power alone all is made and wrought and done.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary’s Son, who descended from his throne and for us salvation won; by whose cross and death are we rescued from sin’s misery.

We confess the Holy Ghost, who from both for-e’er proceeds; who upholds and comforts us in all trials, fears, and needs. Blest and Holy Trinity, praise forever be to thee!

✚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 The Word Became Flesh Rev. Steve Coss

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Moment of Meditation

Invitation to Offering

Anthem Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Tom Trenney
Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of
mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious
sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I’m fixed upon it, mount of
thy redeeming love. Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I’ve come;
and I hope by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a
stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, bought me
with his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m, constrained to be!
Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander,
Lord, to leave the God I love: here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy
courts above.

✚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 388 O Come and Dwell in Me ST. MICHAEL
**O come and dwell in me, Spirit of power within,
and bring the glorious liberty from sorrow, fear, and sin.**

**Hasten the joyful day which shall my sins consume,
when old things shall be done away, and all things new become.**

**I want the witness, Lord, that all I do is right,
according to thy mind and word, well-pleasing in thy sight.**

**I ask no higher state; indulge me but in this,
and soon or later then translate to thine eternal bliss.**

✚Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary Rise Up With Him 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.