

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given
by Jan and Pete Richards
to the Glory of God
and in honor of their fiftieth 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.

LEADING IN TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Anita Sain
Lead Pastor

Rev. Erin Yow
Associate Pastor

Rev. Steve Coss
Associate Pastor

Michael S. Brannon
Director of Music

Chancel Choir
Musicians

Susan Slingluff
Acolyte

Noreen Elshaw
Cross Bearer

Rev. Ally Deal
Reader

Greg Turnage, Dr. Leslie Turnage, Sissi Carroll,
Grace Vineyard, Larry Appleby
Greeters and Ushers

Judy Swenson
Altar Guild Volunteer

Jason Gardner, Keith Anderson
Video and 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.



2026 MTD GIVING

Budgeted Funds - \$115,583.33
Actual Funds - \$82,255.83

2026 YTD GIVING

Budgeted Funds - \$809,083.31
Actual Funds - \$756,826.98



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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.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the
Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience,
kindness, goodness,
faithfulness,
gentleness, and self
-control. There is no
law against things
like this.

✚ Please rise in
body or in spirit.

FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AUGUST 9, 2026
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Chiming the Trinity

Opening Voluntary God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens arr. David Schelat

✚Hymn 435 O God of Every Nation LLANGLOFFAN

O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world

From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.

Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war’s increase;
when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious o’er all the world’s domain.

✚Affirmation of Faith A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada Hymnal #883

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.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this.	✝️ Responsorial Hymn 71 GREATOREX	Prayer	
	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 John 15:1-11		
	The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
	Sermon Summer Fruit: Living the SWEET Life — JOY Rev. Erin Yow		
	RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
	Moment of Reflection		
	Invitation to Offering		
	Anthem Come, O come, our voices raise Malcolm Archer		
	Come, O come, our voices raise, sounding God Almighty’s praise; hither bring in one consent heart, and voice, and instrument. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Sound the trumpet, touch the lute, let no tongue nor string be mute, now a voiceless creature found, that hath neither note nor sound. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! So this huge wide orb we see shall one choir, one temple be; where in such a praiseful tone we will sing what God hath done. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thus our song shall overclimb all the bounds of space and time; come, then, come, our voices raise, sounding God Almighty’s praise. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.		
	✝️ 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.		
✝️ Please rise in body or in spirit.			
		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 139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN	Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this.
		Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!	
		Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigning bears thee on eagle’s wings, e’er in his keeping maintaining. God’s care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?	As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins; we depart to be the church in the world.
		Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.	
		Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o’er thee.	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.
		Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.	
		✝️ Dismissal with Blessing	
	Closing Voluntary	Toccata on “Amazing Grace” J. Christopher Pardini	✝️ Please rise in body or in spirit.