

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given
by Tim Mendelsohn
to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of his wife, Sharon.

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; Rev. Anita Sain, violin; Keith Anderson, clarinet 1;
Gaye Currier, clarinet 2; Connie Eichenberg, cello;
Brian Sain, bass trombone
Musicians

Greg Turnage
Acolyte

Dr. Leslie Turnage
Cross Bearer

Dennis Sanders
Reader

Mike Owens, Marcie Burlett, Anne Bethea
Greeters and Ushers

Barbara Clay
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 AUGUST GIVING

Budgeted Funds - \$115,584
Actual Funds - \$105,905

2026 YTD GIVING

Budgeted Funds - \$924,670
Actual Funds - \$863,038

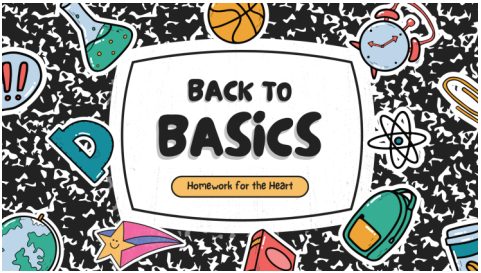


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A warm welcome to
all guests and
newcomers. Please
fill out the
attendance register
on your pew.
All persons are
welcome at First
United Methodist
Church, as
Jesus Christ has
welcomed us into
the love and grace
of God. Our mission
is to change lives
and make disciples
of Jesus Christ.

† Please rise in
body or in spirit.

FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Chiming the Trinity

Opening Voluntary Andante from Sonata No. 1 in C Minor Op. 27 Josef Rheinberger

†Hymn 400 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

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 raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m 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, interposed 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, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed Hymnal #881

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.

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

Anthem

You Raise Me Up

arr. Mark Hayes

When I am down and oh, my soul, so weary, when troubles come and my heart burdened
be, then I am still and wait in the silence until you come and sit awhile with me.
You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up to walk on stormy seas. I am
strong when I am on your shoulders. You raise me up to more than I can be.

Invitation to Offering

Hymn 454

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

✚ Please rise in
body or in spirit.

✚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.

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 119:9-16, 105; I Samuel 3:1-10

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

Sermon

Open the Book!

Listen for Jesus in Scripture

Rev. Anita Sain

✚Hymn 584

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help as witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

✚Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary

Postlude on All for Jesus

John A. Beknke

**DON'T FORGET
YOU R HEART
HOMEWORK!**

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.

✚ Please rise in
body or in spirit.