

First United Methodist Church

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Prelude

Welcome & Sharing the Life of the Church

Opening Prayer

Light Altar Candles & Procession of Leaders

Invitation to Worship:

God's love, strong and true,

Beckons us to walk on with hope in each step,

Lures us home, to the place just right.

God's love, everlasting and bold,

Sustains us when fear closes in and worry overwhelms,

Surprises us with glimpses of wonder and bursts of joy.

God's love, gentle yet persistent,

Graces us with rest in the midst of busyness,

Hounds us to follow the good path.

God's love, abundant and uplifting,

Dances around us like waves on the shore,

Dwells in us as a song steeped in praise.

God's love, forever leading us to sing and pray, serve and praise.

*Hymn of Praise:

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

UMH #577

<p>1. God of grace and God of glory, on the people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.</p>	<p>2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.</p>
<p>3 Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.</p>	<p>4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.</p>

Prayer of the Congregation:

Our God, forgive us for failing to understand and accept the great demands placed upon us by your love. We enlist in your causes, but find ourselves losing interest. We promise to be courageous, but find ourselves afraid. We want to be sensitive, but find ourselves hard and callous. Forgive us; take our limitations and turn them into possibilities for service. Have mercy on us and grant us your peace. Amen.

Words of Assurance & Pardon:

God has called us and blesses us when we live God's ways and not the world's. God's love embraces us even when we fall short of what God desires for our lives and actions. Know that the God of blessing loves and forgives us with a fierce tenderness. And in so knowing, may our lives and souls be transformed. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Concerns & Celebrations & Lord's Prayer

Young Disciples Time

Tithes & Offerings/ Offertory/*Doxology UMH#95

Written Word of the Lord

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:2-3

Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³ the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³ All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, ⁴ but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

Gospel: Luke 17:20-21

²⁰ Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, “The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed, ²¹ nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There it is!’ For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.”

Hymn of Preparation: “Sweet Hour of Prayer” UMH #496

<p>1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!</p>	<p>2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return! With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face, and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!</p>
<p>3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!</p>	

Spoken Word

Rev. Peter Michael Aguilar

***Hymn of Commitment: “Wonderful Words of Life” UMH #600**

<p>1 Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.</p>	<p>Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.</p>
<p>2. Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life; sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life; all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. (Refrain)</p>	<p>3. Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life; Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. (Refrain)</p>

Benediction

**Please stand, as you are able (UMH=United Methodist Hymnal; FWS=The Faith We Sing)*



Please pray for our members and loved ones who are homebound or residing in nursing homes. Also, please pray for:

The Families of..... Pat Reardon, Bruce Fowler, Dave Rosberg, David Courtright, Collin Clay Bode son of Clay & Diane Bode, Jayson Mumme the grandson of Steve & Jamie Epps, Fran Hoerster.

..and for the following individuals: Jean Reardon, Cookie

Underwood, Abel Alba, Sophia Ory, Carl Langley, Tiani Tovar Finn, Braden Kangos (5 yr. old with Leukemia), Burley & Mary Polk, Kathy McKeown, Anne Chappell, Connar Reardon, Trenton & Azzy Merrit son and grandson of Bridget Langdale, Jess Irwin's sister Sylvia, Mary & Darrell Vines, Paul Smith, Everett Andrews (3 year old child of Candice and Nathan Andrews), Linnda Graham, Doris Grote, Lorine Metz, Larry Kahan & Ryne and all the family, Kathy & Ted Kerr, Shirley Beth Lyles, Mark Lehmborg, Carlene Brollier, McKenna Brandenberger (missionary), Vernon & Kathy Fritze, Loy Williams, Terry Lange, Carol Jordan, , the church, Steve and Debra Moore, and Mark Grosse .All those effected by war.

Please pray for our members and loved ones who are in the military.

U.S.Army: Joseph Alba, T.J. Schovajsa, Britney Schovajsa and Kalyn Bauer

USAF: Matt Adam & Kaleb Owen

US Navy: Ferd T. Slocum III, James Vacek & Truman Coe

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Giving and Attendance

LAST WEEK'S GIVING.....	\$2,155.00
YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING.....	\$96,444.10
LAST YEAR TO DATE	\$109,826.21
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE.....	61

Vacation Bible School will be hosted here, at FUMC, July 22-24 from 9:00-11:30am. Children entering Kindergarten-6th grade this fall are invited to join us. Older students are encouraged to volunteer. Scan this QR code to register your kids, grandkids, or friends' kids! Contact Deandra for question.



This week's Calendar

Sunday, April 28th

Birthdays: John Armour

10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, April 29th

Birthdays: Pastor Peter Aguilar

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl

10:30-11:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

Tuesday, April 30th

Birthdays: Katie Smith & Ella Metzger

9:00 AM Steady Steps Chapel

Wednesday, May 1st

Birthdays: Evan Dayton, Toni Hurlbut & Kristie Nipp

10:30-11:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

6:00-7:00 PM Boys Scouts

Thursday, May 2nd National Day of Prayer

8:45-9:45 AM VBS Meeting

Friday, May 3rd

Saturday, May 4th

Birthdays: Renee Long

Sunday, May 5th Prayer Shawl Sunday

10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service

3:00 PM Piano Recital

4:00 PM -5:00 PM Boy Scouts