

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

Children are always welcome in worship and we embrace their presence, their joy and the fun things they often do & say as we worship.

However, if your child is actively upset we would invite you to take them into the gathering area to be calmed down. You are also welcome to take advantage of our nursery which is down the hall for children 6 months-3 years old.

All children who are ages 4-10 may participate in a children's church ministry called First Steps following the Children's Moment. They will enjoy a snack, an activity or craft, and a lesson based on the sermon text. Lastly, we have crayons and children's bulletins available in the gathering area for those who would like to be creative during worship.



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### Attendance Last Sunday

In-Person: 77 On-line: 2

### Sunday General Giving

\*will be updated in June 1st bulletin

### Sunday Designated Giving

\*will be updated in June 1st bulletin

### Sunday Pass Thru/Other Giving

\*will be updated in June 1st bulletin

### (Vanco Fees-General)

\*will be updated in June 1st bulletin

### Total Giving for May

\*will be updated in June 1st bulletin

### Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

**Flowers:** In honor of Carrie Robbins  
by her daughter Janet Tweed

**Coffee Bar:** Jan Johnson

**Lay Leader:** Lee Anne Strickland

**Usher Team:** Jeff McMillan and  
Wes Hibbert

**Production Team:** Steve Tweed,  
Regina Warfel, Carter Kennedy,  
Briley Williford and Tate Sherrer

**Pianist:** Bev Taylor

**Organist:** Mary Alice Huff

**Rev. Chris Black**  
Pastor

**Nikki Rutzen**  
Executive Assistant

**Sue Hamilton**  
Director of Congregational Care  
& Choir Ministries

**Erin Strickland**  
First Steps Coordinator

# First United Methodist Church

May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter



## “The Ripple Effect of God’s Blessing”

### Psalm 67

*Welcome! We pray that worship here at First United Methodist Church is a blessing for you, as your presence blesses us. Our mission here at First United Methodist Church is to make discipleship of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. If you would like to learn more about our church and its ministries you can find a copy of the church newsletter, welcoming brochures, and devotionals in the gathering area. There are also refreshments available at our coffee bar. Please fill out the clipboard at the end of your row to register your attendance and tell us a little more about you.*

*“May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.”*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 25, 2025

10:30AM

*We are glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Whether this is your church home or the first time that you have entered our doors, we extend a warm welcome to you.*

✠ *Please stand as you are able*

# PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lee Anne Strickland**

*(At this time please register your in-person attendance on the clipboard placed in each pew or if you are watching on-line register at [www.lumcm.com](http://www.lumcm.com))*

# INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE

*"May the Peace of Christ be with you....and also with you."*

# TRINITY CHIMES

## SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP

## *“Let’s Just Praise The Lord”*

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## ✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**P: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God.

**P: Let all the peoples praise you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

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## ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

## The Apostles' Creed

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**✠ GLORIA PATRI**

## #70

## CONFESSION

**Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people  
who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word.**

Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins,  
that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world;  
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*silence for personal confession*

## Sermon Notes

We hope you use this space for reflections,  
and reminders from the sermon,  
or throughout the service.

## Prayer Requests for 5/25/25

The printed requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and then will be moved to our ongoing prayer list on our website.

- ◆ Janet Tweed (health) and family
- ◆ The Kanabar family in the death of Dr. Kanabar's mother
- ◆ Dr. Dennis Trammel
- ◆ Joshua Stuckey and family (Huff)
- ◆ Family of Jim Evans (Cavett)
- ◆ Traveling mercies for Nicholas Warfel (Regina's son)
- ◆ Ray Johnson and family
- ◆ Kathleen Bailey (McKenzie)
- ◆ Donna (health) and Peggy Wengert
- ◆ Kayla Couch and family (Sequoyah High School student)
- ◆ Miranda Larson (health concerns) (daughter of William and Shannon Larson)
- ◆ Jennifer Waller and family (Houvenagle)
- ◆ Diane Riley (health) (Tierce)
- ◆ Bonnie Brown's friend Karen Melton
- ◆ Lee Pitts (health) and family (Dopkins' son-in-law)
- ◆ Family of Wanda Williford (Bethany, Britney and Briley's grandmother and Patty Jones' mother-in-law)
- ◆ Jimmy Liszeski (health) (mother of Walter and grandma of Zander and Zeke)
- ◆ Calvin and Rose Williams (Alford)
- ◆ Connie Carione (health) (Sandy Hibbert's sister)
- ◆ Lucille Peery (health) and family
- ◆ Quinn Strickland (knees) and family
- ◆ Ruppel family
- ◆ Brett and Karen McCue (Ruppel)
- ◆ Kefauver family
- ◆ John and Judy Maiuri
- ◆ Charlie and Phyllis Harrell and family

### Holston Hands On Buckets delivery

As a church body we filled 63 buckets! Pastor Chris loaded and delivered the buckets to their location in Cleveland, TN on Thursday, May 15th. Thank you to everyone who helped make this mission a HUGE success!

### New Handbell Choir Opportunity

Are you interested in participating in a handbell choir?

All interested individuals are invited regardless of age or experience.

The first meeting of the handbell enthusiasts will be held on Sunday, June 22nd at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Marlee Tierce at [mtierce@aol.com](mailto:mtierce@aol.com) or text 678-525-0348 or call 423-884-2196.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Get ready! Our Vacation Bible School this year will be the week of July 13th, and the theme is **ROAD TRIP** based on Joshua 1: 9 *"The Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* We will discover new places, new friends and ways that we can discover God's goodness and presence everywhere. We will have classes for all ages—children, youth and adults. We already have several volunteers but we need lots more. Mark your calendar and let Sue Hamilton know if you can help.



### Just a quick note

The Church Office will be closed on May 26th in observance of Memorial Day. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, May 27th when we open.

### 2025 Holston Annual Conference

As we prepare for the 2025 Holston Annual Conference, we are excited about this year's theme: *Together in New Beginnings*. This theme reflects our shared commitment to moving forward as one body in Christ, embracing the opportunities and challenges that come with stepping into a new season of ministry and mission. Rooted in Romans 12: 5, which reminds us that *"so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another,"* our theme invites us to reflect on the power of unity as we embark on new beginnings together. Whether in our local churches, our communities, or across the conference, we are called to build connections, strengthen relationships, and trust God's leading into a renewed future. The 2025 Annual Conference will take place June 1st-4th, at the beautiful Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center in North Carolina. Surrounded by the tranquility of the lake and the grandeur of the mountains, this beloved gathering space will once again host clergy and laity from across the Holston Conference. During these four days we will worship, celebrate the ways God is working through our churches and discern how we can better serve Christ and one another. As we meet in fellowship, we will embrace the spirit of renewal that comes with new beginnings and deepen our connection as the body of Christ. Please see the packets that are on the table in the gathering area with more information about the conference. We look forward to seeing how God will move among us as we journey...



### PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chris Black

### 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.*

### HYMN

"I Live"

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### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Chris Black

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

*(During this time we worship by the giving of our gifts and offerings for the work of the church in ministry and mission. For those who are watching online, you may mail your gifts to First United Methodist Church, PO Box 157, Madisonville, TN 37354 or go to [www.tithing.1umcm.com](http://www.tithing.1umcm.com))*

### OFFERTORY

"We've Got So Much"

CHANCEL CHOIR

### ✠ DOXOLOGY

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### SCRIPTURE

Psalm 67

*L: The Word of God, for the People of God.  
P: Thanks be to God.*

### SERMON

"The Ripple Effect of God's Blessing"

Rev. Chris Black

### ✠ CLOSING HYMN

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

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### ✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Black

### ✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Give Thanks"

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### ✠ TRINITY CHIMES

### POSTLUDE

*Serve the Lord this week where you are able!*