

WORSHIP OF GOD
FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 14, 2025 Eleven o'clock in the Morning
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First UCC's Mission Statement
"To grow in faith, love and fellowship as we serve God and all of our community."

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader

Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: Sing to God a new song! Rejoice in the Lord, all you people!
All: **We praise you for your faithfulness and your steadfast love.**

Leader: Gracious God, our souls wait for you.
All: **You are our help and our shield.**

Leader: Our hearts are glad in you, O God; we trust in your holy name.
All: **Let your steadfast love surround us, even as we place our hope in you.**

All: **May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, now and always.**

Based on Psalm 33

†Hymn: *Immortal, Invisible*
Blue Hymnal No. 34

†Prayer of Confession

Congregation

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and**

we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

~The Book of Common Prayer

†Silent Reflections

(a short period of silence is observed for silent reflections)

†Kyrie (Responsive): Red Hymnal No. 518

Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.

†Our Assurance of God's Pardon

Rev. Anne Tambling

†The Gloria Patri: Red Hymnal No. 493

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Children's Message

Rev. Anne Tambling

†Hymn: *Amazing Grace*

Blue Hymnal No. 236

Scripture Lessons

Lay Reader

Acts 1:1-11

Luke 24:46-49

Leader: This is a word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Waiting to Go"

Rev. Anne Tambling

†Statement of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Anne Tambling

Leader: May the Spirit of God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Anne Tambling

The Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Congregation

Prayer Response: Red Hymnal No. 501

Hear our prayer, O Lord;

Hear our prayer, O Lord;

Hear our prayer, O Lord,

And grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Offertory Invitation

Lay Reader

Leader: Let us now receive our morning offering.

Offertory

†Doxology: *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

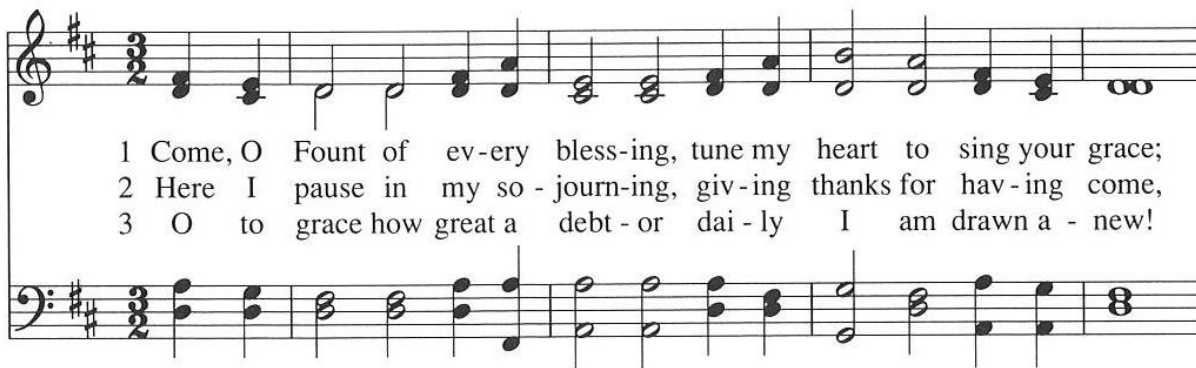
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†Blessing

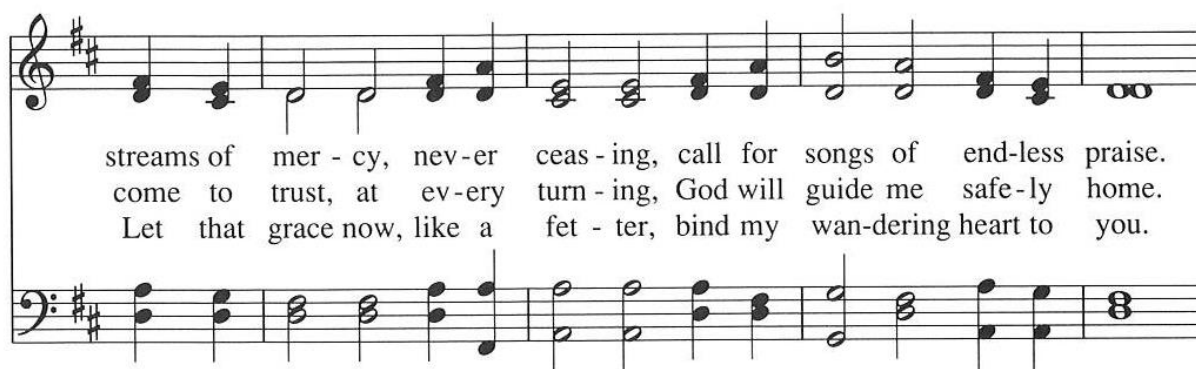
Lay Reader

Leader: Almighty and loving God, you flood our lives with your many blessings of food, shelter and love. Use these our gifts and our lives to enrich the lives of others, bringing your Kingdom on earth. In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.

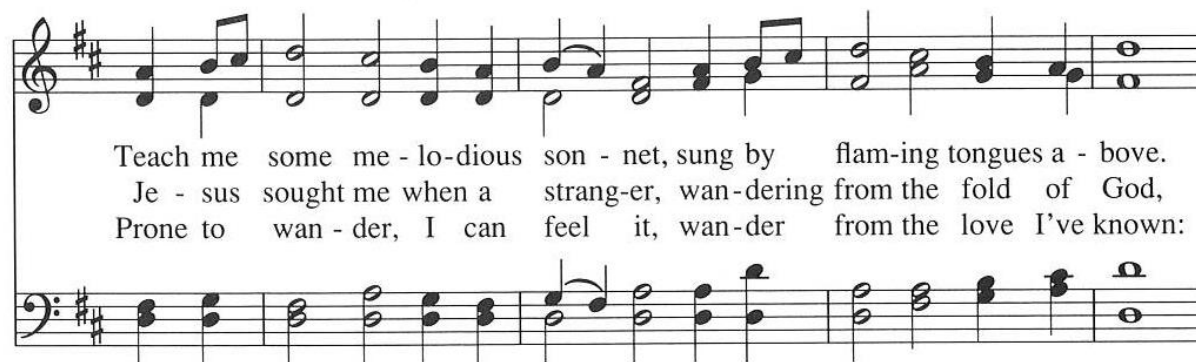
†Hymn: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*



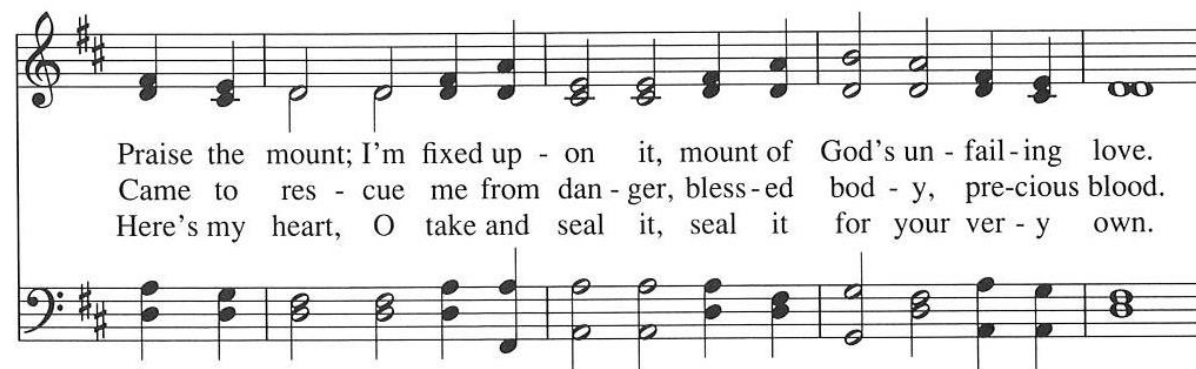
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
come to trust, at ev-ery turn-ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

†Benediction

Rev. Anne Tambling

Postlude

Assisting in Today's Worship

Rev. Anne Tambling

Intentional Interim Minister

Nathan Bowman, Music Director/Organist

Linda Hauze, Lay Reader

Important Dates

September 28: Congregational Meeting

October 12: Annual Meeting



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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Desiree Artz, Brenda Bernhardt, Tyler Bernhardt, Rev. David Crook, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Maggie Derby (great granddaughter of Jim Weaver), John Drye (Ann Teague's cousin), Emily Faust, Jim & Bettie Lyerly, John Marion, Shirley McNeil, Eddie Meeker, Evan Moreno, Dan Morgan, Patsy Paxton, Paul Paxton, Cathy Robbins, Glenda Shrewsbury, Patty & Mark Shuping and family, Tom Troutman, Barbara Waller, Waylon Ward, Don Whitfield, Janette Yost. ***If you know of anyone who should be added or removed from our prayer list, let the office know.***

Announcements

Today, September 14

4:00 p.m..... Property Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 16

1:00 p.m..... Bless These Stitches

Wednesday, September 17

5:30 p.m..... WOW Wednesday Bible Study

7:00 p.m..... Choir Rehearsal

There will be a Congregational Meeting on September 28 after Worship.

The Church's Annual Meeting will be held on October 12. If you are a Committee Chair and are planning to submit a report, the deadline for submission is October 1.

WOW Wednesday Bible Study continues on Wednesday evenings with a study on Acts of the Apostles using the study book "ACTS Catching Up with the Spirit" by Matthew L. Skinner. WOW Wednesday meets from 5:30-5:45 p.m. to share food together; 5:45-6:45 p.m. to engage in a study of the Acts of the Apostles with discussions. Participants are invited to bring food to share and a canned food item for the Blessing Pantry. September 17: OPPOSITION, Acts 8:9-24; Acts 25:1-12

If you have questions or suggestions for the Transition Team, we invite you to contact one of the members. Concerns and suggestions are welcome at any time.

Greg Alcorn

Don Whitfield

Phyllis Little

Ken Clapp

Carolyn Cline

Lynn Bernhardt

Robert Propst

Dan Mikkelson

Mark Schiemann

Larry Bolick

Kimberly Nelson

Rev. Anne Tambling