

October 5th,2025 Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Preludes: “Stars”, “Dusty Bibles”, “What an Awesome God”

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Lord God, we have failed you. We have not loved as you have loved.

Forgive us, we pray.

We have looked at the face of Your beloved and scoffed, ridiculed, blamed and hurt.

Forgive us, we pray.

We have refused to see the sacred when they sit beside us, simply because they look, speak, act, believe or love differently than we do.

Forgive us, we pray.

Open our hearts to the fullness of you.

Open our hearts, O God, that we may see through your eyes.

Open our hearts to the diverseness of you.

Break us open, Lord, to see as you see and love as you love.

Let the love of God become the tool with which we heal

and stitch a vast and beautiful tapestry of all God’s creatures.

Opening Prayer:

Uniting God, your son gives us a gift we cannot achieve by ourselves: oneness based in love, not in sameness. But our world pits us against one another. Remind us in worship today that the safety and strength we feel in “us” versus “them” living is not real. Bring us back to the true safety and strength found only in you and in solidarity with all of humanity. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*Song of Praise “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Children’s Message “Different is Good”

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 070

Choral Anthem:

“The Lord is My Light”

The New Testament Lesson(s): Hebrews 13:1-2

Reader: The word of God, For the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Offertory

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 095

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

God of each and all, may our gifts today help us to do your work as a church – to break down barriers and offer genuine welcome to neighbors and strangers alike. Let the combining of our financial gifts reflect the way our diverse qualities and strengths come together to show the world your love.

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

TFWS 2223

Message:

Both/And

Week 3

”Us and Them”

Music Ministry “The Blessing/Great Are You Lord”

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love and the precious gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. We remember his broken body and shed blood, and the victory over sin and death they represent for us. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us now, and on these gifts of bread and juice. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of Christ, so that we may be for the world the body of Christ, united in his love. Strengthen us by this holy communion to confess our sins, to grow in faith and love, and to live as instruments of your peace in the world, sharing your message of redemption with joy and hope...

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

UMH 431

Benediction and Goin Forth:

**“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the
world.”**

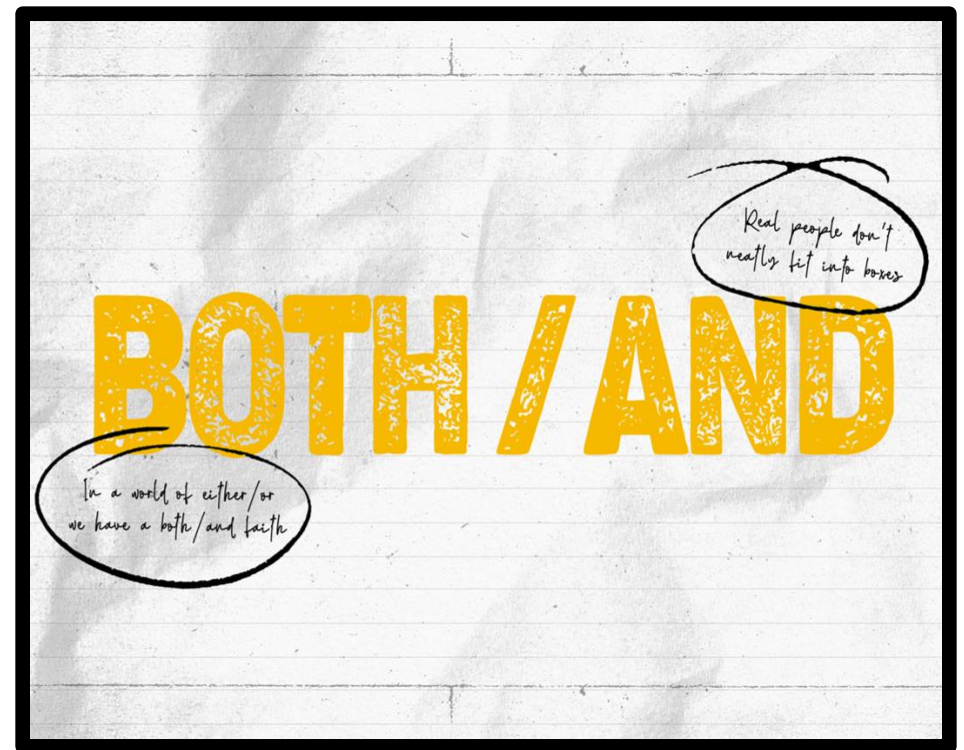


**“All are welcome,
none are turned away!”**

First United Methodist Church

Mexico, New York

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