

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

First United Methodist Church

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Order of Worship

August 14, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER OF INVITATION

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Women: How lovely is the dwelling place of God, the Lord of all.

Men: My soul longs to be at home with God, to sing with joy in honor of the Creator.

Women: We are blessed to be part of God's household, belonging to God's family.

Men: We lean on God for strength; our hearts are the place of worship and praise.

Women: A day with God is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Men: I would rather be a servant in God's house than the guest of honor in the world's palaces.

Women: For in God is light and life. God protects and defends and bestows gifts with generosity.

All: Our faith is in the Lord. Blessed are we, the people and family of God!

*Hymn "Praise the Source of Faith and Learning"

FWS #2004



1. Praise the Source of faith and learning
That has sparked and stoked the mind with a
passion for discerning how the world has been
designed. Let the sense of wonder flowing from
the wonders we survey keep our faith forever
growing and renew our need to pray.

2. God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our
science and our art and the breadth of human
knowledge only partial truth impart. Far beyond
our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound
where your purpose for creation and the pulse of
life are found.

3. May our faith redeem the blunder of believing
that our thought has displaced the grounds for
wonder which the ancient prophets taught. May
our learning curb the error which unthinking
faith can breed lest we justify some terror with
an antiquated creed.

4. As two currents in a river fight each other's
undertow till converging they deliver one
coherent steady flow, blend, O God, our faith
and learning till they carve a single course, till
they join as one, returning praise and thanks
to you, their Source.

Prayer of the Congregation:

Prayer of the Day/ Prayers for the New School Year

Deandra Palacio: To the students, parents, and teachers who begin a new year of learning, we extend our hands in blessing toward you and pray together:

CONGREGATION: Lord Jesus, who welcomed the children and held up their faith as an example, bless now these students. Fill their schools with community and their hearts with wonder. Develop within them wisdom, integrity, and maturity as they learn and grow this year. And remind them that we, their community and church family, are here to support them. God, bless now these families. Fill their homes with joy and their hearts with love. Give them energy, strength, and discernment as they raise these children. And remind them that

we, their community and church family, are here to support them. Holy Spirit, the source of all wisdom, bless now these teachers.

Fill their classrooms with learning and their hearts with compassion. Give them focus, patience, and creativity as they educate these children. And remind them that we, their community and church family, are here to support them. Amen.

Concerns & Celebrations & Lord's Prayer

Young Disciples' Time

Noisy Bucket Offering

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Pastor: Loving God, we come before you with prayers. We offer to you our very lives that we may live according to your will:

Congregation sings: "Jesus Loves Me" Verse 1

Jesus love me this I know for the Bible tells me so, little ones to him belong they are weak but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes Jesus loves me! Yes Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Community Speaker #1: We pray for all children, for their playfulness, for their curiosity and for their Joyfulness. We pray as they go beyond the boundaries of home that they will find strong and true friendships. We pray especially for those whom you have called to teach and to care for them.

Grant O God that our children and the adults who instruct them might grow in your love.

Congregation sings: "This Little Light of Mine" Verse 1

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)

Community Speaker #2: We pray for all young people, for the ways they test boundaries and question authority. We pray, o God, they will continue to develop and use the gifts you have given them. We pray for those who are called to teach, to coach, and to mentor our young people. Grant your wisdom and generous spirit to these youth and adults alike as they commit to grow righteously in this complex world.

Congregation sings: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Community Speaker #3: We pray for all college students, for the many questions they are facing about their future. We pray for those whom you have called to teach and to care for them - for professors and counselors and administrators and advisors. Nurture them, O God, in communities of fellowship and protect them from loneliness. Grant your courage to these young adults and adults alike as they engage in critical learning for the future of our world.

Community Speaker #4: We pray for all those who teach, o God. Inspire them with creativity and commitment. Give them energy to continue teaching and bringing forth the best from their students. Help us to appreciate their efforts and to treat them with respect. Provide opportunities, O God, for their refreshment and renewal.

Pastor: We bless all those who will wear these backpacks. May it serve them as they live, learn, and love. Bless their new year. May your angels camp around them and safeguard their coming and going. In Jesus name we pray. **AMEN**

Community Speaker #5 : We pray for all adults as they endeavor to live faithful lives in their homes and in their workplaces. We pray for all who are parents, stepparents, aunts, uncles and grandparents of learners. Help them to find the time to sit and to listen to their children. Give them hearts and minds filled with patience, Understanding and wisdom. Enable them to share your truth and love O God, in word and by example.

Congregation sings: "Happy the Home When God Is There" Verse 2

2. Happy the home where Jesus' name is sweet to every ear; where children early speak his fame, and parents hold him dear.

Tithes & Offerings/ Offertory/ Doxology UMH # 95

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

"Jesus Loves Me"

UMH #191

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.	Refrain Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
2. Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." Refrain	3. Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. Refrain

WRITTEN WORD of the Lord: Psalm 27:3

Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

Hebrews 10:35–36

³⁵So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. ³⁶You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

***Gospel: Luke 7:22-34**

22 Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. 23 For life is more than food and the body more than clothes. 24 Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! 25 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? 26 Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? 27 "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 28 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! 29 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. 30 For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. 32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

SPOKEN WORD

Pastor Peter Aguilar

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 Only)

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT:**

“This Is the Day”

UMH #657

BENEDICTION

Leader - This is the day	All - this is the day
Leader - that the Lord hath made	All - that the Lord hath made.
Leader - Let us rejoice	All - Let us rejoice,
Leader - and be glad in it,	All - and be glad in it,
This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.	
Leader - This is the day	All - this is the day that the
Lord hath made.	

Announcements



Youth Group will be starting on Sun., Aug. 21st at 6pm. A signup sheet has been placed in the back of the sanctuary for providing meals for the youth each week. Thank you for supporting our kids!

Sunday School Classes
Children & Youth

In the Education Building:

Pre-K & K & 1st Upstairs, Room 203
2nd & 3rd Upstairs, Room 202
4th & 5th Upstairs Room 201
6th- 8th — Library
High School- Room 204
Adult: Genesis Class—Historical Room in Education Building
Seekers Class— Gathering Room



Please pray for our members and loved ones who are homebound and/or residing in nursing homes. Also, please pray for: McKenna Brandenberger (missionary), Vernon Fritze, The people of Ukraine, Loy Williams, Meleah Plummer, Terry Lange, Carol Jordan, Kathy McKeown, Anne Chappell, George & Mary Eastes, the church, Steve and Debra Moore, Daveen Jorgensen,

Jimmie Schmidt, Carolyn Toepfich, Mark Grosse and Don & Linda McEachern (Aunt & Uncle of Tiffany Klaerner) and the family of Suzanne Brantley.

Please pray for our members and loved ones who are in the military. If you have addresses for any of these military members, please provide that information to the office or visit the link on the church website.

B.C. Hardin (U.S. Army), Matt Adam (USAF), Houston Haley (USAF), Joseph Alba (U.S. Army), T.J. Schovajsa (U.S. Army), Ferd T. Slocum III (U.S. Navy), James Vacek (U.S. Navy), Truman Coe (U.S. Navy), Kaleb Owen (USAF), Britney Schovajsa (U.S. Army), and Kalyn Bauer (U.S. Army).

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of August 14, 2022

(CR= Conference Room; GR=Gathering Room; SH=Social Hall)

Sunday, June 12th **Noisy Bucket Offering**

Birthdays: Jan Strickland & Lee McMillan

8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion

9:45 Sunday School for all ages

11:00 Worship

11:00 Worship on KHLB 102.5 FM

4:00 Boy Scouts (GR)



Monday, June 13th

Birthdays: Mary Polk & Homer Martin

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl (GR)

4:30 PM Bible Study (GR)

Tuesday, June 14th

Birthday: Patrick Boyd

9:00 – 10:00 Steady Steps Chapel

5:15-6:15 PM **Trustees Meeting**

5:30 PM **Steady Steps Council**

Wednesday, June 15th

7:00-8:00 Band of Brothers

5:00 PM **Foundation Meeting**

5:30 Choir practice

Thursday, June 16th

Birthday: Bobby Halamicek

7:30 AM Women's Bible Study (ZOOM)

Friday, June 17th

Birthday: Cassie Klinghefer

Saturday, June 18th

Birthdays: Mays Taylor & Leslie Whitworth

11:00 AM Memorial Service for Emma Jo Wallace

Sunday, June 19th **Fathers' Day**

Birthday: Delvin Bauer

8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion

9:45 Sunday School for all ages

11:00 Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 Worship on KHLB 102.5 FM

4:00 Boy Scouts (CR)