First United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 27, 2026
18th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP GUIDE *(Digital Edition)*

PRELUDE

FIRST THINGS FIRST

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's grace surrounds us every day.
People: God stands with us in our times of trouble.
Leader: God shows compassion to all who are weak and downtrodden.
People: God offers healing mercies and hope to all who are lost and troubled.
Leader: Praise God, who provides for our needs and brings us peace.
People: With expectant hearts, we come to worship the God of grace.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (#139)

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Holy God, You are the source of all that is good and all that is right.

People: Every day You generously offer welcome and peace to all who turn their hearts to You.

Leader: We confess that in uncertain times we forget that You are with us.

People: We confess that in times of trouble, we wonder how much You really care.

Leader: Shattered hopes and dreams overwhelm us with sorrow.

People: Painful situations make us feel angry, fearful, and abandoned.

Leader: We look for help everywhere but in You.

People: We forget that You stand ready to heal us and comfort our souls.

Leader: Forgive us, God of Grace.

People: Restore us to a right relationship with You, and guide us in paths of peace.

(a time of silent prayer and reflection)

Leader: God knows our hearts and looks on us with mercy. God calls to us and offers us hope, so have faith and remember the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to try again. Thanks be to God. Amen!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 6:1-8

MORNING PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF REFLECTION
"Be Still My Soul" (#534)

MISSION MOMENT

DOXOLOGY (#94)

NEW TESTAMENT READING
Revelation 6:1-11

ANTHEM
"Holy is Your Name"

SERMON
"Holding on to Hope", Rev. Jodie Ihfe

HYMN OF COMMITTMENT
"You Never Let Go" (Screen)

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE
Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go
Lord You never let go of me

POSTLUDE

You can give an offering online by clicking HERE and filling out the form.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

High School Bowling
High school youth are going bowling at Tiebreakers this afternoon from 2:00pm-4:00pm. There is no cost for the bowling, but youth will need money if they plan on buying drinks or snacks. Let Pastor Gary know if you will need a ride on the van.

Circle of Faith
The Circle of Faith is meeting on Thursday, October 1 at 10:00am in the conference room.

United Methodist Women
The UMW Board is meeting on Thursday, October 1 at 11:00am.

Senior Adult Trip to Brights Zoo & Troyer's
On **Monday, October 19** there will be a senior adult trip to Bright's Zoo (10am-noon) and Troyer's (noon-2pm). We will meet at the church at 9:30am and depart for the trip together. We will return to the church by 2:30pm. The cost is $20 per person. Contact Nancy Campbell (nanniecamp5@gmail.com) for more info. **Deadline to register is October 11.**

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: The Chosen

Menu: Salad, Baked Spaghetti, Fruit, and Bread

Dinner at 5:30, Classes at 6:30

Clare's Closet begins distribution during the October food pantry. The collection box is in the connector for donations of **new or gently used winter wear:**
coats, hats, gloves, hoodies, and scarves.

Food Pantry Items - September

- Laundry & Dish Detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Applesauce/Fruit Cups
- Sleeved Crackers

Help your neighbors in need.

Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector

CALENDAR

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 9/27: HS Bowling @ Tiebreakers (2:00)
- 9/29: SPRC Meeting (5:30)
- 10/1: Circle of Faith Meeting (10:00)
- 10/1: UMW Board Meeting (11:00)
- 10/10: Men's Breakfast (9:00)
- 10/11: Community Pet Celebration (4:00)
- 10/18: District Youth Ignite (5:30)
- 10/19: Senior Adult Zoo/Troyer's Trip (9:30)
- 10/20: Church Council Meeting (6:00)
- 10/25: Trunk or Treat

Click **HERE** to see the full church calendar.

PRAYER LIST

Continued Concerns:

Pat Adams
Debbie Bellamy
Jim Briggs
Craig Campbell
Kathryn Campbell
Kathy & Eddie Deakins
Art & Vivian Eckerson
Linda Flint
Tony Gentry
Jennifer Greene
Hannah Hensley
Vikki Hise
Scott Huff
Calvin McMann
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken
Jason Mills
Shawn Peebles
Robin Potter
Paul Scholz
Family of Ann Sharpe
Joey Thacker
Fred Tucker

New Additions:

Suzy Cradic
Linda Goodwin
Family of Joanne Klevin

Long-term Concerns:

Tom Eorgan
Jim Furches
Kathleen Garland
Johnny & Peggy Humphreys
Jean Jones
Linda Kostreva
Athena Peebles
Bobby
Manna House

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