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James Lessly  
Roy & Sharyn Lessly  
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Tom Palmer  
JoAnne Paty  
Zander Pritt  
Cathie Rosecrance  
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Mary Shomaker  
Nancy Stevenson  
Summer Strasser  
Phil Torbett  
Family Promise  
Brother's Keeper  
Haven of Mercy  
Kairos Ministry



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Prelude** "Brother James" Arr. Dale Wood

### Call to worship

Leader: We come this day hoping to encounter the living  
Christ.

**People: We come with burdens and questions that only He  
can answer.**

Leader: We come trusting in God's unfailing love.

**People: We come believing in God's faithfulness and  
salvation.**

Leader: May we be born again by God's truth and grace.

**People: May our hearts be made new, and our lives be  
strengthened for witness and service.**

### Invocation

**Hymn of Praise** "You Are My King" words on Screen

## Confession

Leader: God of love, You sent Your Son into the world that the world through Him might be saved.

**People:** God of mercy, our words and actions do not reflect the salvation we claim.

Leader: We live in the hope of Your limitless love,

**People:** but we place limits on our love to others.

Leader: We plead for Your forgiveness,

**People:** but we have trouble forgiving others.

Leader: We expect to be treated with fairness and justice,

**People:** but we fail to treat others as we want to be treated.

Leader: We hold others to high standards,

**People:** but we rationalize our own actions and compromise our witness.

Leader: Forgive us when we ignore Your Spirit and choose to live according to the flesh.

**People:** Transform our lives, so that we may seek Your ways and live as children of God.

*(a time for personal reflection)*

Leader: God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that through Him the world might be saved. Rest in God's love and believe the good news of the Gospel:

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

## New Testament Reading

Romans 8:12-17

## Morning Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "For God So Loved the World"

Gospel Lesson John 3:1-17

Sermon "Jesus After Dark" Rev. Caleb Frazier

## Celebration of Holy Communion

Hymn of Commitment "Hymn of Promise" #707

## Benediction

Postlude Postlude on "Lancashire" Jason D. Payne

Today, we welcome **Rev. Caleb Frazier** as the guest preacher. Rev. Frazier is the director of the Wesley Foundation at East Tennessee State University.

The **Circle of Faith** will meet Thursday, August 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

## Mark Your Calendars...

- August 10: Church Council meeting in-person
- August 29: 5th Sunday Breakfast

## Chance! Choir Party at Rotary Park

For returning choir members, and we especially want to invite NEW choir members. NOW is the time to join us!

- This Wednesday, August 4 from 5:00-9:00 pm
- Harris Pavilion at Rotary Park
- Meat (BBQ), dessert, & drinks provided; please bring a side dish

RSVP to Kathy Feagins at [kathyleefeagins@gmail.com](mailto:kathyleefeagins@gmail.com) or 571-4633