

First Church has started running vans to pick up children, youth, and their families for Sunday School and worship. We are so excited about this new opportunity for outreach and growth! For this ministry to be successful, your help is needed:

- Adult volunteers to drive or ride on vans for pick up and drop off
- Sunday School classes and small groups to provide grab-and-go breakfast once per month
- Everyone to pray for and welcome any new people who might attend

If you can help or need more information, contact Pastor Jodie at jodie.ihfe@1stchurchjc.org

Everyone is invited to a potluck picnic **today** at Rotary Park. Begin gathering at 5:00, and dinner will be served at 5:30. Please bring a main dish, side, or dessert to share; drinks and paper goods will be provided. We have reserved Harris Pavilion (next to the playground) and a bluegrass band from ETSU will provide music after dinner.

Prayer Cover: Kathie Tucker

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
 Erma Budd
 Amanda C.
 Catherine Cartus
 Scott Combs
 Vernon Crawford
 Lindsay Daniel
 Eric Davidson
 Chad & Sandi Decker
 Jackie Denny
 Family of Ken Diehl
 Phyllis Eckerson
 Vivian Eckerson
 Courtney Eddy
 Peggy Eddy
 Phyllis Eorgan
 Ray Feagins
 Susan Fields
 Jim Furches
 Betty & Earl Gouge
 Kay Haga
 Mandy Hall
 Beverly Harris
 The Hrenda family
 Scott Huff
 Janet Ihfe
 Ellen & Natalie Kaltenbacher
 Mike Kellum
 Mary Anne King
 Pam King
 Linda Kostreva
 Sally Lee
 Barbara Marrs
 David McElveen
 Al Meeks
 Jim Milliken
 Jasper & Peyton Minutolo
 Helen Mills
 Family of Rick Norman
 Tom Palmer
 Ruby Payne
 Libby Roberts
 Taylor Rodriguez
 Matt Rosecrance
 Steven Schmidt
 Louise Scott
 Ed Searcey
 Nancy Stevenson
 Davis Story
 Sue Tabbert
 Anna Grace West
 Brittney Williams & baby
 Family Promise
 Brother's Keeper
 Healthcare workers
 US Military & families
 Ukraine
 Manna House
 Students & teachers
 Flood victims



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Things First

Prelude "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" Arr. Don Hustad

Call to worship

Leader: In all things,

People: God is with us.

Leader: Gifted and beloved,

People: we find purpose in God's calling.

Leader: Broken and burdened,

People: we find healing in God's goodness.

Leader: Weary and worn,

People: we find comfort in God's compassion.

Leader: Lost and alone,

People: we find welcome in God's embrace.

Leader: Come and rejoice in God's faithfulness.

People: We will offer our praise to the God of grace.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "My Hope is Built" #368

New Testament Reading Luke 15:11-24

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Run to the Father" On Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Anthem "Depth of Mercy"

Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 11-12

Sermon Rev. Lauri Jo Cranford

Confession Psalm 51:1-17

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

All: According to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

All: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Leader: Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgment.

All: Behold, I was born into iniquity, and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.

Leader: Behold, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

All: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow;

Leader: Make me hear with joy and gladness; let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

All: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

All: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

All: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Leader: Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

All: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

Leader: For you have no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

All: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Hymn of Commitment "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" #365

Benediction

Benediction Response

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: Methodism 101, all about the history and beliefs of the United Methodist Church.

Menu: baked spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert

Dinner begins at 5:45.

Please make reservations by **Tuesday, 9/27 at noon** by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.