

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 10/14: Men's Breakfast
- ◆ 10/15: Safe Sanctuary Training, play practice
- ◆ 10/25: Trunk or Treat
- ◆ 10/29: 5th Sunday Breakfast, play practice

The next 5th Sunday Breakfast is October 29 at 9:15 in the fellowship hall. The youth group will prepare a waffle bar. You may give a donation to cover the cost of breakfast and support their trip to Resurrection.

There will be a mandatory Safe Sanctuary Training on Sunday, October 15 following worship for volunteers with children & youth, including Sunday School teachers, nursery workers, Wednesday Night helpers, van volunteers, security team, and anyone else who might help with the children or youth at any time. Lunch is provided and the training will last approximately 2 hours.

### Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of October, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are toilet paper, peanut butter & laundry detergent. In addition, the food pantry can always use canned meat & canned fruit. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Ben Peeples

### Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams  
Family of Dr. Steven Berk  
Bob & Carla Brown  
Travis Buchanan  
Family of David Burleson  
Catherine Cartus  
John Cradic  
Vernon Crawford  
Family of Lauren Dake  
Jackie Denny  
Jenny Durban  
Paul Duncan  
Phyllis Eckerson  
Vivian Eckerson  
Marvin Feagins & family  
Cecilia Fleckstein  
Jim Furches  
Betty & Earl Gouge  
Pam Hagen  
Mendy Hall  
Jacob Haun  
Nora & Tony Haynes  
Sharon Herzer  
Cindy Holmes  
Scott Huff  
Keith & Jean Jones  
Joyce Josie  
Karl Kapoor  
Deni Kiehl  
Tammy Kosa  
Linda Kostreva  
Aubrey Lee  
Karen Martin  
Bonnie Marrs  
Bob & Wanda May  
Family of David McElveen  
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken  
Tom Palmer  
Ruby Payne  
Bob & Athena Peeples  
Carolyn Peeples  
Bobby Seay  
Steven Schmidt  
John & Susan Trotter  
Anna Grace West  
Manna House



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Prelude** "I Need Thee Every Hour" Arr. Joel Raney

### First Things First

#### Call to worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**People: The steadfast love of God endures forever.**

Leader: God gathers those who wander and cannot find their way.

**People: God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.**

Leader: God hears the prayers of all who cry out in times of need.

**People: Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of God.**

#### Invocation

**Hymn of Praise** "Jesus Shall Reign where'er the Sun" #157  
Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5

#### Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Loving God, we pray for Your name to be hallowed,

**People: but we betray Your name by the way we live.**

Leader: We pray for Your kingdom to come,

**People: but we do little to promote peace and unity.**

Leader: We pray for Your will to be done,

**People: but we find it difficult to accept and love our neighbor.**

Leader: We pray for our daily bread,

People: but we choose what we will eat, forgetting that some have no choice but hunger.

Leader: We pray to be forgiven,

People: but we have trouble forgiving each other.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, when we make evil choices that hurt You, those around us, and Your creation.

People: Purify our hearts and minds, so that we may honor You in all we say and do.

*(a time for personal reflection)*

Leader: The Lord is full of compassion and steadfast in love. Rest in God's presence and rejoice in the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to try again. Thanks be to God! AMEN

Old Testament Reading Psalm 107:1-21

Power of Prayer Screen

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Sweet Hour of Prayer" #496, Vs. 1 & 3

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Discipleship Testimony

New Testament Reading Luke 6:12-19

Anthem "Seek and You will Find"

Sermon "Prayer and a Few Good Men" Mr. Steve Gross

Invitation to Discipleship

Hymn of Commitment "Lord, I Need You" Screen

## Benediction

### Benediction Response

Lord I need You, oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
You're my one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

**Reminder :** no women's Bible study or Wednesday Night activities this week due to fall break

It's time for candy and costumes! We will host a neighborhood Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 25. We will serve dinner at 5:30, decorate trunks at 6:00, and welcome friends and neighbors at 6:30 for candy and games. Please bring individually wrapped candies and sign up to decorate a trunk. The Sunday School class with the most trunks will win Breakfast Tacos!

On Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 at Powell Square Park, we will have a Blessing of the Animals. Everyone from the whole community is invited.

- All animals need to be vaccinated
- Dogs must be on a leash with a snug collar or harness
- Cats and other pets must be in an enclosed carrier

For everyone's safety, you may wish to just bring a photo of your animal. Also, the Jr. High youth group will be collecting used blankets for the animal shelter.

Clare's Closet is accepting donations of slightly used winter outerwear (coats, hats, gloves, scarves, or hoodies) for the upcoming season of giving. All donations may be taken to the box located in the connector. As always, your generous support of this ministry is greatly appreciated. Distributions will begin in October.

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