

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 7/30: Back to School Splash (6:00)
- ◆ 8/2: Wednesday Nighters for kids & youth resume (5:45)
- ◆ 8/3: Circle of Faith (10:00)
- ◆ 8/6: Lemonade on the Lawn (11:30)
- ◆ 8/8: Women's Bible Study (1:00)
- ◆ 8/12: Men's Breakfast (9:00)
- ◆ 8/13: Kids Crafternoon (11:30)

### Kids Crafternoon Fun! On

Sunday, August 13, right after worship, children and their families are invited to the fellowship hall for games and crafts. Lunch is provided.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR AUGUST 6!

Immediately after church we will have Lemonade on the Lawn so we can talk & fellowship for a few minutes with some wonderful refreshments.

### Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of July, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are canned salmon, canned fruit, cereal, and syrup. In addition, the food pantry can always use canned meat. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Mike Eddy

### Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams  
Family of Dr. Steven Berk  
Travis Buchanan  
Family of Bruce Carson  
Catherine Cartus  
Family of Rev. Ricky Clowers  
Family of Ryan Cradic  
Vernon Crawford  
Family of Lauren Dake  
Jackie Denny  
Paul Duncan  
Phyllis Eckerson  
Vivian Eckerson  
Cecilia Fleckstein  
Jim Furches  
Betty & Earl Gouge  
Family of Dalton Gough  
Pam Hagen  
Mendy Hall  
Nora & Tony Haynes  
Scott Huff  
Mackenzie Jennings  
Jean Jones  
Joyce Josie  
Deni Kiehl  
Linda Kostreva  
Aubrey Lee  
Karen Martin  
Bob & Wanda May  
David McElveen  
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken  
Tom Palmer  
Ruby Payne  
Bob & Athena Peebles  
Carolyn Peebles  
Bobby Seay  
Steven Schmidt  
Louise Scott  
Donna Smith & family  
Anna Grace West  
Manna House



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Prelude

### First Things First

Call to worship "Shall we Gather at the River" Chancel Choir

### Invocation

Hymn of Praise "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" #724  
Verses 1, 2, & 4

### Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Holy God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You.

People: You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, and in forgetting Your love.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

People: We are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You.

Leader: In Your mercy, forgive our sins.

People: Free us from our past and cleanse our hearts from selfish desire, so that we may live holy, just, and generous lives to the glory of Your holy name.

*(a time for personal reflection)*

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God does not deal with us according to our sins. So, place your trust in God, and remember the good news of the Gospel:

**People: In the saving work of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and freed to try again. Thanks be to God! AMEN**

**New Testament Reading** Acts 10:34-43

**Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn of Reflection** "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" #179

**Mission Moment**

**Doxology** #94

**New Testament Reading** Jeremiah 29:4-9

**Anthem** "I walked Today where Jesus walked" Fred Sharpe

**Sermon** "God of the City" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

**Hymn of Commitment** "God of This City" Screen

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response**

How great is our God

Sing with me

How great is our God

And all will see

How great, how great is our God

This August, we will begin a worship series called Meeting God. Our worship will focus on the stories of Moses and how he encountered God throughout his life. We hope that in looking closely at these encounters we will also find ways that we can meet God in our lives.

Children & youth will resume their regular scheduled Wednesday groups on August 2nd. Dinner will be at 5:45 and groups will meet from 6:30-7:30.

Attention, men! Please make plans to join Pastor Gary on Saturday, August 12 at 9:00 am for a men's breakfast. Pastor Gary will serve his special Breakfast Tacos, and we will have a chance to talk a little about what men's ministries we would like to see at First Church.

The women's Bible Study will resume on August 8th and Pastor Jodie will lead the study on Moses, which coincides with our Sunday Morning worship Series "Meeting God." The women meet in the Open Door classroom every Tuesday at 1:00 pm.

If you are interested in being a part of a Habitat for Humanity team build anytime this fall, please put your name down on the contact list in the Narthex.

## Back to School SPLASH!

Celebrate a great summer and the start of another school year at the annual Back to School Splash TONIGHT from 6-8 pm at Legion Street Pool. All children, youth, young adults, and all their families and everyone from the church who loves them are invited for dinner, swimming, and fellowship.

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