

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 9/3: Lemonade on the Lawn
- ◆ 9/5: Women's Bible Study (1:00)
- ◆ 9/9: Men's Breakfast (9:00)
- ◆ 9/10: Moses Movie Matinee (11:30)
- ◆ 9/11: Trustees (7:00)
- ◆ 9/13: Church-wide Wednesday Nighters resume (5:30)
- ◆ 9/17: Church Picnic (5:00)
- ◆ 9/17: Church Council (6:00)

The next **Men's Breakfast** is scheduled for Saturday, September 9 at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

We will have a **Moses Movie Matinee** September 10 at 11:30 in the fellowship hall. We will watch the animated classic **The Prince of Egypt** and we will have pizza, refreshments, crafts, and games. Fun for the whole family!

Join us for **Lemonade on the Lawn** right after worship today for fun, fellowship, and refreshments!

### Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of September, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are canned chicken, canned fruit, & laundry detergent. 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: Novice Gross

### Prayer List

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



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Prelude** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" Arr. Fred Bock

### First Things First

#### Call to worship

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord at all times.

**People:** God is with us wherever we may go.

Leader: Rest in the Lord and do not worry.

**People:** God is always faithful to supply our needs.

Leader: Let the peace of God settle among us.

**People:** We will trust in the Lord, and praise God's name forever.

#### Invocation

**Hymn of Praise** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #400

#### Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Almighty God, You have created us, redeemed us, and provided us with all that we need.

**People:** We confess that our faith is weak and we doubt Your goodness.

Leader: We complain when our comfortable lives are disrupted.

**People:** We wonder where You are when we are plagued with problems.

Leader: We hoard Your blessings and worry that we will never have enough.

**People:** We abandon Your glory to chase the graven images of the world.

Leader: Forgive us for trusting our limited wisdom too much, and Your perfect wisdom too little.

**People:** Come to us again, Holy God, and surprise us with Your beauty, so that we may learn to trust You above all else, and live to glorify Jesus Christ our Savior.

*(a time for personal reflection)*

Leader: God's love is everlasting and God's love is boundless. Be humble; be grateful; 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

Old Testament Reading Psalm 106:4-22

Morning Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #121

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Old Testament Reading Exodus 32:1-14

Anthem "Holy Lord"

**Sermon** "Meeting God: In Our Wanderings" Rev. Gary Ihfe

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

Hymn of Commitment "Your Grace is Enough" Screen

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response**

Your grace is enough, your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me  
Your grace is enough, heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God I sing your grace is enough, I'm covered in your love  
Your grace is enough for me, for me

The Circle of Faith will meet Thursday, September 7 at 10 am in the Conference Room.

The Trustees will meet Monday, September 11 at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room.

Church-wide Wednesday Nighters resume on September 13 with dinner at 5:30 and Family Bingo at 6:30.

**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.

Please take a moment to complete the Discipleship Survey insert. Each adult only needs to complete the survey one time (on paper or online.) This survey is intended to aid in the upcoming discipleship series, **Committed to Christ**, beginning in October.

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