

# All Are Welcome Here

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

September 14, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

### ~Our Church Mission~

*First United Methodist Church of London will strive  
toward the embodiment of God's presence,  
on earth as it is in heaven, through both word and action.*

**Chiming of the Hour** - *Let us quiet our voices and prepare our minds and hearts to worship the Lord*

### Greeting and Announcements

**Prelude** Chorale-prelude on *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* C.V. Stanford

**\*Choral Call to Worship** *Come, Let Us Sing* J. McConnaughey  
Come, let us sing unto the Lord;  
Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation,  
For the Lord is a great God,  
And the King above all gods.  
(from Psalm 95)

**\*Call to Worship**  
*Leader: O God, may those who love your salvation say*  
**People: Great is the Lord**  
*Leader: Our heart is glad in God*  
**People: Because we trust in God's holy name**

**\*Opening Hymn** Come, Thou Almighty King UMH 61

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Apostles Creed (Traditional) UMH 881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri** *Glory be to the Father* UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen. Amen.*

*(please be seated)*

**New Testament Lesson** 1 Timothy 1:12-17

**Children's Sermon**

## Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

### Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises

#### Offertory Anthem

*God That Madest Earth and Heaven*

Trad. Welsh, arr. David Thorne

God that madest earth and heaven, darkness and light;  
Who the day for toil hast given, for rest the night.  
May thine angel guards defend us,  
Slumber sweet thy mercy send us,  
Holy dreams and hopes attend us this livelong night.

Guard us waking, guard us sleeping and, when we die,  
May we in thy mighty keeping all peaceful lie.  
When the last death call shall wake us,  
Do not then, our God, forsake us,  
But to reign in glory take us with Thee on high.

(Text: v. 1 Reginald Heber; v. 2 Richard Whatley)

#### \*Doxology *(stand)*

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### \*A Prayer of Dedication

#### \*Hymn

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

UMH 381

#### \*Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-10

#### Sermon

*The Search Continues*

Rev Dave Leckrone

#### \*Closing Hymn

*Amazing Grace*

UMH 378

#### \*Benediction

#### \*Choral Benediction

*Send Us Now Into Your World*

J. McConnaughey

Send us now into your world in peace, O Lord;  
May we love and serve the living God.

#### Postlude *(be seated)*

Voluntary in a minor

Anon. 18th Cent. English

*\*indicates standing*

## Altar Table Flowers

*To the glory of God, altar table flowers are given  
in honor of the new Mr. and Mrs. Reed and Lindsay Rinesmith  
in celebration of their wedding yesterday.  
Given by Aunt Minnie and Aunt Marilyn*

### **CONTINUAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

Evone Banks, Gladys Griffith, Joyce Hildebrand, Phyllis Miller, Sue Minner,  
Bea Riegel, Sally Sisterhen, Doris Spahn

### **CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS**

Avalee Adams, Carol Albright, Rachael Allen, Harriet Baker, Laura Beyer, Buzzy (Victoria) Biddinger,  
Kim Braddock, Jayden Clark, Becky Cress, Toni Daniels, Diana, Bobby Dorn, Woody Draper,  
Allison Engle, Linda Finney, Phyllis Follrod, John Foote, Sr., Tylor Freeman, Nancy Giles, Carole Gordon,  
Jane Hackworth, John Harbage, TJ Franklin, Dee Heilman, Linda Holloway, Gary and Cindy Hoback,  
Roger Horsely, Gary Hunter, Claudia Justice, Jeannie Justice, Ray Justice, Cody Leavens, Patrick Madden,  
Jessica Martin, Cris Martinez, Jerod McKenzie, Chuck Miller, Aiden Norton, Sue Osborn, April Parker,  
Pauline Persing, Dylan Lee Prophater, Alicia Pullin, Jeff Quatkemeyer, Michele Ramsey, Marco Ranalli,  
Steve Richmond, Frank Salyers, Miles Schrock, Diane Self, Jill Wyatt Setty, Julia Smith, Nancy Snyder,  
Robert Stallings, David Stewart, Rob Suter, Alta Vance, Diana Vick, Hayden Weese, Gretchen Wingert,  
Sandy Young, Heather Zollman

### **SERVING ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY**

Lt. Colonel John Crisp ~ Navy Lt Commander Tom Crisp  
2nd Lt Cheney Gross ~ 2nd Lt Luke Peart ~ Sgt First Class Mathew Rowley  
Caiden Craig—Basic Training

Please pray for the family and friends of those who have given their lives for our nation.



\*Sunday, September 21, 5-6pm—Informational session about **next mission trip—Costa Rica!** (see back of bulletin for more details)

\*Tuesday, October 28—**Fall Baked Steak & Pork Tenderloin Dinner**  
Lots of volunteers are needed!!!

\*Sunday, November 2, 10am—**Rededication of our church**  
Olentangy River District Superintendent, Dr James C. Wilson II will be preaching  
A reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall

\*Sunday, November 9—**All Saints Sunday**

\*Wednesday, November 19, 7pm—**Human Trafficking Awareness Panel** (open to the public).  
Human trafficking is an issue in Madison County. This informative discussion will be held in the sanctuary.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Attendance – 129\* ~ Offering \$4,243.30

**Monthly Need—\$24,800.00**

*\*includes online and app views*



Have you heard? Next year's mission trip will be in Costa Rica!!! Our Director of Youth Ministries, Katelyn Hanna, will hold an informational session about this mission trip on Sunday September 21 from 5-6 pm in the youth room. Everyone is welcome to attend!!!

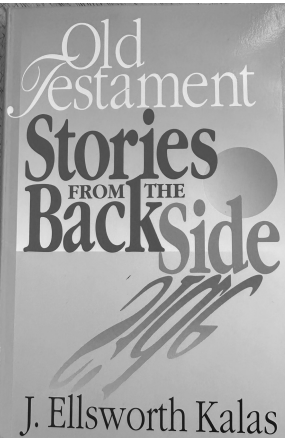


The Bible is rich with wisdom, offering timeless insights into life's most profound questions. In our men's Bible study, certain topics naturally spark deep, thought-provoking discussions. These topics challenge us, comfort us, and help us grow spiritually.

From faith and doubt to eternal life, the Bible covers every aspect of the human experience. Engaging with these themes allows us to explore our beliefs more deeply, understand God better, and reflect on our purpose in life. Let's explore some key Bible topics that can inspire meaningful dialogue.

On September 20th, our first topic will be "Faith and Doubt". Faith is central to the Christian life, yet doubt is a natural human experience. Please join us in the Rudorah Welcome Center at 7:00 AM for coffee and muffins as we begin our new study.

Please add the following 2025 dates to your calendar for the Men's Bible Study. All are welcome to join at any time! Remaining dates for 2025: 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29, 12/13, 12/27



Tony Reeder has selected Old Testament Stories from the Back Side for the new adult Sunday School class. The class meets Sundays upstairs at 9am. You can join any time!!!

J. Ellsworth Kalas brings a new perspective to selected Old Testament stories by approaching them from the "back side"—through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new "lens," or the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character.

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