

# First United Methodist Church

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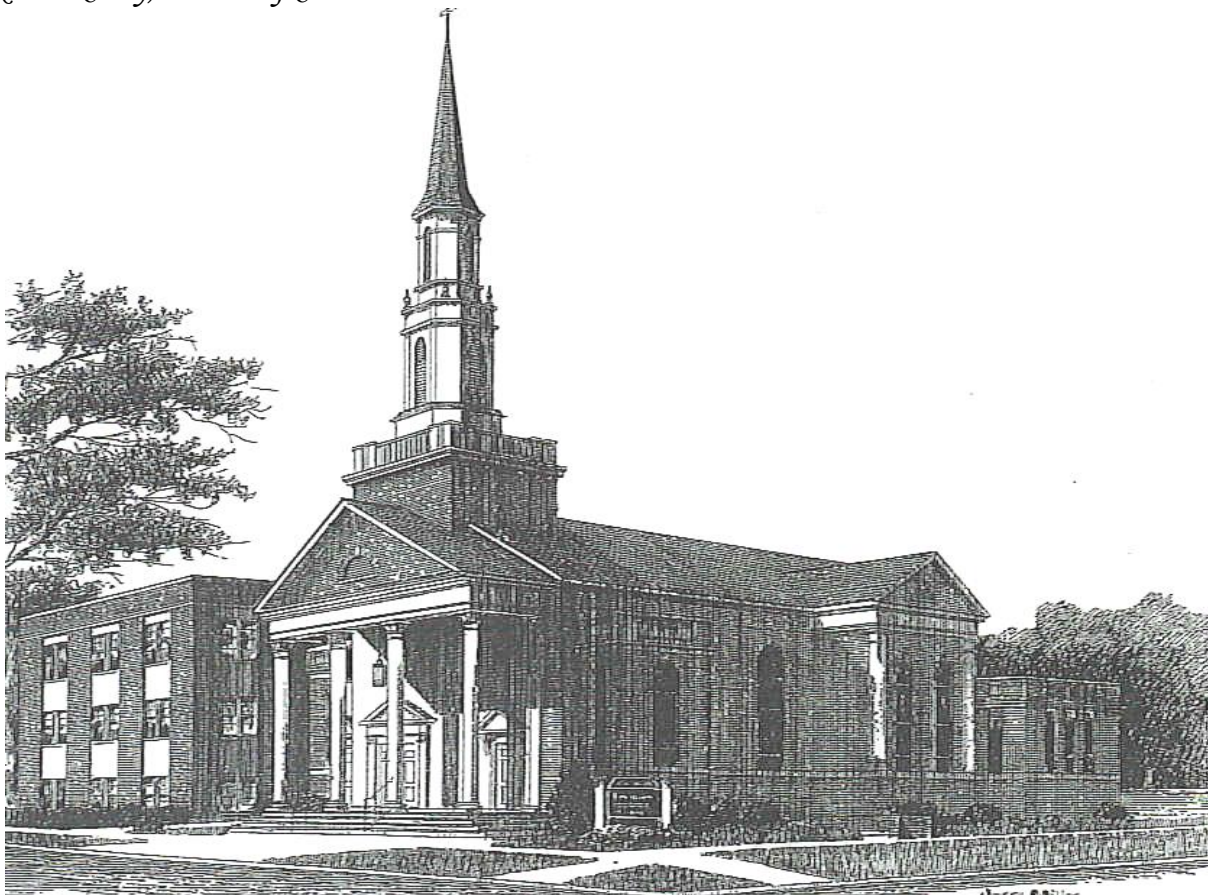
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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

September 26, 2021

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Impromptu*

**Schubert**

†**CHIMING OF THE HOUR & INTROIT**

†**CALL TO WORSHIP**

You, O Lord, show favor to your land, forgive the iniquity of  
your people and cover all their sins.

**Revive us again that your people may rejoice in you.**

May love and faithfulness meet together;

**May righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Restore us again, God our Savior;

**Show us your unfailing love and grant us your salvation.** (from Psalm 85)

†**HYMN**

**“The Church’s One Foundation”**

**No. 545**

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation yet one o’er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up “How long?”  
And soon the night of weeping shall  
be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war;  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall  
be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

**†OPENING PRAYER**

**Unison**

God of grace and peace: we struggle so to live in peace with you and one another. Our pride prevents us from humbling ourselves. We war with you, within our hearts, and with others. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to the blessedness of peace and make us ambassadors of reconciliation in your name. For this we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed**

**Unison**

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**

**Unison**

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.

**CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Unison**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever, Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

**Romans 12:9-21**

**CHILDRENS MOMENT**

**Pastor Sarah**

**WORSHIP WITH TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*“Create In Me A Clean Heart, Oh God”*

**Chancel Choir**

**†DOXOLOGY**

**No. 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.

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears  
 All nature sings, and round me rings  
 The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
 Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--  
 His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,  
 The morning light, the lily white,  
 Declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
 In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
 He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget  
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
 God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?  
 The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!  
 God reigns; let earth be glad!

**SCRIPTURE****Matthew 5:38-48, 7:1-6****SERMON****“The Higher Road”****Pastor Powell**

## †HYMN

**“God of Grace and God Of Glory”****No. 577**

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power.  
 Crown thine ancient church’s story, bring her bud to glorious flower.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
 Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children’s warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;  
 shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.  
 Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

## †BENEDICTION AND TRINITY CHIMES

(Please remain in place at the end of the service until the conclusion of the Trinity Chimes)

## †CHORAL RESPONSE

Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you  
Share His love by sharing of your faith  
And show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you  
Every moment, every day!

## CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

*Oh Lord, How Manifold Are Thy Works*

**Barnby**

## THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Jackson Cobb Williams' 4th birthday, with love from his grandmother, his parents, and his big brother, Bradley

## STEEPLE LIGHTING

The Steeple is lighted the month of September in memory of Dr. Paul W. Boone.



**The Beatitudes Study**  
Livestreamed on Tuesdays at 12:10

## Sept 14 - Oct 26

The Beatitudes Study is available via Livestream on Tuesdays at 12:10pm. What is the “blessedness” of living in the kingdom way? Join Pastors Powell and Sarah for an exploration of The Beatitudes, Matthew 5:1-12. Our study book will be Maxie Dunham’s workbook, available for home delivery via the links below. This seven-week study will walk alongside our sermon series on the Sermon on the Mount- Thy Kingdom Come. If you would also be interested in a separate time of reflection and discussion in a small group, please let the pastors know.

## Backpack Blessings

Backpack Blessing is back and in full swing and ready for another school year. We are starting off with 27 children and expect to grow. With your support in prayers and financial help, we are able to give these children the needed food for their nourishment over the weekends. Without this support, the children would be without food, so this is a major mission our church is fortunate and able to deliver. We want to thank you for your continued support in giving and your prayers, as this mission continues to grow. Thank you and we will keep you updated as the year progresses.