



AN ORDER OF
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

For the 17th Sunday After Pentecost | September 11, 2016

First United Methodist Church

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GATHERING

Music for Gathering

Greeting One Another*

RE-GATHERING* *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH 139

Announcements

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

CALL TO WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 (CEB)

¹¹ At that time, this people and Jerusalem will be told:
A blistering wind from the bare heights;
it rages in the desert toward my people,
not merely to winnow or cleanse.

¹² This wind is too devastating for that.

Now I, even I, will pronounce my sentence against them.

²² My people are foolish.

They don't even know me!
They are thoughtless children
without understanding;
they are skilled at doing wrong,
inept at doing right.

²³ I looked at the earth,

and it was without shape or form;
at the heavens
and there was no light.

²⁴ I looked at the mountains
and they were quaking;
all the hills were rocking back and forth.

²⁵ I looked and there was no one left;
every bird in the sky had taken flight.

²⁶ I looked and the fertile land was a desert;
all its towns were in ruins
before the Lord,
before his fury.

²⁷ The Lord proclaims:
The whole earth will become a desolation,
but I will not destroy it completely.

²⁸ Therefore, the earth will grieve
and the heavens grow dark
because I have declared my plan
and will neither change my mind
nor cancel the plan.

HYMN

You Are My King

WS 3102

(The children are invited to come forward during this song.)

Children's Message

Choral Anthem [10:30]

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (CEB)

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength because he considered me faithful. So he appointed me to ministry ¹³ even though I used to speak against him, attack his people, and I was proud. But I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and without faith. ¹⁴ Our Lord's favor poured all over me along with the faithfulness and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ This saying is reliable and deserves full

acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I’m the biggest sinner of all. ¹⁶ But this is why I was shown mercy, so that Christ Jesus could show his endless patience to me first of all. So I’m an example for those who are going to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the king of the ages, to the immortal, invisible, and only God, may honor and glory be given to him forever and always! Amen.

HYMN*

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

UMH 339

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-10 (NRSV)

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Sermon

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

On Screen

RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

UMH 70

Prayer of Confession

(A time of silent prayers of confession.)

Words of Assurance

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

(If you are a guest this morning, please feel no obligation to give. This is simply one of the ways we worship God.)

RESPONSE*

The Doxology

UMH 94

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Thanksgiving*

THE LORD'S PRAYER*

GOING FORTH

HYMN*

Amazing Grace

UMH 378

Dismissal with Blessing*

Postlude*

PRAYER CONCERNS

For privacy reasons, we do not post a list of prayer concerns online. Please contact Julie Mayden at julie@abilenefirstumc.org to request a copy. We will begin posting prayer concerns here January 1, 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD MINISTRY TEAM BACK IN ACTION

Beginning October 1 our Food Ministry Team will be back in action delivering meals to church family members recovering from an illness, surgery, or a recent child birth. But first we need to recruit some team members. If you enjoy cooking, fellowship, and the opportunity for service this might be the team for you.

Volunteers are needed to help with the cooking and packaging of casseroles several times a year. We also need volunteers willing to deliver the meals and prepare a side dish or two to pair with it. To join our team, contact Marilyn Jordan at 263-1682 (H), 280-0608 (C), or sign up in the Narthex. You can also help us by calling the church office when you're aware of a member in need of a meal.

Thanks and Bon Appetit!

BLOOD DRIVE

The Abilene Red Cross will be holding a blood drive Tuesday, September 13, 2016 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. at St. Andrews Parrish Hall. Please come donate and give the gift of life!

UNABLE TO WORSHIP WITH US IN PERSON?

Listen to our live broadcast on 1560 AM KABI radio on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Save the date! Our All-Church Conference will be on Thursday, December 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Our District Superintendent, Dee Williamston, will preside at this yearly business meeting. Hope you can join us!

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 8:15 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 9:20 a.m. Small Groups for Christian Education
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Disciple II Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Ring Praise Practice - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous - 203 (Library)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 11:30 a.m. UMW "Hope" Circle - The Hitching Post
- 5:30 p.m. Breastfeeding Support Group - Peatling
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Design Meeting - 200
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Peatling

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 8:30 a.m. Quilters - 208
- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise Class - Narthex
- 12:00 p.m. Retired Teacher's Luncheon - Wright Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group - B9

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting - Pastor's Office
- 3:30 p.m. Power & Light - Peatling
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Peatling
- 6:45 p.m. Communion - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice - Wright Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil - Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. Quilters - 208

- 9:00 a.m. Card Ministry Group - 200
10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise Class - Narthex
6:30 p.m. JW Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Peatling

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 8:15 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary
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TO THE PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.
- Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastors, musicians, and leaders.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn by mimicking you.
- If you have to leave the sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

— Adapted from First UMC, Hamburg, Arkansas

SERMON NOTES

DOODLES

WELCOME TO THIS WORSHIP SERVICE

Please note that bold type indicates congregational participation. An asterisk (*) indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. UMH stands for *The United Methodist Hymnal*. FWS stands for *The Faith We Sing*. WS stands for *Worship and Song*.

THOSE LEADING WORSHIP

Kristy Engle and Angie Hoerner, Accompanists

Erik Graefe, Guitarist

Vinduska and Elise Davis, Acolytes

Kevin Bailey and Scott Schwarting, Liturgists

Mike Engle and Paul Hettenbach, Sound

Tucker Robinson and Ellis Johnson, Slides

Clark Williamson, Director of Music Ministries

Wendy Robinson, Children's Message

Jennifer and John Collins, Pastors

PASTORAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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NURSERY

A nursery is provided during each service for children. The nursery is located in Room 205 on the second floor near the south entrance to the Church. If you need assistance locating the nursery, our ushers and greeters will be happy to direct you.

EMAIL UPDATES

Jenny and John use a service called TinyLetter to send out blog posts by email every day or so. This way you can keep up with the blog simply by checking your email inbox. You can also reply with an email of your own and let us know what you think. You can sign up at tinyletter.com/jcollins11.