



AN ORDER OF
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

September 25, 2016 | 19th Sunday after Pentecost

First United Methodist Church

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Music for Gathering

Greeting One Another

RE-GATHERING* *Let All Things Now Living* FWS 2008

Announcements

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

CALL TO WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19 (CEB)

⁶ Actually, godliness is a great source of profit when it is combined with being happy with what you already have. ⁷ We didn't bring anything into the world and so we can't take anything out of it: ⁸ we'll be happy with food and clothing. ⁹ But people who are trying to get rich fall into temptation. They are trapped by many stupid and harmful passions that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some have wandered away from the faith and have impaled themselves with a lot of pain because they made money their goal.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, run away from all these things. Instead, pursue righteousness, holy living, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness. ¹² Compete in the good fight of faith. Grab hold of eternal life—you were called to it, and you made a good confession of it in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I command you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and Christ Jesus, who made the good confession when testifying before Pontius Pilate. ¹⁴ Obey this

order without fault or failure until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ The timing of this appearance is revealed by God alone, who is the blessed and only master, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ He alone has immortality and lives in light that no one can come near. No human being has ever seen or is able to see him. Honor and eternal power belong to him. Amen.

¹⁷ Tell people who are rich at this time not to become egotistical and not to place their hope on their finances, which are uncertain. Instead, they need to hope in God, who richly provides everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to do good, to be rich in the good things they do, to be generous, and to share with others. ¹⁹ When they do these things, they will save a treasure for themselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way they can take hold of what is truly life.

HYMN*

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

UMH 514

Children's Message

CHORAL ANTHEM [10:30]

How Firm a Foundation

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31 (CEB)

¹⁹ “There was a certain rich man who clothed himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted luxuriously every day. ²⁰ At his gate lay a certain poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. ²¹ Lazarus longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Instead, dogs would come and lick his sores.

²² “The poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ While being tormented in the place of the dead, he looked up and saw Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ He

shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I’m suffering in this flame.’²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, whereas Lazarus received terrible things. Now Lazarus is being comforted and you are in great pain.’²⁶ Moreover, a great crevasse has been fixed between us and you. Those who wish to cross over from here to you cannot. Neither can anyone cross from there to us.’

²⁷ “The rich man said, ‘Then I beg you, Father, send Lazarus to my father’s house.’²⁸ I have five brothers. He needs to warn them so that they don’t come to this place of agony.’²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. They must listen to them.’³⁰ The rich man said, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will change their hearts and lives.’³¹ Abraham said, ‘If they don’t listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.’”

HYMN*

I’ve Got Peace Like a River

FWS 2145

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 (NRSV)

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. ² At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ³ where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. . . .

⁶ Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: ⁷ Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.” ⁸ Then my cousin Hanamel

came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

⁹ And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰ I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. ¹¹ Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; ¹² and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³ In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴ Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵ For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Sermon

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH* [8:15]		On Screen
RESPONSE* [8:15]	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	UMH 70
HYMN [10:30]	<i>Come Be Baptized</i>	FWS 2252
BAPTISMAL COVENANT [10:30]		On Screen
Gonzales Family		

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

Doxology

UMH 94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN*

Are Ye Able

UMH 530

Dismissal with Blessing*

Postlude*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2016 CHURCH CONFERENCE

Save the date: First United Methodist Church's 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!

DRIVERS NEEDED

We occasionally have requests from people in need of a ride over to Salina to see the doctor. Please let Jenny or John know if you have a reliable vehicle and are able and willing to drive.

FOOD MINISTRY TEAM BACK IN ACTION

Beginning October 9, 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. We will have our first cooking day Sunday, October 9 at 3:00 p.m., here in the main kitchen by Wright Hall. To join our team, contact Marilyn Jordan at 263-1682 (home), or 280-0608 (cell). 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 Apetit!

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This fall Toni Schwarting and Marilyn Coleman will again be leading a women's bible study titled "Always True." An excerpt from the study reads: "Sometimes in life we are going along, doing all right, managing the ups and downs of our routines, when out of nowhere a boulder drops from the sky and crash lands on our lives. It might be a serious illness, a job loss, or something that just wasn't in the plan . . . But the weight is often sudden and crushing. We're desperate for help to come or we might not make it. That's the place in my life where the message of this book was born. I needed God's promises. This book contains five promises God makes over and over, to every person of faith, in every generation. When you make these truths your own, they'll become intensely personal, incredibly practical, and profoundly reliable." Join Toni and Marilyn on either Sundays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. beginning October 2, or Tuesdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. beginning October 4, as they lead this next study. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex this Sunday, September 25th. They hope to see you there!

NURSERY

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

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Are you interested in joining the Abilene First United Methodist Church as a member and making a formal commitment to God, the church, and yourself? If so, please communicate with one of the pastors in person or using the pastoral contact information found above.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 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. Ring Praise Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Disciple II Bible Study - 200
- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous - 203

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 5:30 p.m. Breastfeeding Support Group - Peatling
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Peatling

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex
- 7:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer - B9

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 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. Choir Practice - Wright Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil - Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Card Ministry - 200
- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Exercise Group - Narthex
- 6:30 p.m. JW Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Peatling

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

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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 stand for *The United Methodist Hymnal*. FWS stands for *The Faith We Sing*. WS stands for *Worship and Song*.

THOSE LEADING WORSHIP

Angie Hoerner, Piano

Erik Graefe, Guitar

Jason Vinduska and Daniel Mather, Liturgists

Vinduska and Eyler Holt, Acolytes

Mike Engle and Liz Collins, Sound

Kristy Engle and Miller Unruh, Slides

Clark Williamson, Director of Music Ministries

Wendy Robinson, Children's Message

Jennifer and John Collins, Pastors

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EMAIL UPDATES

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