



AN ORDER OF
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

October 2, 2016 | World Communion Sunday

First United Methodist Church

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GATHERING

Music for Gathering

Greeting One Another

RE-GATHERING* *Standing on the Promises* UMH 374

Announcements

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

CALL TO WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading

Lamentations 1:1-6 (NRSV)

¹ How lonely sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces
has become a vassal.

² She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers
she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,
they have become her enemies.

³ Judah has gone into exile with suffering

and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations,
and finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.

⁴ The roads to Zion mourn,
for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate,
her priests groan;
her young girls grieve,
and her lot is bitter.

⁵ Her foes have become the masters,
her enemies prosper,
because the Lord has made her suffer
for the multitude of her transgressions;
her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.

⁶ From daughter Zion has departed
all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags
that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
before the pursuer.

HYMN*

Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

Children's Message

Choral Anthem [10:30]

For Eternity--Holy, Holy, Holy

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14 (NRSV)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy,

my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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.’”

Sermon

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*

Give Thanks

FWS 2036

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

FWS 2257

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer following Communion

GOING FORTH

HYMN*

One Bread, One Body

UMH 620

Dismissal with Blessing*

Postlude*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please note: prayer concerns will be listed in a bulletin for four (4) weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise.

MEMBERS

Michael Dobbs, Verl Eckman, Bob Murnahan,
Danny Robinson, the family of John Zutavern,
the family of Lowell Hettenbach, Ron Bolliger,
Shirley Reynolds, Gene Hartman, and Paul Hettenbach.

COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS

Mike Piros, Carol Landis, Bill Sears, Steve Crump, Dennis
Masters, Ethan Gustin, Robert Collins (father of John Collins),
Jo Sands (grandma of AnnMarie Schwarting),
Lenna Lea Wiebe (sister of Paula Peterson),
the family of Carl Miles (father of Tom Miles), and
the family of Richard Walters (father of David Walters).

THOSE WORSHIPING FROM HOME

Daisy Dester, Velma Becker, Ruth Alt, Neva Heck,
Donna Smith, Pam Paul, Walt Hartman, Marla Rutz,
Martha Zutavern, Sandy Heroneme, and Mary Fiedler.

THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Greg Austin, Tim Barns, Kayla Berven, Matthew Brinker,
Jessica and James Green, Cameron Hoskins, David Hoskins,
Ryan Kriesch, Samuel Miller, James L. Wise, Jr., Gavin Hanna,
and Alex Hunter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUG OUT

The Committee on Nominations and Lay Leadership will be meeting soon come up with a slate of nominations for 2017. If you currently hold an office or a place on a committee or team and would prefer not to do so in 2017 please let Pastor John Collins know.

TATTOOS ON THE HEART

The Young, Younger, Youngish Sunday School Class has spent the past three weeks discussing the book *Tattoos on the Heart: the Power of Boundless Compassion* by Gregory Boyle. This is a great book that Pastor John Collins would like to bring to a larger audience. If you are interested in participating in such a discussion please let us know via the attendance insert in the bulletin. The book is available in paperback, electronic, and audio formats.

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, OCTOBER 2, 2016

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Women's Fall Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study - 200
- 5:00 p.m. Ring Praise Bell Choir - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous - 203

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 5:30 p.m. Breastfeeding Support Group - Peatling
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC meeting - 200
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Peatling

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex
- 2:00 p.m. Women's Fall Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting - 200
- 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Peatling
- 7:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer - B9

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 9:00 a.m. UMW Study on Happiness
- 12:00 p.m. UMW Potluck Luncheon - Wright Hall
- 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, OCTOBER 6

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil - Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Card Ministry - 200
- 9:30 a.m. Hospice Quilt Workshop - Peatling
- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Exercise Group - Narthex
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Peatling

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast - Wright Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 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
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 10 *COLUMBUS DAY*

- 1:30 p.m. UMW "Hope" Circle - Frontier Estates
- 5:30 p.m. Breastfeeding Support Group - Peatling
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Design - 200
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Peatling

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 9:30 a.m. Cancer Support Group - 200
- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Exercise Group - Narthex
- 2:00 p.m. Women's Fall Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer - B9

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

Ben Luty, Guitar

Vinduska and Blair Adams, Acolytes

Lisa Turnbull and Gene Hartman, Liturgists

Mike Engle and Tucker Robinson, Sound

Cody Boyd and Ellis Johnson, 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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