



AN ORDER OF
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

October 9, 2016 | 21st Sunday After Pentecost

First United Methodist Church

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GATHERING

Music for Gathering

Greeting One Another

RE-GATHERING* *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH 89

Announcements

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

CALL TO WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 (CEB)

¹ These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ...

⁴ Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not

decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

HYMN*

[8:15]	<i>O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	UMH 57
[10:30]	<i>O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	WS 3001

Children's Message

Choral Anthem [10:30]

Jesus Loves Me

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15 (CEB)

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead and descended from David. This is my good news. ⁹ This is the reason I'm suffering to the point that I'm in prison like a common criminal. But God's word cannot be imprisoned. ¹⁰ This is why I endure everything for the sake of those who are chosen by God so that they too may experience salvation in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ This saying is reliable:

“If we have died together, we will also live together.

¹² If we endure, we will also rule together.

If we deny him, he will also deny us.

¹³ If we are disloyal, he stays faithful”

because he can't be anything else than what he is.

¹⁴ Remind them of these things and warn them in the sight of God not to engage in battles over words that aren't helpful and only destroy those who hear them. ¹⁵ Make an effort to present yourself to God as a tried-and-true worker, who doesn't need to be ashamed but is one who interprets the message of truth correctly.

Scripture Reading

Luke 17:11-19 (CEB)

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with skin diseases approached him. Keeping their distance from him, ¹³ they raised their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, show us mercy!”

¹⁴ When Jesus saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” As they left, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He fell on his face at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Weren’t ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then Jesus said to him, “Get up and go. Your faith has healed you.”

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**Give Thanks*

UMH 2036

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Thanksgiving*

THE LORD'S PRAYER*

GOING FORTH

HYMN*

This Is My Father's World

UMH 144

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

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, Paul Hettenbach, Ruth Dieter,
And the family of Frank Jordan.

COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS

Mike Piros, Carol Landis, Bill Sears, Steve Crump, Dennis
Masters, Ethan Gustin, Robert Collins (father of John Collins),
Ron Shivers, 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.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

To all parents with children in college, we need your child's current college address. Every year the youth put together and send to all our college students care packages for finals week. Please notify Wendy of new addresses as soon as possible. Thank you!

FALL FAMILY GET TOGETHER

Our annual fall family get together will be Sunday, October 30, from 4-7 p.m. at Brown's Park. Hot dogs, chips, and s'mores will be provided; please feel free to bring a side dish or other dessert. Lots of fun, fall, family activities are planned, we hope to see you there!

YOUTH ANNUAL WREATH SALE FUNDRAISER

The youth will be having their annual fundraising event selling Christmas wreaths and greenery beginning October 19 and ending October 30. They will be available to order in the Narthex before and after church for order on both Sunday, October 23, and Sunday, October 30. Support our youth and decorate for Christmas at the same time!

UMW BAZAAR

The annual UMW Bazaar will be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016. The bazaar will be open from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. with cinnamon rolls and coffee available. Tea towels, baked goods, and other items will be for sale. The bazaar will then open again from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. with tickets for sale for the evening lasagna dinner and the quilt drawing at 6:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$7.00 ages 13 & up, \$5.00 ages 6-12, and ages 5 & under are free. Come support our UMW!

CONFERENCE-WIDE WELCOME FOR THE BISHOP

The Great Plains Conference will host a Celebration of Assignment service for Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr. at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 8550 Pioneers Blvd., in Lincoln, NE.

This setting will provide for a worship-filled experience and will be followed by an opportunity to welcome our new bishop and his wife, Maye, to the Great Plains. A light lunch will be served during the fellowship time following the service.

If you want to see the see the worship service without driving to Lincoln, it will be broadcast via livestream on the conference's website, www.greatplainsumc.org/livestream.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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
- 12:00 p.m. Murnahan Family Gathering - Wright Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Food Ministry Cooking Day - Kitchen
- 4:00 p.m. Women's Fall Bible Study - 206
- 5:00 p.m. Disciple II Bible Study - 200
- 5:00 p.m. Ring Praise Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous - 203

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10 *COLUMBUS DAY*

- 1:30 p.m. UMW "Hope" Circle - 200
- 5:30 p.m. Breastfeeding Support Group - Peatling
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Design Meeting - 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 Group Exercise - Narthex
- 2:00 p.m. Women's Fall Bible Study - 206
- 7:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer - B9

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 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 13

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil - Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Card Ministry - 200
- 10:00 a.m. Caregivers - Library
- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Exercise Group - Narthex
- 1:30 p.m. Care Connections - 200
- 6:30 p.m. JW Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Peatling

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 12:00 p.m. American Legion Luncheon - Wright Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Vinduska Family Event - Youth Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 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 - 206
- 5:00 p.m. Disciple II Bible Study - 200
- 5:00 p.m. Ring Praise Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous - 203

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 4:00 p.m. Memorials Committee Meeting - 200
- 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting - 200
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Peatling

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

Kristy Engle and Angie Hoerner, Piano

Ben Luty, Guitar

Vinduska and Austin Mather, Acolytes

Rick Williamson and Heather Unruh, Liturgists

Mike Engle and Jeff Luty, Sound

Brenna Riffel and Kate Luty, Slides

Clark Williamson, Director of Music Ministries

Wendy Robinson, Children's Message

Jennifer and John Collins, Pastors

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