



AN ORDER OF
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

October 16, 2016 | 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

First United Methodist Church

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make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

HYMN*

Step By Step

WS 3004

Children’s Message

Choral Anthem [10:30]

Let All the People Say Amen

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:1-8 (NRSV)

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ ⁴ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

HYMN*

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning FWS 2004

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (NRSV)

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Sermon

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

On Screen

RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving*

THE LORD'S PRAYER*

HYMN*

You Are the Seed

UMH 583

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, the family of John Zutavern,
the family of Lowell Hettenbach, 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, Lenna Lea Wiebe (sister of Paula Peterson),
Amanda Brown, the family of Carl Miles (father of Tom Miles),
the family of Richard Walters (father of David Walters),
and the family of Wilma Jean Blaser (aunt of Clark Williamson).

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.

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!

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 on Sunday, October 23, and Sunday, October 30. Support our youth and decorate for Christmas at the same time!

YOUTH PUMPKIN PATCH TRIP

Saturday, October 22, 2016, the youth will be heading to the Pumpkin Patch! They will meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and leave from there. Please let Wendy know by Wednesday, October 19, if you will be going. Details of the trip will be given once she knows how many are attending. Thank you!

PIANO CONCERTS FEATURING JEAN HENDRICKS

Jean Hendricks and Steve Gustafson will be performing in concert, on the piano, a program consisting of classical music pieces including Mozart, Mendelssohn, Dvorak, and Bizet. There is no admission charge; all are welcome. The two concert dates and locations are: Thursday, October 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cedars Wellness Center, 1021 Cedars Drive, McPherson, Kansas and Sunday, January 14, (time to be announced later) at the Sandzen Gallery in Lindsborg, Kansas.

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex
- 2:00 p.m. Women's Fall Bible Study - 206
- 6:30 p.m. Mission and Outreach Committee - 206
- 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Peatling
- 7:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer - B9

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 9:00 a.m. UMW Bazaar Planning Meeting - 200
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting - Pastor's Office
- 1:30 p.m. UMW "Faith" Circle - 200
- 3:30 p.m. Power & Light - Peatling
- 5:30 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting - 200
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Peatling
- 6:45 p.m. Communion - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice - Wright Hall

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 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, OCTOBER 21

- 12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 5:30 p.m. Youth Pumpkin Patch Trip - Meet in parking lot

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 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 24

- 8:00 a.m. Hospital Auxiliary Cookie Making - Kitchen
- 5:30 p.m. Breastfeeding Support Group - Peatling
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Peatling

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Exercise Group - Narthex
- 2:00 p.m. Women's Fall Bible Study - 206
- 7:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group - 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

Kristy Engle and Angie Hoerner, Pianists

Erik Graefe, guitarist; Jack Graefe & Braden Adams, percussionists

Vinduska and Jack Graefe, Acolytes

Ward Turnbull and Linda Rist, Liturgists

Mike Engle and Jeff Luty, Sound

Tucker Robinson and Kyler Schardein, Slides

Clark Williamson, Director of Music Ministries

Wendy Robinson, Children's Message

Jennifer and John Collins, Pastors

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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.