



**AN ORDER OF
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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seeks to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

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GATHERING

Gathering of the Congregation

Greeting and Announcements

HYMN*

Holy, Holy, Holy

UMH-64

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

— Reginald Heber, 1826

GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

HYMN*

Blest Are They

FWS-2155

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. *Refrain*

3. Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God! *Refrain*

4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of
God. Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is
theirs. *Refrain*

5. Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me. Rejoice
and be glad, yours is the kingdom. Shine for all to see.

Refrain — WORDS: David Haas © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc. — CCLI# 811889

Children's Message

Joy Clemence

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:12-17 (CEB)

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation,
but it isn't an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the
basis of selfishness. ¹³If you live on the basis of selfishness,
you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death
the actions of the body, you will live. ¹⁴All who are led by
God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. ¹⁵You didn't
receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear,
but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his
children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶The same
Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. ¹⁷
But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs
and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so
that we can also be glorified with him.

Naming of the Honored Dead

HYMN*

For All the Saints

UMH-711

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by
faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be
forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!

4. O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, Alleluia!

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

— William W. How, 1864

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8 (NRSV)

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷

The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Sermon

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I commit myself to God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I set my heart upon Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I place my trust in the Holy Spirit,
the holy church universal,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

H-71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. — Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.

Prayer of Confession

(A time of silent prayers of confession.)

Words of Assurance

A Stewardship Moment

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

(If you are a guest, please feel no obligation to give.)

RESPONSE*

Doxology

H-95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. — Thomas Ken, 1674

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Recognition of Memorial Gifts

THE LORD'S PRAYER*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us, not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOING FORTH

HYMN*

Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

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Dismissal with Blessing*

Postlude*

**Meaning: *Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.*

THE HONORED DEAD

Bill Sexton, May 27, 2019

Wanda West, June 2, 2019

Neva Heck, June 25, 2019

Arnold Richards, August 10, 2019

Shirley Ayre, November 18, 2019

Mary Jones, February 13, 2020

Frank Gray, May 21, 2020

Helen Kappel, June 16, 2020

Royal Barton, June 22, 2020

Wallace "Rocky" Welton, July 4, 2020

Verna Cook, October 1, 2020

Paul Hettenbach, October 13, 2020

Judy Hilton, December 15, 2020

Bob Murnahan, January 4, 2021

Eugene Rogers, January 9, 2021

Mike Engle, January 14, 2021

Barb Hawk, February 14, 2021

Steve Ferguson, February 21, 2021

Jerry Taylor, February 24, 2021

Ronald Everett, April 8, 2021

Doreen Couture, May 13, 2021

MEMORIALS

Lyle & Gloria Shetter, Camp Scholarships

Ralph Hilton, Camp Scholarships

Max Bean, Cancer Support

Mary Hamill, Handbell Supplies

John Zutavern, Handbell Music, Brass Quintet, Choir Folders

Jerry Sleichter, Brass Quintet, Handbell Supplies,

Roberta Sleichter, Bell Tables

Helen Hettenbach, Children's Ministries

Frank & Gwen Jordan, Landscaping

Francis Wilson, Landscaping

James Scriven, Landscaping

Don Hunt, Landscaping

Jill Royer, Landscaping, North sign Area

Wendell Gugler, *Worship and Song Books*, Landscaping

Lowell Hettenbach, Youth Ministries iPad

Mary Jones, Dickinson County Home Health

The Committee also recognizes new memorials established in memory of Emy Lou Peterson, Arnold Richards, Mary Jones, Vernon Larson, Royal Barton, Paul Hettenbach, Judy Hilton, Mike Engle & Steve Ferguson.

TO THOSE WITH 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."
- If you need or want some time to yourself, there is a nursery available during each service. It is located in Room 205 at the south end of the church. Our ushers and greeters will be happy to direct you.

TO THE LARGER CONGREGATION

- Remember that the presence of children is a gift of hope for the future.
- Remember that the way we welcome children in worship directly affects the way they think about the church, Christianity, and even God.
- Let children know that they are at home in God's house.
- A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children.

FEEL FREE TO REMAIN SEATED

If, for any reason (health, comfort, personal preference, etc.), you need/prefer to remain seated during the hymns please do so. Don't give into peer pressure. You be you!

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Sherrie Root, Sandy Sleichter [5/9] and those grieving the loss of Doreen Couture [5/23],

COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS: Those grieving the loss of Pam Mathis (cousin of Ward Turnbull) [5/30], those grieving the loss of Betty Simpson (Pam Simpson's mother-in-law) [5/30], those grieving the loss of Ron Rutz (friend of Marla Rutz) [5/9], Al Ehrich (brother of Connie Stewart) [5/9], Kim Goodman [7/15/2018].

THOSE WORSHIPING FROM HOME: Gary Donley, Evelyn York, Velma Becker, Joe Clemence, Steve Crump, Walt Hartman, Margie Miller, Ray Power, Marla Rutz, Donna Smith, Martha Zutavern, Donna Richards, Dorothy Veach, Darlene Sexton, Melvin Leckron, Dorothy Snider, Linda Chase, Verl Eckman.

THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Greg Austin, Tim Barns, Kayla Berven, Billy Brockman, Matthew Brinker, Ross Covington, Jessica and James Green, Christopher Griffith, Gavin Hanna, Cameron Hoskins, David Hoskins, Ryan Kriesch, Colby Miller, Samuel Miller, and James L. Wise, Jr.

THOSE IN AUTHORITY: The President, the Governor, the Mayor, the County Health Officer, County Commissioners, the County Attorney, and other elected officials and the judiciary (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR: Today we pray for the Tescott-Culver United Methodist Churches and their pastor, DeMerle Eckart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO MASKS REQUIRED — No masks are required at First United Methodist Church, but masks are recommended for those who are not yet fully vaccinated. — John Collins, 5/30/2021

MAY IS FOOD PANTRY MONTH — This month we're collecting money for the Abilene Area Food Pantry and items for the Little Free Pantry at the church. Items that we especially need are Energy/Snack/Granola bars, peanut butter and jelly, pancake mix, toilet paper, macaroni and cheese, canned meat/fish, individual cereal packets, pasta, spaghetti sauce, fruit snacks, snack bars, canned fruit, feminine products, and bottled water. It's especially helpful if you think of things you would like to eat in the coming summer months and of things that are easy for kids to prepare and eat on their own.

— John Collins, 5/9/21

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — This year our vacation bible school will be a 1 day only day camp. It will be held on June 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is for ages Kindergarten thru 5th grade. Watch for information to come.

— Staff, 5/30/21

VACCINATION HELP — Do you need help arranging and finding transportation to get a COVID-19 vaccination? We have volunteers who are ready to help. Call the church office at 785-263-2623.

— Staff, 5/9/21

EMAIL UPDATES — John uses a service called TinyLetter to send out blog posts by email. This way, you can keep up with their blog at revcollins.com by simply checking your email inbox. You can also reply with an email of your own and let us know what you think. Sign up at tinyletter.com/jcollins11.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 29

Annual Conference — All Day

10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Service for Paul Hettenbach

SUNDAY, MAY 30 - ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Online Service Available at AbileneFirstUMC.org

8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service/Online Service

10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Worship Via KABI 1560 AM

MONDAY, MAY 31

Memorial Day - Offices Closed

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom

6:00 p.m. No Zoom Communion Service

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil begins

9:30 a.m. EOTT Guild

10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Online Service Available at AbileneFirstUMC.org

8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service/Online Service

10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Worship Via KABI 1560 AM

MONDAY, JUNE 7

7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom

6:00 p.m. Communion via Zoom

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil begins

10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex

5:30 p.m. Quilt Group - 200

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

Online Service Available at AbileneFirstUMC.org

8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service/Online Service

10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Worship Via KABI 1560 AM

MONDAY, JUNE 14

6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please note that **bold type** indicates congregational participation. An asterisk (*) indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. "H" stands for *The United Methodist Hymnal* (blue book); "F" stands for *The Faith We Sing* (black book); and "W" stands for *Worship and Song* (green book).

CLOSING CREDITS

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