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Third Sunday After Pentecost | 4-H Sunday | June 13, 2021

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Church of open hearts, open minds, and open doors that
seeks to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

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GATHERING

Gathering of the Congregation

Greeting and Announcements

HYMN*

Gather Us In

FWS-2236

1. Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young-our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old-who yearn for your face, we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in the rich and the haughty, gather us in the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, lightyears away, but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 20.1-2, 7)

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

2 Corinthians 5:6-17 (NRSV)

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

HYMN*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH-384

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Children's Message

Special Music

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing
A&M United Methodist Church Virtual Choir

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:26-34 (NRSV)

²⁶ He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

HYMN*

I Love To Tell the Story

UMH-156

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams. I love to tell the story, it did so much for me; and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. (Refrain)

3. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)

4. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Refrain)

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (NRSV)

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹

Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

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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

Invitation to the Offering

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

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

RESPONSE*

Doxology (with Alleluias)

H-94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all
creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

— Thomas Ken, 1674, Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

Jesus Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Prayer Following Communion

GOING FORTH

HYMN*

Blessed Assurance

H-369

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

Dismissal with Blessing and Postlude*

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

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: Alexis Dutt [6/13], Sondra Murnahan [6/6], Sherrie Root [5/30], Sandy Sleichter [5/9] and those grieving the loss of Doreen Couture [5/23],

COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS: Skipper Blake (Janice Hoffman' Son-in-law) [6/6], Anna Gugler's niece Emily and her parents [6/6], those grieving the loss of Ann-Eve Pedersen (Toni Schwarting's Niece) [6/6], 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], 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, 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 Webber First United Methodist Church and their pastor, Betty Bouray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING 4-H SUNDAY

This Sunday, we're celebrating 4-H Sunday with the Sand Club.

LET'S GET BACK TOGETHER!! The Cancer Support Group will begin meeting again on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 200.

NURSERY OPEN— Danny Robinson is back in the nursery during worship services. Children are welcome to join him!

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 3:30 p.m. It is for ages Kindergarten thru 5th grade. Lunch will be provided. The pre-school ages 4-5 will be held on June 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Registration forms can be found in the Narthex. Donation items needed can be found on bulletin board. — Staff, 5/30/21

POWER & LIGHT — Kids in grade school are encouraged to attend the first Power and Light meeting of the summer on June 16th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the church. — Staff, 6/6/21

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH —The youth will be meeting several times throughout the summer. The first meeting will be on Sunday June 13th from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship with mini golf /supper in Topeka. On June 30th they will go to Kenwood Cove for a swim day from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. — Staff, 6/6/21

OUTREACH COMMITTEE— A member of our church, Sondra Murnahan, has lost most of her possessions due to an apartment fire last Saturday. The Mission and Outreach committee has made a donation. If anyone in the congregation would like to personally donate you may do so through the church office or the offering plate (simply mark your contribution Murnahan).

VOICES: CHRIST'S JUSTICE INCLUDES HEALING HIS ENEMIES

“Peter cut off the ear of a soldier because he feared his enemies were derailing his plans for justice. Jesus healed the ear of the soldier because he knew his plan for justice included the healing of his enemies.” — Dan White Jr. [1]

As always, the way of Jesus Christ is better than the way of Peter.

CELEBRATION TODAY — Evelyn York is turning 103 today. She would be pleased to receive cards. (Even if it's late) She lives at Enterprise Estates.

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

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.

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 by using the contact information found on the back of the bulletin.

[1] Dan White Jr., Twitter post, April 14, 2020, twitter.com/danwhitejr.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 13 - 4-H SUNDAY

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
- 2:00 p.m. Baby Shower-Wright Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Group Mini Golf/Supper-Topeka

MONDAY, JUNE 14

- 6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Design

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom
- 3:00 p.m. Power & Light - Church
- 6:00 p.m. Communion via Zoom

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil begins
- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

- 12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

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 21

5:15 p.m. Memorials Committee

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

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

7:00 p.m. EOTT Quilt Guild

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom

6:00 p.m. Communion via Zoom

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil begins

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School Day Camp (K-5th)

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

9:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. PreSchool Vacation Bible School (4- 5 yrs)

12:30 p.m. Youth Group Swim Day @ Kenwood Cove

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom

6:00 p.m. Communion via Zoom

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).

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