



**AN ORDER OF
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

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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

HYMN*

This Is My Father's World

H-144

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Psalm 9:9-16 (NRSV)

- ⁹The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
- ¹⁰And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken
those who seek you.
- ¹¹Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion.
Declare his deeds among the peoples.
- ¹²For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;
he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.
- ¹³Be gracious to me, O LORD.
See what I suffer from those who hate me;
you are the one who lifts me up
from the gates of death,
- ¹⁴so that I may recount all your praises,
and, in the gates of daughter Zion,
rejoice in your deliverance.
- ¹⁵The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;
in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught.
- ¹⁶The LORD has made himself known,
he has executed judgment;
the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.

HYMN*

Mighty to Save

On Screen

Children's Message

Special Music

Welcome Home

Clark Williamson

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 (NRSV)

- ¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to
accept the grace of God in vain.

² For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

HYMN*

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

F-2191

1. Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

2. O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard, who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude, and bid its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour; from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go; this evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:35-41 (NRSV)

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Sermon

"It Was a Dark and Stormy Night" by Peggy Riley

THE APOSTLES' CREED (UMH 882, MODIFIED)

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

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

Prayer of 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.**

GOING FORTH

HYMN*

Are Ye Able

H-530

1. "Are ye able," said the Master, "to be crucified with me?"
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered, "to the death we
follow thee."

Refrain: Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, like thee, divine. Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

2. Are ye able to remember, when a thief lifts up his eyes, that his pardoned soul is worthy of a place in paradise? (Refrain)

3. Are ye able when the shadows close around you with the sod, to believe that spirit triumphs, to commend your soul to God? (Refrain)

4. Are ye able? Still the Master whispers down eternity, and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee. (Refrain)

Dismissal with Blessing*

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]

COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS: Klayton Davignon [6/20], 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], 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 Woodbine-Lyona-Hope First United Methodist Churches and their pastor, Kris Brinlee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Come and share your experience and fellowship with others who have walked in your shoes! Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 9:30 a.m., 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

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. 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).

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Children and youth will begin meeting on Sundays at 9:20 a.m. for Sunday School on July 11. Welcome back. Bring a friend.

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.

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 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

THURSDAY, JULY 1

5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil begins

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

FRIDAY, JULY 2

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

SUNDAY, JULY 4

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, JULY 5

Offices Closed for 4th of July Holiday

7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting - 200

TUESDAY, JULY 6

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

6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom

6:00 p.m. Communion via Zoom

NOTES AND DOODLES

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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

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