



**AN ORDER OF
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

June 27, 2021 | Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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 and Announcements

HYMN*

Take Time to Be Holy

H-395

1. Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in him always, and feed on his word. Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.
2. Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.
3. Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide, and run not before him, whatever betide. In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.
4. Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each motive beneath his control. Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love, thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

— Words: William D. Longstaff, ca. 1882

CALL TO WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading

Psalm 130 (NRSV)

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

² Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!
³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
⁴ But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.
⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.
⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

HYMN*

You Are My King

On Screen

Children's Message

Special Music [10:30]

Come Alive Dry Bones
Sung by Maren Meneley

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 (NRSV)

⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others.

⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰ And

in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹ now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹² For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³ I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴ your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance.

¹⁵ As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

HYMN*

We Are Called

FWS-2172

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!

2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more! (Refrain)

3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love! (Refrain)

— WORDS: David Haas (Mic. 6:8) © 1988 GIA Publications, Inc. — CCLI# 811889

Scripture Reading Matthew 11:28-30 and 16:24-26 (NRSV)

²⁸ “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke

upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

. . . ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

Sermon

HYMN [8:15] *Come, Be Baptized* FWS 2252

Come, be baptized in the name of the Father. Come, be baptized in the name of the Son. Come, be baptized in the name of the Spirit. Come, be baptized in love. (Repeat)

— Words: Gary Alan Smith © 1982 Hope Publishing Co. CCLI# 811889

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT [8:15] Kylar Grace Larson

THE APOSTLES' CREED* [10:30]

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

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

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* *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* FWS-2153

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord,
anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere,
Lord, anytime!

2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord,
anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere,
Lord, anytime!

3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord,
anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere,
Lord, anytime!

4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord,
anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere,
Lord, anytime!

— Words: African American Spiritual

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].

COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS: Michael Schwarting [7/4], Shelby and Colby, Bob Collins (John Collins's father) [6/27], Klayton Davignon [6/20], Skipper Blake (Janice Hoffman's 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], 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 Belleville-Agenda First United Methodist Churches and their pastor, Marla Foerschler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING UP! — Cancer Support Meeting, Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 9:30 a.m. Room 200, First United Methodist Church.
(Staff, 6/27/21)

NURSERY OPEN— Danny Robinson is back in the nursery during worship services. Children are welcome to join him!
(Staff, 6/27/21)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — The pre-school Vacation Bible School for 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, 6/27/21)

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH —On June 30th the Youth will go to Kenwood Cove for a swim day from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
(Staff, 6/6/21)

BULLETINS BY MAIL—We are so happy to see many familiar faces returning to worship in person. If you have begun to attend on a regular basis, and are receiving the bulletin in the mail also, we would like to know if you want to continue receiving the bulletin in the mail. Call the office at 785-263-2623 or email office@abilenefirstumc.org to let us know. (Staff, 6/27/21)

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. (Staff, 6/27/21)

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).
(Outreach Committee, 6/13/21)

THURSDAY PRAYER VIGIL — The Chapel has been reopened for those who participate in the Thursday Prayer Vigil. We also have several spots open for people who would like to participate. You can spend the hour in prayer, the study of scripture, or other devotional activities. Please let me (John) know if you are interested in participating. (John Collins, 6/27/21)

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)

COMMUNION JULY 11 — Next month, we'll celebrate Holy Communion on the second, instead of the first Sunday of the month. There is no plan to make this permanent. We should resume celebrating the sacrament on the first Sunday of the month in August.

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

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 28

Online Service Available at AbileneFirstUMC.org

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

9:00 a.m. Pre-School VBS (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

9:00 a.m. Card Ministry Group

9:30 a.m. Quilt Guild - Peatling Hall

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

SUNDAY, JULY 4

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

Online Service Available at AbileneFirstUMC.org

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

THURSDAY, JULY 8

5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil begins

9:00 a.m. Card Ministry Group

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

5:30 p.m. Quilt Group - Room 200

FRIDAY, JULY 9

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

SUNDAY, JULY 11

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

9:20 a.m. Children and Youth Sunday School Classes

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

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

MONDAY, JULY 12

Online Service Available at AbileneFirstUMC.org

6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

7:00 p.m. Worship Design - 200

7:00 p.m. Sand Spring Rustlers 4-H Club

TUESDAY, JULY 13

9:30 a.m. Cancer Support Group - 200

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. "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).

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission: to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Vision: a church of open hearts, open minds, and open doors.

CLOSING CREDITS

Angie Hoerner and Anna Gugler, Piano
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