



**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\***

*It's Me, It's Me, O Lord*

UMH-352

## 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

2 Samuel 5:1-7 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh." <sup>2</sup> For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." <sup>3</sup> So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. <sup>4</sup> David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. <sup>5</sup> At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

<sup>6</sup> The king and his men marched to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who said to David,

“You will not come in here, even the blind and the lame will turn you back”—thinking, “David cannot come in here.”<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion, which is now the city of David.

**HYMN\***

*Mighty to Save*

On Screen

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (CEB)

<sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who was caught up into the third heaven fourteen years ago. I don’t know whether it was in the body or out of the body. God knows.<sup>3-4</sup> I know that this man was caught up into paradise and that he heard unspeakable words that were things no one is allowed to repeat. I don’t know whether it was in the body or apart from the body. God knows.<sup>5</sup> I’ll brag about this man, but I won’t brag about myself, except to brag about my weaknesses.

<sup>6</sup>If I did want to brag, I wouldn’t make a fool of myself because I’d tell the truth. I’m holding back from bragging so that no one will give me any more credit than what anyone sees or hears about me.<sup>7</sup> I was given a thorn in my body because of the outstanding revelations I’ve received so that I wouldn’t be conceited. It’s a messenger from Satan sent to torment me so that I wouldn’t be conceited.

<sup>8</sup>I pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me alone.<sup>9</sup> He said to me, “My grace is enough for you, because power is made perfect in weakness.” So I’ll gladly spend my time bragging about my weaknesses so that Christ’s power can rest on me.<sup>10</sup> Therefore, I’m all right with weaknesses, insults, disasters, harassments, and stressful situations for the sake of Christ, because when I’m weak, then I’m strong.

## Scripture Reading

Mark 6:1-13 (CEB)

<sup>1</sup>Jesus left that place and came to his hometown. His disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the Sabbath, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were surprised. "Where did this man get all this? What's this wisdom he's been given? What about the powerful acts accomplished through him?" <sup>3</sup>Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't he Mary's son and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" They were repulsed by him and fell into sin.

<sup>4</sup>Jesus said to them, "Prophets are honored everywhere except in their own hometowns, among their relatives, and in their own households." <sup>5</sup>He was unable to do any miracles there, except that he placed his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>He was appalled by their disbelief.

Then Jesus traveled through the surrounding villages teaching.

<sup>7</sup>He called for the Twelve and sent them out in pairs. He gave them authority over unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a walking stick—no bread, no bags, and no money in their belts. <sup>9</sup>He told them to wear sandals but not to put on two shirts. <sup>10</sup>He said, "Whatever house you enter, remain there until you leave that place. <sup>11</sup>If a place doesn't welcome you or listen to you, as you leave, shake the dust off your feet as a witness against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that people should change their hearts and lives. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and they anointed many sick people with olive oil and healed them.

## Reflections

### **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\***    *They'll Know We Are Christians*, vs. 4    FWS-2223

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance    On Screen

Invitation to the Offering

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings  
(If you are a guest, please feel no obligation to give.)

**RESPONSE\***    *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*    H-95

# 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 [Pause],  
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.\*\*  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

## GOING FORTH

**HYMN\***    *The Battle Hymn of the Republic, vss 1-3, 5*    UMH-717

Dismissal with Blessing\*

Postlude\*

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\*\*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 throughout the service, 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:** Sandy Schlicter [7/4], Alexis Dutt [6/13], Sondra Murnahan [6/6], Betty and Verl Eckman [7/4], Ray Wyatt [7/4].

**COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS:** Steve Taylor (Janet Taylor's Husband) [7/4], Michael Schwarting (Steve Schwarting's Brother) [7/4], Shelby and Colby, Bob Collins (John Collins's father) [6/27], Klayton Davignon [6/20], 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, Sang Hak Lee.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HYMNALS AND SONGBOOKS AVAILABLE** — Beginning this Sunday (July 4, 2021), we'll no longer be printing the lyrics to hymns in the bulletin. If you worship from home, we would be more than happy to bring you a copy of The United Methodist Hymnal, The Faith We Sing, and Worship and Song. Please call 785-263-2623 or drop an email to [office@abilenefirstumc.org](mailto:office@abilenefirstumc.org). (John Collins, 7/4/21)

**CELEBRATION** — Join in celebrating Pastor Vic Calcote's 80th birthday, Saturday, July 10, 2021 at the Derby Public Library Community room (1600 E Walnut Grove, Derby Kansas) from 2-4 p.m. There will be birthday cake and punch to celebrate this milestone with him. You can send cards to 8440 S Minnesota Circle, Haysville, KS 67060. (Staff, 7/4/21)

**COMMUNION JULY 11** — This 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. (John Collins, 7/4/2021)

**QUESTORS SUNDAY SCHOOL** — class is starting to meet! It will be good to be part of a group again to study God's word and support one another. Our lessons will vary from videos with discussions following, to short devotionals or current affairs discussions. We are a relaxed group and would love to have you join us. If you are interested, we meet in Room 200 around 9:20 on Sunday mornings. If you have questions call Everett or Rita Everson at 263-1256. (Staff, 7/4/21)

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

(Staff, 6/27/21)

**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](mailto: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)

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** — The first meeting of UMW will be held on Wednesday, September 1 at noon for a covered dish meal. (Staff, 7/4/21)

**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)

**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 the pastor in person or by using the contact information found on the back of the bulletin.

**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, but please note our “to those with young children” section.

**WE’RE ON THE RADIO AND STREAMING ONLINE** — If you can’t make it to church, but would like to listen to one of our services live, simply tune into KABI 1560 AM at 10:30 a.m. You can also stream the worship service on our facebook page: [vimeo.com/abilenefirstumc](https://vimeo.com/abilenefirstumc).

**WANT TO TALK TO THE PASTOR?** — John’s contact information is on the back page of this bulletin, or you can write a note on the back of the attendance insert.

### **EMAIL UPDATES**

John uses a service called TinyLetter to send out blog posts by email every day or so. This way, you can keep up with the blog at [revcollins.com](https://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. You can sign up at [tinyletter.com/jcollins11](https://tinyletter.com/jcollins11).

## 2021 CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY RESULTS

**QUESTION 8.** What was your SATISFACTION with the worship service you primarily attended before COVID-19?

Very Satisfied —73

Some Satisfied — 37

Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied—5

Somewhat Dissatisfied —7

Very Dissatisfied—2

Why?: Loved the singing, good sermons, great people. • Translates the Bible to today's world. • The worship, the fellowship, the sermon, the music. • I learn and grow. • I like music with harmony. • Satisfied my worship needs. • Because it is close to [the] traditional [service] I'm used to. • Minister tries to make sermons too humorous. • Not getting what I need out of the sermon, minister not personable. • Open hearts, open minds sermons. • John and Jenny both deliver excellent sermons. • Was just getting back to attending church. • I always got something new out of each sermon. • Fellowship. • Lack of inspiring service. • Preaching to the times is important. • It was a full worship service. • I feel at home. • It was what I needed to hear at the time. • I could understand the content. • Friends, comfort of sanctuary, music. • No inspirations, cold, impersonal sermon. • No people, no ability to see or talk to people. Terrible songs. I have no idea how other service times [are] different. I only go to Sunday late service. Please go back to the beautiful old hymns. Can you not tell that no one sings those new age songs with no tune and whose words don't fit the tune? They are especially bad when one listens on the radio. • Sermon and sense of community. • Sermon. • Everyone has room to improve and grow.

A copy of the full survey results is available in the church office.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## **SUNDAY, JULY 4**

- 8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service/Online Streaming
- 9:20 a.m. Small Groups
- 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Via KABI 1560 AM

## **MONDAY, JULY 5**

Edited Online Service Available at [AbileneFirstUMC.org](http://AbileneFirstUMC.org)  
Offices Closed for 4th of July Holiday

## **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 Streaming
- 9:20 a.m. Small Groups & Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service

10:30 a.m.      Worship Via KABI 1560 AM  
5:00 p.m.      Youth Supper Night-Olive Garden

**MONDAY, JULY 12**

Edited Online Service Available at [AbileneFirstUMC.org](http://AbileneFirstUMC.org)

6:00 p.m.      Board of Trustees - 200  
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  
0:00 a.m.      Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 14**

1:30 p.m.      Staff Meeting  
3:00 p.m.      Power & Light Pool Party @ Taylors'  
6:00 p.m.      Communion via Zoom

**THURSDAY, JULY 15**

5:00 a.m.      Prayer Vigil begins  
9:00 a.m.      Card Ministry Group  
10:00 a.m.      Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex

**FRIDAY, JULY 16**

12:00 p.m.      Church Office Closes

**SUNDAY, JULY 17**

8:15 a.m.      In-Person Worship Service/Online Streaming  
9:20 a.m.      Small Groups & Sunday School Classes  
10:30 a.m.      In-Person Worship Service  
10:30 a.m.      Worship Via KABI 1560 AM

# 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).

## OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission: to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

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

## CLOSING CREDITS

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