



**AN ORDER OF
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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that seeks to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

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two groups, making peace. ¹⁶ He reconciled them both as one body to God by the cross, which ended the hostility to God.

¹⁷ When he came, he announced the good news of peace to you who were far away from God and to those who were near. ¹⁸ We both have access to the Father through Christ by the one Spirit. ¹⁹ So now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God's people, and you belong to God's household. ²⁰ As God's household, you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ The whole building is joined together in him, and it grows up into a temple that is dedicated to the Lord. ²² Christ is building you into a place where God lives through the Spirit.

HYMN*

The Church's One Foundation

UMH-546

Children's Message

Special Music

Remember

Scripture Reading

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (CEB)

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told him everything they had done and taught. ³¹ Many people were coming and going, so there was no time to eat. He said to the apostles, "Come by yourselves to a secluded place and rest for a while." ³² They departed in a boat by themselves for a deserted place.

³³ Many people saw them leaving and recognized them, so they ran ahead from all the cities and arrived before them. ³⁴ When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Then he began to teach them many things.

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⁵³ When Jesus and his disciples had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret, anchored the boat, ⁵⁴ and came ashore. People immediately recognized Jesus ⁵⁵ and ran around that whole region bringing sick people on their mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ Wherever he went—villages, cities, or farming communities—they would place the sick in the marketplaces and beg him to allow them to touch even the hem of his clothing. Everyone who touched him was healed.

HYMN*

Lord of the Dance

UMH-261

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 6:1-12 (NRSV)

¹ David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ² David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. ³ They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart ⁴ with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. ⁵ David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

⁶ When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen shook it. ⁷ The anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God struck him there because he reached out his hand to the ark; and he died there beside the ark of God. ⁸ David was angry because the LORD had burst forth with an outburst upon Uzzah; so that place is called Perez-uzzah, to this day. ⁹ David was afraid of

the LORD that day; he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come into my care?" ¹⁰ So David was unwilling to take the ark of the LORD into his care in the city of David; instead David took it to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. ¹¹ The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months; and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

¹² It was told King David, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing.

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.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Merciful God, we confess

that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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Glory to God. Amen!

Invitation to the Offering

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

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

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*

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

UMH-386

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 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 Sleichter [7/4], Betty and Verl Eckman [7/4], Ray Wyatt [7/4] those grieving the loss of Robert Collins (John Collins' Father) [7/18] and those grieving the loss of Walter Hartman [7/11],

COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS: Teresa Terpening (friend of Pam Jackson) [7/18], Steve Taylor (Janet Taylor's Husband) [7/4], Michael Schwarting (Steve Schwarting's Brother) [7/4], Klayton Davignon [6/20], Kim Goodman [7/15/2018].

THOSE WORSHIPING FROM HOME: Gary Donley, Evelyn York, Velma Becker, Joe Clemence, Steve Crump, 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 Bennington-Solomon First United Methodist Churches and their pastor, Ever Mudambanuki.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MY FATHER DIED — My father, Bob Collins, died last Saturday afternoon, July 10, 2021. The funeral will be Monday, July 19, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Council Grove United Methodist Church. To protect his grandchildren who are ineligible for unvaccinated, the family is requesting that those who attend wear masks.

I appreciate all the prayers you have prayed and the space you have given me. (Indeed, last Sunday in worship, I found that I was exactly where I needed to be.)

As far as my work as your pastor, it may be somewhat hard to catch me for a bit. Please know that I won't purposely ignore your phone calls (unless you're selling church supplies or extended car warranties). If you can't reach me on my cell phone and or if I don't return your voicemail, please email john@revcollins.com or call Pam Simpson in the church office at 785-263-2623 and leave a message with her.

(John Collins, 7/18/21)

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)

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Children and youth will begin meeting on Sundays at 9:20 a.m. for Sunday School. Welcome back. Bring a friend. (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 to let us know. (Staff, 6/27/21)

HYMNALS AND SONGBOOKS AVAILABLE — Beginning this month 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. (John Collins, 7/4/21)

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)

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.

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.

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 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.

Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." — John 3:16-17 (NR-SV)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 18

- 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 / KABI 1560 AM
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Supper @ Olive Garden

TUESDAY, JULY 20

- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex
- 7:00 p.m. EOTT Board Meeting - 200

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Communion via Zoom

THURSDAY, JULY 22

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

SATURDAY, JULY 24

- 10:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Judy Hilton-Eisenhower
Park Rose Garden

SUNDAY, JULY 25

- 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 / KABI 1560 AM
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Movie/Snack Night

TUESDAY, JULY 27

- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex
- 7:00 p.m. EOTT Quilt Guild - Wright Hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Communion via Zoom

THURSDAY, JULY 29

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

- 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 / KABI 1560 AM

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex
- 6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee - 200

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Communion via Zoom

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

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

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

Angie Hoerner, Piano

Mary Jane Oard and Beth Holmes, Liturgists

Mason Cook, Sound and Slides

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