



**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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⁷ when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? . . .
³⁴ "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
so that a flood of waters may cover you?
³⁵ Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
and say to you, 'Here we are'?
³⁶ Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,
or given understanding to the mind?
³⁷ Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,
³⁸ when the dust runs into a mass
and the clods cling together?
³⁹ "Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
⁴⁰ when they crouch in their dens,
or lie in wait in their covert?
⁴¹ Who provides for the raven its prey,
when its young ones cry to God,
and wander about for lack of food?

HYMN*

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

UMH-152

Children's Message

Choral Anthem [10:30]

Blessed Assurance

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-12, 16b (NRSV)

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our

sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. . . . ^{16b} God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

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.

Sermon

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:35-45 (NRSV)

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it

you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹ They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

UMH-71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, before you our hearts are open,
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**We bring to you now
our shame and sorrow for our sins.**

**We have forgotten
that our life is from you and unto you.**

We have neither sought nor done your will.

**We have not been truthful in our hearts,
in our speech, in our lives.**

We have not loved as we ought to love.

**Help us and heal us,
raising us from our sins into a better life,
that we may end our days in peace,
trusting in your kindness unto the end. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, Christ who died for us, who rose for us,
who reigns at God's right hand and prays for us.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

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* *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* WS-3104

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: Those grieving the loss of River Millner [10/10] and those grieving the loss of Marsha Weaver [10/17].

COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS: Those mourning the death of Margaret McKisick (Anna Gugler's aunt) [10/10], James Galstad (brother in-law of Sandi & Greg Dutt) [10/10], those grieving the loss of Nathen Bailey (Kevin Bailey's father) [10/3]

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, Jackson Ranles, 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 Salina Church of the Cross and their pastor Loren Drummond.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLECTION FOR THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY TODAY

We're taking up a belated collection for the Little Free Pantry today. If you didn't hear the announcement last Sunday (or if you forgot) there's no need to fear. You can make a monetary offering this morning, or you can bring in items for the pantry later this week. Items should be left on the folding table in the west hallway.

We especially need Energy/Snack/Granola bars, peanut butter and jelly, pancake mix (the kind that only needs water is best), macaroni, canned meat/fish, individual cereal packets, pasta, spaghetti sauce, fruit snacks, snack bars, canned fruit, and self-contained microwaveable meals, personal hygiene products, and water.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MARSHA WEAVER

A Service of Death and Resurrection for Marsha Weaver will be held Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. At the family's request, Tim Johnson will be officiating the entire service. The obituary can be found online at www.martinbeckercarlson.com/obituaries.

REVISIONS TO THE DIRECTORY

We are in the process of updating the contact information in the directory. You'll have the opportunity to look over your entry and make any additions or corrections you want at the Sunday morning worship services. If you can't be with us in person drop a line to office@abilenefirstumc.org or phone 785-263-2623.

VOICES: REDEFINING SUCCESS

“Jesus did not speak English, was never married and had no children, did not own a home, and died an early death, abandoned by his closest friends. In other words, very little about his life measures up to our ideas of success. Maybe, we are the ones who need to redefine success.”

— Brady Boyd, Twitter @pastorbrady

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

There is a Church Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. You can attend in-person in the Blue Room (200) or via Zoom (instructions below).

A NOTE FROM MARILYN JORDAN

I am troubled and disheartened by the choice of some members of our church to leave. This is especially painful to me if these decisions are driven by objection to our church’s inclusive welcome of LGBTQ+ folk. Please know that I accept your choice. But I wonder if whatever has contributed to it could be addressed through some avenues to express our concerns and differences and explore a way forward together. What would Jesus say and do? What will we?

CLUSTER CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our annual Church Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at Salina Trinity UMC. We’ll be meeting with Salina First UMC, Salina Trinity UMC, Salina Church of the Cross UMC, and Salina University UMC.

PERMANENT 8:15 LIVESTREAM LINK

Below is what will hopefully be a permanent link for watching our 8:15 worship service live: vimeo.com/event/1266906.

VOICES: SHANE CLAIBORNE

“Sometimes we speak to change the world; other times we speak to keep the world from changing us.”

— Shane Claiborne, *The Irresistible Revolution*

Sometimes, it can seem pointless to name what’s wrong with the world—especially when we don’t think we have the power to change it. But that is when we speak the truth in order to keep the world from changing us. (10/10)

ONE (NEW) ZOOM TO RULE THEM ALL

In an attempt to make attending Zoom meetings easier, We’re trying something new. Instead of a different Zoom Meeting every time we get together, We’ve set up a standard zoom meeting for almost everything we do. The information is below.

Standard Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91823088216>

Meeting ID: 918 2308 8216 — Passcode: 67410

Manually Dial In With a Touch-Tone Phone

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 918 2308 8216 — Passcode: 67410

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 at abilenefirstumc.org.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 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 / KABI 1560 AM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 5:00 p.m. Memorials Committee - 200/Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Church Council - 200/Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Peatling

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex
- 6:00 p.m. EOTT Quilt Board - 200

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Power & Light
- 6:00 p.m. Communion via Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 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. Football Team Dinner - Wright Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Peatling

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Youth Fall Outing

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, OCTOBER 25

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

7:00 p.m. EOTT Quilt Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

3:30 p.m. Power & Light

6:00 p.m. Communion via Zoom

6:00 p.m. Youth Group Pumpkin Carving

6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil begins

9:00 a.m. Card Ministry Group

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

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Peatling

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

5:00 p.m. Drive Thru Trick or Treat

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

Kristy Engle and Angie Hoerner, Piano

Mary Jane Oard and Sandi Dutt, Liturgists

Kaylee Weibert and Wendy Robinson, Sound

Kaxton Wiebert and Samuel Burton, Slides

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