



**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 The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- ⁸ O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
- ¹⁶ The face of the LORD is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
- ¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.
- ¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD rescues them from them all.
- ²⁰ He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.
- ²¹ Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
- ²² The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him
will be condemned.

HYMN*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH-89

Children's Message

Bell Choir Special [10:30]

Simple Gifts

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28 (NRSV)

²³ Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently he is able for all time to save those who

approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

HYMN*

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

UMH-606

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:46-52 (NRSV)

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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.

RESPONSE*

Gloria Patri

UMH-71

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.)

Chancel Choir Offertory [10:30]

Echo Anthem

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*

The Summons

UMH-2130

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 Randles, 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 First United Methodist and their pastor Richard Fitzgerald.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD'S LOVE TRUMPS GOD'S JUSTICE

I misspoke in last Sunday's (October 17, 2021) sermon when I was talking about love as God's reigning attribute. What I meant to say was that when God's justice and God's love are in conflict, God's love wins out. — John Collins

NEW BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

I'm excited to be starting a new Bible discussion group on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. The plan is to meet every Wednesday from 5:15 to 5:55. Each week we'll begin with a 5-10 minute video from bibleproject.com. We'll be starting with a five-part series on Exodus 34:6-7 that looks at God's compassion, grace, slowness to anger, loyal love, and faithfulness.

You can participate in person in room 200 (the blue room) or online through Zoom. If you want to participate online, please let me know in advance so I can send you a link to the video before the meeting.

My hope is that this will be an easy group for everyone to participate in. You don't need to do any reading in advance; you only need to bring yourself, maybe a Bible and your supper if you want. — John Collins

DRIVE THRU TRICK OR TREAT

The Youth Group will be sponsoring Drive Thru Trick or Treating on Sunday October 31, 2021, 601 N Cedar, Abilene KS from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Enter through the 7th street parking lot. They are also accepting donations of candy from the congregation. Wendy Robinson is the contact person for this project.

VINTAGE YEARS

We're coming up on our annual Vintage Years Celebration. It will be celebrated on Sunday, November, 7. There will be a time of special recognition for those members of our congregation who have reached 90 years or more. Our list of those being recognized for the first time at this year's celebration includes Julius Frey, Joanna Clemence, Kenneth Dawson, Verl Eckman, Louise Frey, Nadine Griffin, Carl Hansen, and Martha Zutavern.

We'll also be honoring those who turned 90 previously to 2020 and 2021: Joe Clemence, Rose Marie Elliott, Melva Rector, Les and Marie Thornton, Gil Green, Donna Smith, Dorothy Veach, Ray Power, Darlene Sexton, Keith Rogers, Dorothy Snider, Velma Becker, Lois Ledy, Melvin Leckron, Marvin Ledy, Helen Harrold, Virginia Hoffman, Norma Runs, and Evelyn York.

Please let us know if there's someone we've missed.

BELLS ARE RINGING AGAIN

It's the return of our adult Bell Choir, after a year and a half. The group will play handbells and chimes at the 10:30 service this Sunday, October 24, 2021. Their Special Music piece is an arrangement of the Shaker tune "Simple Gifts". American composer Aaron Copland designed his ballet "Appalachian Spring" around this same melody.

We have 10 ringers including 2 new members in the group. Participating in the ensemble are Lisa Divel, Anna Gugler, Jayne Ronchetto, Teresa Weishaar, Andrea Purvis, Pam Simpson, Chuck Brussow, Larry Divel, Karlene Taylor, and Joann Hettenbach. Two of our ringers have requested temporary status and would like to be relieved when replacements are found. The Bell Choir rehearses on Wednesdays, 7:00-7:45. If you are interested, please talk to director Clark Williamson.

AUGUSTINE ON RICHES

Some good advice from one Augustine of Hippo (AD 354 – 430):

“Riches . . . are gained with toil and kept with fear. They are enjoyed with danger and lost with grief. It is hard to be saved if we have them; and impossible if we love them; and scarcely can we have them but we shall love them inordinately. Teach us, O Lord, this difficult lesson: to manage conscientiously the goods we possess, and not covetously desire more than you give to us.”

— Augustine of Hippo, Sermon 133

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

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.

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

Link: <https://bit.ly/3esFOVk>

Meeting ID: 769 703 4723 — Passcode: 67410

Manually Dial In With a Touch-Tone Phone

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 769 703 4723 — 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 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 9:30 a.m. Prairie Arts Quilters - 208
- 12:00 p.m. UMW Potluck Luncheon
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Power & Light
- 5:15 p.m. Bible Discussion Group
- 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, NOVEMBER 4

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil begins
- 9:00 a.m. Card Ministry Group
- 9:30 a.m. EOTT Quilt Guild - Peatling
- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Peatling

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 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

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

Heather James and Kent Wyatt, Liturgists

Ward Turnbull and Jackson Green, Sound

Ward Turnbull and Tyler Green, Slides

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