



**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

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN* *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH-400

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

Isaiah 62:1-5 (NRSV)

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

HYMN*

Lift Every Voice and Sing

UMH-519

Children's Message

Choral Anthem [10:30]

Let Thy Holy Presence Come Upon Us

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (CEB)

¹Brothers and sisters, I don't want you to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. ²You know that when you were Gentiles you were often misled by false gods that can't even speak. ³So I want to make it clear to you that no one says, "Jesus is cursed!" when speaking by God's Spirit, and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are different ministries and the same Lord; ⁶and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. ⁷A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. ⁸A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, ⁹faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, ¹⁰performance of miracles to another, prophecy to

another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. ¹¹ All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

HYMN*

Many Gifts, One Spirit

UMH-114

Scripture Reading

John 2:1-12 (NRSV)

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there a few days.

Sermon

THE APOSTLES' CREED* [8:15]

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

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

**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;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

(If you are a guest, please feel no obligation to give. This is simply one of the ways we worship God.)

RESPONSE* *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH-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 not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.¹
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GOING FORTH

HYMN*

10,000 Reasons

On Screen

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me;
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing Your praise unending.
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul.
Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.
Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul:
I'll worship Your holy name.
Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name.

Dismissal with Blessing*

Postlude*

¹Meaning: *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: Ellouise Marshall ^[1/09], Hope Higgins ^[1/16], and Don Rickley ^[1/16]

COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS: Sonja Zeithamel (Pam Jackson's sister) ^[1/16], those grieving the loss of Laurie Leder ^[1/09]

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 Brookville United Methodist Church and their pastor Bill Gies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUESTOR'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS — This adult Sunday School class is open for anyone interested in studies on Sunday morning. The class meets in room 200 following the first worship service. They will begin a brand new study on Romans starting Jan 23. It is a 6 week study with a DVD introduction each week. Feel free to join at 9:20 a.m.

LOOKING FOR A TIME CAPSULE — This year we are celebrating our 152nd Anniversary as a church and we're pretty sure there is a time capsule on the premises. Anyone have any idea of where it is?

COOKIES NEEDED FOR COFFEE TIME — We are looking for donations of cookies to be shared during coffee time each week. If you could share, please leave cookies in the kitchen. You don't need to be available to serve them.

BIBLE STUDY — We're having fun and learning a lot with the Bible studies from the BibleProject (bibleproject.com) You can join us in-person in room 200 or online by going to bit.ly/3hyMOhO any Wednesday at 5:15. You don't need to read anything ahead of time to participate. We'll begin with a five-six minute video introduction and then continue the discussion from there.

If you're thinking about joining us, please consider this testimony from Velda Becker:

I highly encourage anyone to join the current Bible study. We meet weekly on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. in room 200 for a 40 minute session, followed by communion at 6:00 p.m. if you choose to stay. We watch an engaging video and

then have a discussion using the current topic study materials for that week. Each session could be appreciated as a stand-alone class. There is no long-term commitment. I look forward to every Wednesday. This is a great opportunity to grow in your faith. Come join us in person or on Zoom!

MUSICALLY SPEAKING by Clark Williamson —

Ernest Hemingway entitled one of his novels, "For Whom the Bell Tolls." Here at First UMC, we toll bells in worship and praise of God. Currently, our adult Bell Choir is in need of some more ringers.

I'd like to invite any adult or high school student to consider this unique musical experience. There's nothing quite like ringing handbells with an ensemble. The ability to read music is not required. Last week we began practicing our new prelude piece for an appearance late in February. Please contact me after worship services or call me at 785-280-3355.

Your commitment could even be for this first handbell piece. Beginners will not be alone. Two of our current members started playing bells for the very first time just before the covid pandemic hit churches. Practices take place on Wednesdays at 7:00-7:45 p.m.

WANT TO TALK TO THE PASTOR? — John's mobile number is 620-252-9622 and his email is john@revcollins.com, or you can write a note on the back of the attendance insert.

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

- 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
Youth Group Movie Day

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

- Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 5:15 p.m. Memorials Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Peatling

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

- 9:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex
- 6:00 p.m. Church Council - 200
- 7:00 p.m. EOTT Board

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Power & Light
- 5:15 p.m. Bible Discussion Group
- 6:00 p.m. Communion (in-person and Zoom)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil begins
- 9:00 a.m. Card Ministry Group
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Electronic Campout

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

6:30 a.m. Boy Scout Pancake Feed

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

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
Youth Group Movie Day

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Peatling

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

3:30 p.m. Power & Light

5:15 p.m. Bible Discussion Group

6:00 p.m. Communion (in-person and Zoom)

6:00 p.m. Youth Group

6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil begins

9:00 a.m. Card Ministry Group

5:30 p.m. Basketball Dinner

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

Jason Vinduska and Will Burton, Liturgists

Wendy Robinson and Jensen Woodworth, Sound

Chantay Porter and Sam Burton, Slides

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