



**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*

How Great Thou Art

UMH-77

CALL TO WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading

Psalm 16 (NRSVue)

¹ Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."

³ As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones
in whom is all my delight.

⁴ Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

⁷ I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

¹⁰ For you do not give me up to Sheol
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹ You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (NRSVue)

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm,
therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

. . . ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters,
only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for
self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one
another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single
commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care
that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires
of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the
Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh,
for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from
doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you
are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are
obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, ²⁰
idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels,
dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and
things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before:
those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of
God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness,

and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

HYMN*

We Are the Church

UMH-558

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:51-62 (NRSVue)

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?", ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Sermon

HYMN*

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMN-549

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

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

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

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.**
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GOING FORTH

HYMN*

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH-557

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: Dorothy Lehman ^[6/12], Betty Eckman^[6/5], Diedre Dunham ^[4/3], Ellouise Marshall ^[2/6], those those grieving the loss of Joanna Clemence ^[6/19], those grieving the loss of Dwight Greenough ^[6/19].

COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS: Joette Nagley ^[6/12], Lucky Seyler, (brother of Rita Everson) ^[5/1], Kathy Swisher (daughter of Eunice Gay) ^[3/27], those grieving the loss of Paul D. Brown (Janice Hoffman's uncle) ^[6/19].

THOSE WORSHIPING FROM HOME: Gary Donley, Evelyn York, 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.

THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Greg Austin, Tim Barns, Kayla Berven, Billy Brockman, Matthew Brinker, Ross Covington, Jessica and James Green, 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 Lindsborg Trinity United Methodist Church and their pastor Dallas Peterson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WAYS TO WELCOME PASTOR MIK KING-from SPRC

Our new minister will be moving into the parsonage on June 21. Her first Sunday will be on July 3rd. We want her to feel welcome to our church and to our community. These are suggestions that we can all do to help welcome Pastor Mik to our church family. Sometimes it is the simplest act that makes a person feel welcome.

1. Give her a personal invitation to attend social events with you in our community. Fourth of July events, fair parade and the fair and rodeo, GPT productions, civic organizations, school sporting events and programs, coffee, lunch.
2. Wear name tags in church so that she can learn our names. It is always good to say your name when meeting her for a while. Remember there are about 200 members to meet so we can help her out by introducing ourselves each time.
3. Pray for her and our congregation.
4. Send her a welcome card, connect with her on Facebook, pop into the church office to welcome her.
5. Sign up, in the near future, to have lunch, dinner or coffee in small groups with the Pastor. This will help us learn more about each other. There is nothing like sharing a meal with someone to get to know them.
6. Transition times can take time so extending grace to her so that we can learn to share our mutual gifts with each other and the church.
7. Invite yourself to go with her to meet our members who are in care facilities.
8. Open your heart and decide that you are going to love her.

VBS JULY 5th-8th

This year we will hold Vacation Bible School from 6-8 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It will include Kindergarten thru 5th grade. Registration forms are in the Narthex. There is a needs board in the Narthex for anyone who would like to help with supplies. If anyone would like to volunteer with VBS please let Wendy know.

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.

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

- 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, JUNE 27

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Peatling

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

- 9:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex
- 7:00 p.m. EOTT Quilt Guild - Wright Hall

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

- 9:00 a.m. EOTT Work Day
- 3:00 p.m. Power and Light
- 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group to Sky Zone

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

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

SUNDAY, JULY 3 - WELCOME REV. MIK KING

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

MONDAY, JULY 4 - OFFICES CLOSED

JULY 5-8

- 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

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

Amanda Cormack, Speaker

Anna Gugler, Piano

Heather James and Sandi Dutt, Liturgists

Kaylee Weibert and Wendy Robinson, Sound

Kaxton Weibert and Heather Unruh, Slides

Maren Meneley, Velda Becker, and Jayne Ronchetto,
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