

# AN ORDER OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

January 29, 2023

## 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 Time & Prelude Music

Welcome

**HYMN\***

*He Has Made Me Glad*

FWS 2270

**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 life everlasting. Amen.

**RESPONSE\***

*Gloria Patri*

UMH 71

Opening Prayer

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-12(NRSV)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Word of God for the People of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

**HYMN**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

UMH 400

Children's Message

Choral Anthem

*Blessed Assurance*

*Chancel Choir*

Pastoral Prayer

### **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.**

**HYMN\***

*Trust and Obey*

UMH 467

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

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**SERMON**

*The Kin-dom is Blessed*

Rev Mik King

## **GOING FORTH**

Announcements

**HYMN\***

*Home on the Range*

On Screens

Benediction\*

Postlude\*

# NOTES AND DOODLES

## 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:** Barb Leckron [1/29], Family of Les Thornton [1/29], Toni Schwarting [1/22], Family of Marvin Ledy [1/8], Karen Crump [12/11], Diedre Dunham [4/3], Connie Stewart [1/8]

### COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS:

Jace Webb (Great grandson of Betty Eckman-2 mo old) [1/15]  
Steve Schmitt (son-in-law of Virginia & Gary Donley) [1/8]  
Family of Nancy Alt [1/8]  
DJ Good (Cousin of Rev Mik) [1/1]  
Family of Melvin Stout (brother of Jim & Diana Stout) [1/1]  
Dakota Jones (Nephew of Rick Jones) [12/25]  
Larry Kopka (Friend of Leslie Hoffman) [12/4]  
Valerie Greenough (Daughter-in-law of Sharolyn Greenough) [11/20]  
Denise Jackson (daughter-in-law of Pam Jackson) [11/20]  
Lucky Seyler (Rita Everson's brother) [11/6]  
Darrell Holmes & family (friends of Leslie Hoffman) [11/6]  
Ranae Veal (Friend of Diane Wyatt) [10/23]  
Carolyn Thomas (friend of Sue Murry) [10/16],

**THOSE WORSHIPING FROM HOME:** Gil Green, Gary Donley, Evelyn York, Karen & Steve Crump, Margie Miller, Ray Power, Marla Rutz, Donna Smith, Donna Richards, Dorothy Veach, Melvin Leckron, Dorothy Snider, Linda Chase, Marie Thornton, Carl Hansen, Myckie Spencer, Lois Ledy.

**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., Evan Middleton, Derek Lipson

**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 UMC and their pastor William Gies.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **COMMUNION**

Red kneeling pads have been placed around the communion rail for anyone who would like to go to the rail to pray after they receive communion.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - WE are the church**

Funeral Dinner- making salad or dessert or helping-contact Cecilia

Card Ministry - making cards - instruction avail- contact Velda Becker

Cookies and Coffee Time - Volunteer on a Sunday- sign up sheet

Sound for Sunday Worship - both services-training available- contact Clark

Slides for Sunday Worship - 8:15 a.m. - training available- contact Clark

Streaming for Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.-training available- contact Clark

Prayer Vigil - praying for an hour on Thursdays- contact Rev Mik

Liturgist - Sunday Worship - both services-instruction available contact Clark

Gospeltality Greeters - both services - contact Linda Rist

More opportunities are available.

### **T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE**

We have a few t-shirts still available for sale. Contact the church office if you would like to buy one. \$12.00. Sizes available: 4-XL, 1-Large, 2-Medium.

### **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](http://abilenefirstumc.org).

## **CARDS - Sympathy, Get Well or Thinking of You**

Please sign the cards when we have them out for signatures. Even if you don't know the person or the family, we still want the person or family to know we care.

## **CONNECTIONS TO GOD**

We asked you to share your ways you connect to God. Every week I will share a few ways that others connect. Pick and choose if something might work for you. Let's start 2023 with Connecting With God!!

"Listening to Music, Reading and spending time with children, helping others"

"Sing Praises in the car & store, pray anywhere and everywhere. Thank God publicly as well as in private for all His blessings."

"I say my prayers outside where I can see evidence of God's work."

"Prayer. Service. Facilitating Bible study class. Meditate/Rest with God"

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

- 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, JANUARY 30 - OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON**

- 4:00 P.M. Trustee's walk through

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 - OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1- OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON**

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Midday with Mik - Facebook
- 3:30 p.m. Power & Light
- 5:00 p.m. Happy Hour- Narthex
- 6:00 p.m. Communion in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Bible/Book Study - McDonald's- Everyone Welcome
- 7:15 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON**

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil Begins
- 9:00 a.m. Card Ministry Group - 208
- 9:30 a.m. EOTT Guild - Peatling
- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercises - Narthex

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

- 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
- 3:00 p.m. Funeral Service for Les Thornton - Reception in Narthex

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 - OFFICE CLOSED TODAY**

- 6:15 P.M. Worship Design - 200

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON**

- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercises- Narthex
- 4:15 p.m. Outreach Committee - 200

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8- OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON**

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Midday with Mik - Facebook
- 3:30 p.m. Power & Light
- 5:00 p.m. Happy Hour- Narthex
- 6:00 p.m. Communion in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Bible/Book Study - McDonald's- Everyone Welcome
- 7:15 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON**

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil Begins
- 9:00 a.m. Card Ministry Group - 208
- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercises - Narthex

# 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

Piano: Angie Hoerner

Liturgists: Jason Vinduska and Velda Becker

Sound: Kaylee Weibert and Jackson Green

Slides: Kaxton Weibert and Tyler Green

Gospeltality Greeters: 8:15 Kaylee Weibert & Linda Rist

10:30 Marge Green & Phyllis Welton

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