***Postlude** *Improvisation*
(Please remain standing and silent as the organ concludes our worship.)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this morning are given anonymously in honor of Dennie and Sondra Humphries' birthdays this month.

COMMUNION SERVANTS
John Stroud, Carol Parson, Sandy Pittman, and Carole Jones

USHER TEAM Rusty Cantwell, captain; Dick Copeland, Ron Reel, Ralph Stelzman.

ACOLYTE (10:30am) Bronson Galbreath
CRUCIFER (10:30am) Emory Galbreath

For more information about activities/events or calendar items, please go to the Church Center app. If you need assistance operating the app, see Lisa Cavallucci or Ben Stapleton. They are happy to assist you. You may also pick up a FUMC calendar of events in the narthex or gym.

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GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD
WORSHIP & HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES ON CAMPUS

Blessing of Backpacks | Today
Students, Teachers, Administrators & School Staff are asked to bring your backpacks/bags to church **this Sunday** for a special blessing as we begin a new school year! Drop off your bags at the Kids Check-In desk, or in the front of the Sanctuary or Gym. All bags will stay up front for the blessing portion of the service before you pick them back up.

Worship Schedule | Continues through September
9am Traditional | 10am Sunday School | 11am *The Connection*
A team of participants and leaders in both worship services will be meeting to determine the best schedule moving forward.

Prayer Crosses | Sunday | August 10
During worship services we will have crosses available to pick up, each with the name of one of our youth or children. You may pick one up from the altar and commit to pray for the student on your cross during the school year.

GROW TO BE LIKE JESUS
DISCIPLESHIP, TEACHING & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Promotion Sunday | Today
This Sunday, everyone moves to their current grade levels in Sunday School and Children's Church! Please note that we do not have Children's Church on the first Sunday of each month (including today).

Carter Family Fold | Saturday | August 9 | 5:45pm depart | 11:30pm Return
$20 (includes ticket and transportation)
Join Joyful Hearts for a road trip to the Carter Family Fold to see the McLain Family Band. Food and drinks available at the Fold.

Parent Meeting | August 17 | 12pm | Community Room
Our Director of Children's Ministries, Director of Youth Ministries, and Director of Music Ministries will lead an informational meeting during a light lunch to talk about all the opportunities coming up this semester. We will also fill out health forms for the year and discuss youth fundraising opportunities.

GO TO SERVE THE WORLD
MISSION OPPORTUNITIES OFF-CAMPUS & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Fence Ministry | Wednesdays | 6pm
We need people to flatten, cut, loop, and roll plastic bags into plarn (plastic yarn). No skill required and fun guaranteed! We will provide the mats that we make to homeless ministries in our area.

Ruth Circle | Monday | August 11 | 11am | FUMC Library
Bettie Crowell will lead our *World Thank Program: Giving as an Expression of Our Faith,* and we will take up the World Thank Offering.

UMCOR | United Methodist Committee on Relief | Offering
On July 4, 2025, historic rain levels led to catastrophic flash flooding along the Guadalupe River in Central Texas resulting in over 110 deaths.
In response, UMCOR has given funds to provide immediate relief to those impacted through Early Response Team deployment, debris removal, distribution of relief supplies and more. You may give an offering to aid in this and other relief efforts by designating your donation to UMCOR.

WELCOME TO
First United Methodist Church

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August 3, 2025

Making disciples as we gather, grow, and go.

WELCOME to **F**irst **U**nited **M**ethodist **C**hurch (FUMC). We would love to have you fill out your name and any information you feel comfortable sharing on the red attendance pad. If you need help with anything today, please contact one of our ushers, pastors, or security team members. We hope you will join us again as we *Gather, Grow, and Go* at FUMC.

GATHER **GROW** **GO**

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Church Council minutes from last month's meeting are available via a link in this week's e-News, Sunday School folders, or in the church office.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

8th Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
Liturgical Color: White

August 3, 2025 **9:00am**

Please remember to silence cell phones.
LARGE PRINT BULLETINS *and devices for the hearing impaired* are available for this morning's service. Please see an usher.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Rigaudon* Andre Campra

Choral Introit *Sing Unto the Lord* Harold Rohlig

***Hymn** UMH 185 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 881
The Apostles' Creed Stan Johnson

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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***Gloria Patri** UMH 70 *Glory be to the Father* MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Blessing of the Backpacks

Celebrations and Concerns

Morning Prayer Ben Stapleton

***Prayer for Illumination** Stan Johnson
O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

***Gospel Lesson** Matthew 28:16-20
The Word of God for the People of God. ***Thanks be to God.***

***Hymn** UMH 584 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* ABBOT'S LEIGH
(verses 1 & 2)

Sermon *The Great Commission* Pastor Asa

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

***Hymn** UMH 584 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* ABBOT'S LEIGH
(verses 3-5)

Worship of God by Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem Tom Fettke
The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
Chancel Choir

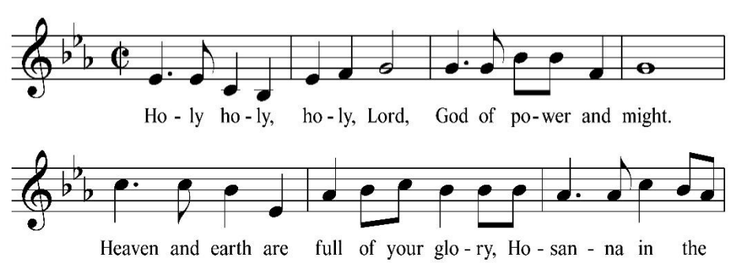
***Doxology** UMH 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

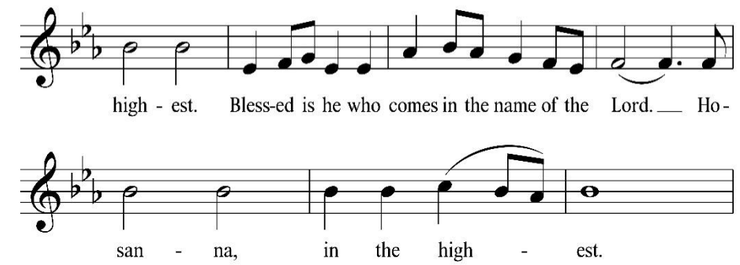
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

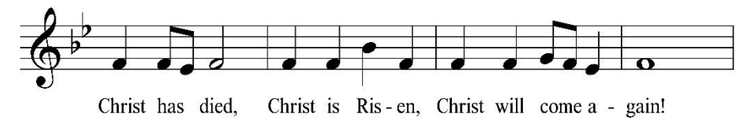
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***
Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up to the Lord.***
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
(The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:)

... as we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
(Sing as directed.)

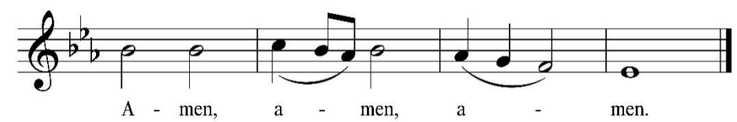




(The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:) … as we proclaim the mystery of faith. *(Sing as directed)*



(The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:) All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
(Sing as directed.)



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.

Instructions for Communion
All are invited to come to the table as you are able.
Please tell an usher if you would like to be served in the pew.
Gluten-free bread is served at the center station.

After being served, all are invited to kneel at the altar rail.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***Hymn** UMH 571 *Go, Make of All Disciples* LANCASHIRE

***Choral Benediction** *Shalom to You* SOMOS DEL SEÑOR