

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

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Carol & Ken Parson to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones.

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MUSIC NOTES

Gather Us In

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Abana -Arabic Lord's Prayer

From the arranger- *Abana* is sung by Christians throughout the Arabic speaking world. The haunting yet vigorous melody beautifully captures the words of the Lord's Prayer. Laila Constantine has written a melody that builds in intensity from the quiet whisper of "Forgive our sins" to the confident declaration "Yours is the kingdom."



Women's Choir | Sunday | July 5 | 9am

Rehearsal June 7 and 14 10am, 11am, 12pm
Choose your rehearsal time. Attending one rehearsal both Sundays is ideal, but you can still participate if you only attend one rehearsal.

Church Conference | Tuesday | June 9 | 5:30pm

All church members are invited to vote on the sale of the Cumberland Place

Revelation Youth Choir Home Concert | Sunday | June 28 | 11am

Come and hear the music and stories of our time in Pensacola Beach. We will have a combined service of musical worship followed by a cookout at noon. Suggested donation is \$5 per person for the cookout.

Volunteers Needed! | Grills and Grillers | June 28

For the cookout on June 28 after worship, we need some volunteers to grill hamburgers and hot dogs and some people to bring their grills. Talk to Ben Stapleton or David Gibbs if you are willing to help!

Youth Whacky Wednesday | Wednesday | June 3 | 3:30pm-6:30pm

Youth will meet at the church and travel to the Jefferson City pool for swimming. They will return to the church by 6:30pm.



NEW Sunday School Class | beginning June 7 | 10am | Room 113

Pastor Asa will lead a class for college aged, single or married adults, with or without kids up to age 35 looking for real connection, honest conversations, and a deeper walk with God.

Youth Breakfast

Sign up on the Church Center app or contact Lori Hotel if you or your group would like to provide breakfast for youth Sunday School.



Holston Annual Conference | May 31-June 3 | Lake Junaluska, NC

Pastor Asa and our lay delegate John Ayers will be attending the Holston Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. This is where and when the official business of the conference takes place.

Red Cross Blood Drive | Tuesday | June 30 | 1-6pm

You can sign up to participate in our blood drive now in the church office or on the Church Center app.

Camp in the Community | July 20-24 | 8:30am-4:30pm (2pm Friday)

Summer camp is an incredible experience where children can grow in independence, develop more personal faith, discover new friendships, and build relationships with older peers. Unfortunately, for many children, experiencing camp is financially impossible, culturally improbable, and physically challenging. This summer, FUMC has partnered with **Camp in the Community** to offer a high-quality summer camp experience to underserved campers in both rural and urban low-income areas of our community.

WELCOME TO

First United Methodist Church

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May 31, 2026

Making disciples as we gather, grow, and go.



What Hinders Beloved Community?
Matthew 23:1-5, 37-39

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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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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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Trinity Sunday

Liturgical Color: White

May 31, 2026

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

*Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

God, you send us prophets, so we know how to live into your kingdom on earth.

Let us listen to the truth-tellers.

God, you desire to gather us together, but we are not always willing, and you lament.

Let us embrace each other.

God, we need to practice your ways of mutuality instead of oppression.

Let us listen to one another's struggles with new ears.

Lord God, when we live in denial instead of facing necessary truths, we are left with broken community. Grant us the humility we need to match what we profess, to learn from you and our actions, so that we embody our call to be Beloved Community.

Prelude

Intrada

Grayston Ives

Choral Introit

The Spirit Dwells Among Us

Hal H. Hopson

*Hymn UMH 64

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 885

A Modern Affirmation

Tony Anderson

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

*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.

Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Asa

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.

Anthem

Abana
Chancel Choir

Greg Scheer

*Prayer for Illumination

Tony Anderson

As we open Your Word to read from the Gospel of Matthew, we ask that You send Your Holy Spirit to illuminate our minds. Guard us against the traps of hypocrisy, so that we may not say one thing and do another, but rather live lives of true justice, mercy, and faithfulness.

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 23:1-5; 37-39

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn

Gather Us In

TRENTHAM



Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
We are the young our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en



van - ished a - way, see in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
yearn for your face, we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light - years a - way, but here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man - race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, now is the day.



Gath - er us in the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in the
Gath - er us in the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that arc ho - ly and hearts that are truc.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Sermon

What Hinders Beloved Community?

Pastor Asa

Worship of God by Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Adagio from Suite in D

J S Bach

*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

*Hymn UMH 589

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

GERMANY



1. The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age Be - set by
2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, The vic - tims
3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise; A car - ing
4. For He a - lone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the
5. We have no mis - sion but to serve In full o -



change, but Spir - rit led, Must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry For shel - ter and for
Church that longs to be A part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, And teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord, To care for all, with -



her - i - tage And keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, And nev - er live un - til they die.
sac - ri - fice, And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread And feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, And spread His lib - er - at - ing Word.

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Amen

Felix Mendelssohn