

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.

Prepackaged wafers and juice are also available at the side stations.

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

AUSTRIAN HYMN

We Are Called to Be God's People



1. We are called to be God's peo - ple, show - ing by our lives His grace,
2. We are called to be God's ser - vants, work - ing in the world to - day;
3. We are called to be God's proph - ets, speak - ing for the truth and right,



one in heart and one in spir - it, sign of hope for all the race.
tak - ing His own task up - on us, all His sa - cred words o - bey.
stand - ing firm for god - ly jus - tice, bring - ing e - vil in - to light.



Let us show how he has changed us and re - made us as His own;
Let us rise, then, to His sum - mons, ded - i - cate to Him our all,
Let us seek the cour - age need - ed, our high call - ing to ful - fill,



let us share our life to - geth - er as we shall a - round His throne.
that we may be faith - ful ser - vants, quick to an - swer now His call.
that we all may know the bless - ing of the do - ing of God's will.

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Amen

Felix Mendelssohn

*Postlude

Improvisation

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

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Becky & Ed Cunningham in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

ACOLYTE Bronson Galbreath

CRUCIFER Emory Galbreath

COMMUNION SERVERS Wendy & Rich McGowan; Jessie & Charles Goddard

USHERS Rusty Cantwell- captain, Susan Capps, Louis Galbreath, Dennis Rainwater, Ron Reel, Ralph Stelzman



GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WORSHIP & HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES ON CAMPUS

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 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 10 | 5:30pm-7pm

Youth will meet at the church and travel to Panther Creek State Park for a hike.



GROW TO BE LIKE JESUS

DISCIPLESHIP, TEACHING & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

NEW Sunday School Class | begins TODAY | 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.

Joyful Hearts: Annual Picnic | Thursday | June 18 | 11am | Community Room

Joyful Hearts will be celebrating 250 years of the USA. Local historian Mike Beck will present "The Formation of Hamblen County: Land Grant Days of the 1870's." Sign up in the church office or on the Church Center app by June 15. Cost: \$10.

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.



GO TO SERVE THE WORLD

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES OFF-CAMPUS & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Snack Donations for RYC Tour and Youth Mission Trip

Drop off snacks over the next few weeks for our youth travellers as we get ready to travel to Pensacola, Florida.

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)

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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June 7, 2026

Making disciples as we gather, grow, and go.



Moving Toward Beloved Community
Matthew 25: 35-40

WELCOME to **First United Methodist Church (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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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Second Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
Liturgical Color: White

June 7, 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

Lord, our God, you invite us to practice both justice and mercy.

Move us toward what can be.

"Justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love." (MLK, Jr.)

Move us toward what needs to be.

Lord, our God, you teach us that we embrace you as we embrace "the least of these."

Move us toward what must be.

We can move, Lord God. We can move, in word and deed, towards true respect and compassion, honoring the image of God in everyone. You call us to do this as we oppose and act against systems and structures that break people.

Prelude Venite John Leavitt

Choral Introit Come, Let Us Join K. Lee Scott

***Hymn** UMH 61 Come, Thou Almighty King ITALIAN HYMN

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 881 Cindy Stelzman
The Apostles' Creed

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.

Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Asa

***Prayer for Illumination** Cindy Stelzman

Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

***Gospel Lesson** Matthew 25:35-40
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Moving Toward Beloved Community 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 618 Let Us Break Bread Together LET US BREAK BREAD

Worship of God by Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem That We All May Be One Joseph Roff
Chancel Choir

That they all may be one; as thou, Father art in me, and I in thee,

That they also may be one in us;

that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them;

That they may be one, even as we are one.

That they all may be one; as thou, Father art in me, and I in thee.

Amen.

John 17:21-22

***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.)



Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of po - wer and might.



Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, in the high - est.

(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)



Christ has died, Christ is Ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

(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).



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.

(service continues over the fold)