

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Childcare is provided (6 weeks-K) throughout the entire service in Room 206 where trained child care workers will be waiting. Ask any greeter for help locating the room. First Kids Worship takes place during the 11am services every Sunday of the month, except for the first Sunday when we celebrate communion. Please drop off and pick up your student in room 304.*

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

More Love to Thee

by: James Pethel

*The Trinity Chimes, the three chimes heard at the opening of the worship service, represent God our Creator, Jesus Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who sustains us.*

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to service,  
**rather than honor.**

God calls us to love the unknown,  
**rather than the familiar.**

We come to this time of worship,  
**trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,**  
**who is with us yesterday, today, and forever.**

### †PROCESSIONAL HYMN, NO. 581

Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

### †OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, you alone are worthy of honor and praise. Open our eyes to see the world as you see it. Give us the wisdom to witness your presence in all people. Transform us in love, grow our faith, call us to love with a full heart and to share your promises with all people.  
**Amen.**

### †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Shall trouble or calamity?  
Persecution or hunger?  
Nakedness, danger or violence?

**No!**

**In all things we are more than conquerors  
through the one who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither  
death nor life,  
not angels or demons,  
not the present nor the future,  
not heights nor depths,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Savior.  
Amen.**

### †GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

TULANE

Glo - ry be to God on high, cre - a - tor of the world;  
Glo - ry be to God the son, re - deem-ing grace to give;  
Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Ghost, in - spir-ing us to love;  
One in three, three in one for - ev - er\_\_\_ more.  
A - - - men.

### CONFESSIO

**Merciful God, forgive us for our tendency  
to exalt ourselves and belittle the humble.  
Too often we choose to believe we are self-sufficient  
rather than to trust in your strength.  
Forgive our tendency to turn away from the truth  
when it leads us to feel uncomfortable.  
Help us, we pray, to turn toward you, rather than away,  
and to soften our hard hearts.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*Silence for personal confession*

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

#### PSALM 81:1, 10-16

What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer-ing? Do  
just - ly; Love mer - cy; Walk hum - bly with your God.

Sing out in praise of God our strength; acclaim the God of our ancestors! I am YHWH, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt! **R**

But my people did not listen to my voice and Israel would not obey me; so I gave them over to their willful hearts, to follow their own devices. **R**

If only my people would listen to me, if Israel would follow my paths, I would subdue their enemies at once and turn my hand against their persecutors. **R**

Those who hate me will come cringing before me, and meet with everlasting punishment. And I will feed Israel with the finest wheat and satisfy you with honey from the rock. **R**

### FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 2:4-13

Hear the word of YHWH, House of Jacob, all you tribes of the house of Israel! Thus says YHWH: What fault did your ancestors find in me, to make them wander so far astray? They pursued hollow idols and became hollow themselves. They did not ask, 'Where is YHWH, who brought us up out from Egypt and led us through the desert, a barren and desolate country, a land of drought and darkness, a land no one passes through, a land where no one dwells?' I brought you into a land of plenty to eat its fruits and other good things. But once you entered my land you defiled it and made my heritage an abomination. The priests never asked themselves, 'Where is YHWH?' The administrators of the law ignored me. The shepherds of the people rebelled against me. The prophets prophesied in the name of Ba'al and pursued the Worthless One. So once more I accuse you, says YHWH--I accuse you and your children's children! Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look closely, send envoys to Kedar and examine carefully. See if there has ever been anything like this: Has a people ever changed its gods, even though they aren't gods at all? But my people exchanged their Glory for Worthlessness. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked and stupefied! says YHWH. For my people committed two sins: they abandoned me, the fountain of living water; and they dug deep cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that hold no water.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

I sing th'Amighty Power of God, by: Austin Lovelace  
I sing th'almighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise;  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies. I  
sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; The  
moon shines full at God's command, And all the stars obey. I  
sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with his word, And then pronounced  
them good. Lord how thy wonders are displayed where'er I  
turn my eye: If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the  
sky. There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories  
known; And clouds arise, and tempest blow, by order from  
thy throne; While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy  
care, and everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present  
there.

**SECOND LESSON**

HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16

Continue to love each other as sisters and brothers. Don't neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Keep in mind those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them. And be mindful of those who are being treated badly, since you know what they are enduring. Let marriage be honored by everyone, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge covenant breakers and adulterers. Put the love of money out of your lives and be content with what you have, for God has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." Thus we may say with confidence, "God is my Helper, and I will not be afraid; what can mere humans do to me?" Remember your leaders, who preached the Word of God to you, and as you reflect on the outcome of their lives, imitate their faith. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Through Jesus let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise--that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge God's Name. Keep doing good works and sharing your resources. These are the sacrifices that please God.

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**†HYMN OF PREPARATION, NO. 415**

Take Up Thy Cross

GERMANY

**THIRD LESSON**

LUKE 14:1, 7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus came to eat a meal in the house of one of the leading Pharisees, the guests watched him closely. Jesus went on to address a parable to the guests, noticing how they were trying to get a place of honor at the table. "When you're invited to a wedding party, don't sit in the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished has been invited. Otherwise, the hosts might come and say to you, 'Make room for this person,' and you would have to proceed shamefacedly to the lowest place. What you should do is go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your hosts approach you they'll say, 'My friend, come up higher.' For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Then Jesus said to the host, "Whenever you give a lunch or dinner, don't invite your friends or colleagues or relatives or wealthy neighbors. They might invite you in return and thus repay you. No, when you have a reception, invite those who are poor or have physical infirmities or are blind. You should be pleased that they can't repay you, for you'll be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

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**Thanks be to God.**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

by: Gilbert Martin

**†DOXOLOGY, NO. 94**

LAST UNS ERFREUE

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

**SERMON**

Pride, Humility, &amp; the Gift of Truth

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH****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 OF DISCIPLESHIP NO 400**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

**†BENEDICTION****CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY**

Fanfare

by: Jacques Lemmens

† *Standing as you are able.*

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Preacher:** Rev. Jenny Caughman, *Spiritual Care Pastor*  
**Liturgists:** Rev. Denna Hornby, *Associate Pastor*  
**Music:** Josh Sumter, *Organist & Choirmaster*  
Parish Adult Choir

*Floral arrangements are given to the glory of God  
by Bob & Carolyn Henderson in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary,  
and by Laura & Fred McLean in honor of their 38th wedding anniversary.*

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 28th, 2022