



Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

**We love you. We care about you.
We're here for you.**
We offer a grace-filled welcome to all who come through our doors!

At First United Methodist Church we are each alive in Christ, united in nurturing fellowship, reaching out to share God's boundless love.

November 9, 2025 **11:00 a.m.**
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Opening Voluntary - "Voluntary on Engelberg" arr. by Douglas E. Wagner
Phyllis Jones, organ

Call to Worship - adapted from psalm 32:6-7
Leader: Let all who are faithful offer prayers to God.
People: In times of distress, we will not be overwhelmed.
Leader: You are our hiding place, O Lord;
you preserve us from trouble
People: You surround us with the promise of deliverance.

Veteran's Recognition & Prayer
Eternal and righteous God,
you created all that exists,
and call all people and nations to do justice,
love kindness, and walk humbly with you.
You sent your Son to bring your peace to creation,
a peace that passes our understanding
and yet, we know that because of sin,
keeping the peace is not always possible.
Guard the brave women and men in military service,
give your peace to those who have served in the past,
and give us all the compassion to pray
for those who confront us as enemies.
Keep us from the hate that hardens hearts,
and from score-keeping with human lives.
Though for a season, those in the military must be people of war,
let them live for peace, always seeking to end conflict.
Never let hard duty separate any of us
from our ultimate allegiance and loyalty to your Son,
Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 89 by Henry Van Dyke
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "Shout the Glad Tidings" by George F. Handel
First UMC Chancel Choir

Shout the glad tidings, O sing to the Lord;
For He hath done marvelous things.
Mighty are His works, wonderful His deeds;
His power and love forever are sure.
The Lord is King; King of all,
The Lord is King, King of all; He rules in might.
Sing for joy; His power and love forever are sure.
Trumpets sound forth; Sound forth His praise, for our victory is won.
Sing, O Israel sing. The Lord is faithful; Let all give praise.
The roar of the sea, all creatures therein,
sound forth, sound forth Your joy, Your joy sound forth.
God is the Lord, King over all. See His marvelous works;
See His wonderful deeds.
His power and love forever are sure.

Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Lord, how can we thank you for such wondrous love?
You have covered us with blessing and sustained us with hope.
Most of all you have given us
your very self, for our life and the life of the world.
In gratitude we bring our gifts,
for the sake of those you love,
in Jesus' name. Amen.



A Time for the Child in All of Us
All children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary for a time just for them! Afterwards, children in kindergarten thru 2nd grade are invited to follow the leader to the Godly Play Room for Children's Church.

Hymn of Preparation No. 340 by Joseph Hart
"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Scripture Reading - Luke 19:1-10 NT Page 82

Sermon - "Come On Down" Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Affirmation of Faith No. 887 - "Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39"

Hymn of Response No. 2130 (The Faith We Sing) by John Bell
"The Summons"

Benediction

Choral Benediction - "Three Fold Amen" Danish
First UMC Chancel Choir

Chimes of the Trinity

Music Appreciation Focus
After the Chimes of the Trinity at the end of the service, you may choose to gather near the front of the sanctuary and join together in thoughtful meditation while listening to the beautiful music of the postlude as a way to get your week of Christian discipleship off to a great start.

Postlude - "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. by Douglas E. Wagner
Phyllis Jones, organ

Flowers
The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and on behalf of the congregation as an offering of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord, our Protector, in appreciation of those called to defend our country by Dani and John Benson.



Lifting up prayers for our First UMC members, friends, family, community, country, and the world. All are encouraged to review the list and contact the church office to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

Friends & Family:

Tony Hill	Woody Bowman
Ellen Peterson Family	Beckey Griffith
Carolyn Robbins	Kay Crouse
Marlene Jones	Ron & Kristie Wooten
Gary Elms	Lenny Wegwart
Jane King	Greg Leonard
Jamie Everhart	Gary (Pat) Leonard
Torrey Jackson	Tommy Hendrix
Mark Frye	Tricia Royster
Cathy	Sarah Rakestraw
Julie Milner	Gloria Bulluck
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher	Brandon/Jan Kraft
Spencer Davis	Trevor Vermette
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer	Jackie Truell Butler
Kimberly Wood	Joan Briggs
Rick LeBaube	John McNeil
Jon & Emerson Bethel	Amy McIntosh
Michael Wood	Stan Larson
Louise & Ray Kombeau	Betty Jean Whitaker
	Kendall Conner

Midway Methodist
Major
Special Friend (DB)
Special Friends (CM)
Julie Griggs
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Steve Erickson
Sharon/Edsel Beck
Edith Clement
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