

*First United Methodist Church*  
*Sunday, October 20, 2024*

FOR EVEN THE SON  
*of Man came not*  
TO BE SERVED BUT  
**TO SERVE,**  
*and to give his life as*  
*a ransom for many.*  
— *Mark 10:45* —

Strengthening and sharing our Christian  
faith through fellowship and service

## October 20, 2024 ~ The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Enter to Worship

*This is a Time of Silence as We Prepare for Worship.*

Prelude

Welcome

† Opening Hymn, No. 89 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee  
*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!*

† Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed! Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.

**All: We give glory, honor, and thanksgiving to the Lord, who makes and sustains all things.**

† Prayer of the Day

***O God, you show us the way of servanthood. You have given us much so that we can bless others and not seek gratification for ourselves. Help us to seek your path and keep us in humility so that we can be the light of Christ in the world. In the name of the one who came to serve, we pray. Amen.***

Prayer for Illumination

O God, your Word gives us counsel for our understanding. Enable us to receive it today, in the name of your son, our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Psalter No. 826

Psalms 104:1-13, 24-35

Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 5:1-10

† Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:35-45

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

Sermon

Anthem

† Affirmation of Faith No. 884  
Church

A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist

† Hymn, No. 144

This Is My Fathers World

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hands the wonders wrought.*

Prayers of Intercession

*A time of silence follows each petition.*

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, you are our high priest who offered yourself for us with your prayers and tears, your very body. Help us to pray and offer supplication for ourselves and our community.

We pray for the local, national, and global church – that it might exhibit the way of service in faith and love.

We pray for the international community – that it might learn the way of peace.

We pray for anyone who suffers – help us be the healing they need.

We pray for the earth – help us to be proper stewards of your creation.

We remember those who have come to their eternal rest, and we wrap our loving arms of comfort around those who grieve.

We lift up, in silence, any prayers we hold in the corners of our hearts – for you know and understand all things.

We ask these things in the name of our Creator, our servant-priest Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.***

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we offer you these gifts. Multiply them so that they might help build your kingdom on earth and be of service to the body of Christ, in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

† Closing Hymn, No. 2191

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*

†Prayer for the Renewal of Christ's Church

***Almighty, eternal, just and merciful God: Grant us the desire to do only what pleases you, and the strength to do only what you command. Cleanse our souls, enlighten our minds, and inflame our hearts with your Holy Spirit, that we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.***

~ St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

† Charge to the Congregation and Blessing

The Son of Man came to serve, not to be served. Let us follow Christ's example, and give our all to God and one another.

May the knowledge and love of the one who knit the earth together rest with you and give you strength to help others, for the glory of God. ***Amen.***

Please remain in silence until the Postlude has concluded and all have been dismissed.

† Please stand as you are able.

Words in ***bold & italic*** are to be spoken by the congregation.

*Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
in honor of Jane Preston.*

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalm 34

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

#### **LEADING OUR WORSHIP**

Lay Reader: L. Dianne Harwood

Ushers: LADIES TEAM



## TO BE REMEMBERED

### *Prayers for Healing*

**Members:** A.Y. Cooper, Yvonne Edwards, Sibyl French, Phyllis Kirts, Cindy Loving, Rita Potter, Jane Preston, Cathy Price, Lynda Rainey, Norman Shields, Nancy Vincent, Sally Walker, Barbara Yost

**Birthdays:** 10/21 Ricky Clifton, 10/27 Kelly Webster, 10/30 Virginia Gall, 10/31 Lyn Smith

**Anniversaries:**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**FOOD CLOSET NEEDS!** As the shelves continue to be sparse at the foodbank, help our closet by bringing these items: **canned fruit, instant potatoes pouches, and canned meat.** Thanks for your support.

Thanks to the “**Good News Riders**” of the **Christian Motorcycle Association** for their two recent food pantry donations.

**THRIVE SHOE DRIVE**—Help us fill our Red Container in the Narthex with shoes! The UWIF is supporting the “Thrive Shoe Mission”. We are collecting shoes of all types and conditions. This outreach keeps shoes out of landfills, supports the development of micro-center enterprises such as Haiti, and earns funds to support local families in distress. So, clean out your closets and bring your worn out shoes to church!

**THE 50TH ANNUAL BRUNSWICK STEW AND BAKE SALE** is on October 26th from 11am—2pm. Cindy Bush is in charge of the Brunswick Stew. Jeanette Leslie is in charge of the ham biscuits. Betty Miller is in charge of the Bake Sale. It will be a yummy affair!!! Please plan to participate in this community event. All members of the church are invited to bake items for the bake sale. Please bring baked goods to the church Friday morning October 25th by noon or Saturday morning Oct. 26th by 10am. We will have up to 5 crafters participating. If you have questions or suggestions, or to volunteer please contact Susanne Daley at 757-232-6682.

**CARING FOR GOD’S CREATION**— Turn your yard into a habitat for wildlife. Whatever the season, animals need reliable source of fresh water~it can be as simple as a birdbath or if you have time, create a small pond. Native plants and bushes are usually the best foods you can give wildlife. Try turning leaves, tree limbs and other yard debris into a simple brush pile providing extra shelter. Take care of God’s creatures.

## **DAILY PRAYERS**

### **Sunday, October 20 ~ The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

The Lord said to Jeremiah, "Now I have put my words in your mouth." Jeremiah 1:9

Paul wrote: I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. 1Corinthians 2:3-5

Holy Spirit, move within us to be beacons of your word. Inspire us to use not only our words, but our actions, to be examples of your love. Help us bring your light to the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### **Monday, October 21**

This people I have formed for myself; they shall declare my praise. Isaiah 43:21, NKJV

Christ, however, was faithful over God's house as a son, and we are his house if we hold firm to the boldness and the pride inspired by hope. Hebrews 3:6

God of hope, let the day ahead be filled with our praises. You have given us a purpose in life and established our path. May our praises ring out as we seek to serve you today. Amen.

### **Tuesday, October 22**

You are my witnesses, says the Lord. Isaiah 43:10

Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

Lord, you are the vine, and we are the branches. You ask us to carry your message and share it with those we encounter. At times, the mission is arduous, but your grace and our faith in you is constant. Be with us. Amen.

### **Wednesday, October 23**

Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength is spent.  
Psalm 71:9

Jesus said to Peter, "Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you." John 21:18

Faithful God, be near us throughout our lives. While our physical bodies may age, may our spirit and faith in you never fade. Amen.

### **Thursday, October 24**

With you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Psalm 36:9

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. John 1:4

Light of the world, help us follow you. You are our guide, and your path is one of goodness. Our choice is simple, and our choice is you. Amen.

### **Friday, October 25**

Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. Proverbs 4:13

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 2Timothy 3:14-15

Father, your advice is like a map guiding us through an unknown place. We hold tight to it and rely on it at every turn. We rejoice and praise you because we know your map leads us where we need to go. Thank you. Amen.

### **Saturday, October 26**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11

Great Shepherd, we are so fortunate to be your sheep. You have provided more than we can possibly imagine. You surround us with your grace, and we remain by your side. We thank and praise you. In your name, we pray. Amen.

**THIS WEEK**

**Sun, October 20**

9 am – Sunday School  
10 am – Worship  
11 am – Choir Practice  
11:45 am – Hand bell Choir

**Mon, October 21**

10 :45 am – Bible Study

**Wed, October 23**

10 am – Chapel  
6 pm – Bible Study

**Sat, October 26**

11 am – 2pm Fall Festival –  
Brunswick Stew & Bake Sale

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