

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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November 9, 2025
Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost

*(†) The congregation is invited to stand as your able
(BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism
and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

I will be with you.

When we go through the fires that refine us
and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

I will be with you.

Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth
or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:

I will be with you.

So come, let us worship God whose love never fails,
whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.

**Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus,
waded into the waters of baptism
to prove God's solidarity with us! Amen.**

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine 606

1. Come, let us use the grace di - vine, and all with
 2. The cov - enant we this mo - ment make be ev - er
 3. Thee, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, let all our

one ac - cord, in a per - pet - ual cove - nant join
 kept in mind; we will no more our God for - sake,
 hearts re - ceive, pres - ent with thy ce - les - tial host

our - selves to Christ the Lord; give up our - selves, thru
 or cast these words be - hind. We nev - er will throw
 the peace - ful an - swer give; to each cov - e - nant the

Je - sus' power, his name to glo - ri - fy; and prom - ise,
 off the fear of God who hears our vow; and if thou
 blood ap - ply which takes our sins a - way, and reg - is -

in this sa - cred hour, for God to live and die.
 art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.
 ter our names on high and keep us to that day!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1762 (Jer. 50:5)

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM:

We Will Lay Our Burden Down [John Bell](#) / [John Ferguson](#)

We will lay our burden down, we will lay our burden down,
we will lay our burden down, In the hands of the risen Lord.

We will light the flame of love, we will light the flame of love,
we will light the flame of love, In the hands of the risen Lord.

We will show both hurt and hope,
we will show both hurt and hope,
we will show both hurt and hope,
in the hands of the risen Lord.

We will walk the path of peace, we will walk the path of peace,
we will walk the path of peace,
hand in hand with the risen Lord
in the hands of the risen Lord.
in the hands of the risen Lord.

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(Guest Flautist – Sharon Bove)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – *Dan A. Saucier*

SHARING A FAITH JOURNEY

Jordan Meehan

† HYMN OF PREPARATION

In the Bulb There Is a Flower



1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; In the
 2. There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, Seek - ing
 3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; In our

seed, an ap - ple tree; In co - coons, a hid - den
 word and mel - o - dy; There's a dawn in ev - 'ry
 time, in - fin - i - ty; In our doubt there is be -

prom - ise: But - ter - flies will soon be free! In the
 dark - ness, Bring - ing hope to you and me. From the
 liev - ing; In our life, e - ter - ni - ty. In our

cold and snow of win - ter There's a spring that waits to be,
 past will come the fu - ture; What it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 death, a res - ur - rec - tion; At the last, a vic - to - ry,

Un-re-vealed un-til its sea - son, Some-thing God a-lone can see.

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SHARING A FAITH JOURNEY

Patrick Meehan

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

Be Thou My Vision

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Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963

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PRAYER SONG

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Ostinato Refrain

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad:

when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
si te in - vo - co, ó - ye - me. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad, Se -

Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O
ñor, ten pie - dad: Ven, yes - cu - cha mi voz. Se -

Last time

Last time

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SILENT PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG

(See Above)

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts!

Refrain (Harmony)

Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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1. O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;
 2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;
 3. O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4. O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for-ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear;
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur-murs of self - will.
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser-vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 my foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but Je - sus, draw thou near - er, and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.

WORDS: John E. Bode, ca. 1866 (Lk. 9:57)
 MUSIC: Arthur H. Mann, 1881

ANGEL'S STORY
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Loving God,

as you always wrap us up

with your warm and gentle love,

we also want to offer your warm and gentle love

to those who need healing.

We give you thanks for those

who willingly and generously gave their time,

gifts, and talents to make these beautiful blankets

and ask your blessings on them.

When the parents of sick children

cuddle them in these blankets and rock them to sleep,

when the youth with sickness

touch the soft fabric and yarn

to keep themselves warm, safe, and comforted,

May these blankets be a reminder

of your love and warm presence for them.

When the night is cold and they feel alone,

may the blankets help them remember

that they are never alone,

but surrounded by a vast circle of people

supporting them with the love and compassion of Jesus.

We dedicate ourselves to you

with these blankets for the healing, nurturing,

and empowering ministry of Jesus. AMEN

*Benediction

Voluntary

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Looking Ahead

Readings for November 16, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

[Isaiah 65:17-25 / Isaiah 12](#)

[2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 / Luke 21:5-19](#)



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