

First United Methodist Church



Commitment Sunday - Shine Brightly

Restore the Beacon of Hope Together
Don't forget to bring your commitment cards this Sunday!
Matthew 5:14-16

June 22, 2025
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 ***

God sends light to us this day
and invites us to meet one another in this light.
Light breaks forth like the dawn,
drawing us into relationship with one another.
We humble ourselves for the worship of God,
that we may be empowered to serve.
God calls us to trust with steady hearts
and to serve with righteous compassion.
Seek not for lofty words of wisdom,
but for powerful demonstrations of God's way.
God makes us to be the salt of the earth
and lights to show God's works to the world.

662 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

1. Stand up and bless the Lord, ye peo - ple
 2. Though high a - bove all praise, a - bove all
 3. O for the liv - ing flame from his own
 4. God is our strength and song, and his sal -
 5. Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your

of his choice; stand up and bless the
 bless - ing high, who would not fear his
 al - tar brought, to touch our lips, our
 va - tion ours; then be his love in
 God a - dore; stand up and bless his

Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.
 ho - ly name, and laud and mag - ni - fy?
 minds in - spire, and wing to heaven our thought!
 Christ pro - claimed with all our ran - somed powers.
 glo - rious name, hence - forth for - ev - er - more.

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† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory,
you sent Jesus among us
as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride
hide the brightness of your light.
Yet at times
we turned away from the poor;
we ignored cries for justice;
we did not strive for peace.
Forgive us, God.
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
so that, as forgiven and renewed people,
we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ
into our world.

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love;
know that our sins have been forgiven.
May we be strengthened in all goodness.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [1 Peter 2:4-9](#) (Pg. 984) *

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

Ronald Turner

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine

Hide it under a bushel - NO!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel - NO!
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

My light reflects the love of Jesus,
His love, his life so freely given;
A gift of love and light for my salvation,
Light of the world, now shine through me.

Wherever I may go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Wherever I may go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

† HYMN OF PREPARATION

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Lord, for the Years

1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guid - ed,
 2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
 3 Lord, for our land, in this our gen - er - a - tion,
 4 Lord, for our world; when we dis - own and doubt him,
 5 Lord, for our - selves; in liv - ing power re - make us—

urged and in - spired us, cheered us on our way,
 speaks to our hearts and sets our souls a - blaze,
 spir - its op - pressed by pleas - ure, wealth and care;
 love - less in strength, and com - fort - less in pain;
 self on the cross and Christ up - on the throne;

sought us and saved us, par - doned and pro - vid - ed,
 teach - es and trains, re - bukes us and in - spires us,
 for young and old, for this and ev - ery na - tion,
 hun - gry and help - less, lost in - deed with - out him,
 past put be - hind us, for the fu - ture take us,

Lord of the years, we bring our thanks to - day.
 Lord of the word, re - ceive your peo - ple's praise.
 Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
 Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
 Lord of our lives, to live for Christ a - lone.

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LORD OF THE YEARS

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† GOSPEL LESSON: [Matthew 5: 14-16](#)

(Pg. 786) **

PRESIDER: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

† CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

ALLELUIA

Philip Stopford

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SERMON: Ho-Soon Han



“Chosen to Shine”

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

HERE I AM, LORD

Dan Schutte

Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who
 2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est

1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 3. bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
 call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
 lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG

Sanctuary



Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and

ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a

liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

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SILENT PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG

(See Above)

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

† DOXOLOGY

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;
praise God, all crea - tures here be - low:

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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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

† HYMN OF DEDICATION

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me 574

1 I'm gon-na live so (I'm gon-na live so) God can use me (God can
 use me) an - y time (an - y time) and an - y - where. (an - y -
 where.) I'm gon-na live so (I'm gon-na live so) God can use me
 an - y time (an - y time) and an - y - where. (an - y - where.)

2 I'm gonna work... 3 I'm gonna pray... 4 I'm gonna sing...

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I'M GONNA LIVE
Irregular

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Voluntary

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Looking Ahead

Readings for June 29, 2025

Third Sunday After Pentecost

[2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 / Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20](#)

[Galatians 5:1, 13-20 / Luke 9:51-62](#)

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