

# First United Methodist Church

October 1, 2023

**Prelude** *A Sunday School Compilation* Pianist  
**Welcome/Greeting** Pastor  
**Announcements**  
**K.I.D.S. Kids In Divine Service** (Upstairs in the Children's Wing (3<sup>rd</sup> Graders & Under)  
Children may go with Teacher Mindy Smith

**\*Opening Prayer**  
Communal God, thank you for the diversity of your creation and the unity of your church. As we gather around Christ's table, we remember that it is as wide and long as your love for us. Fill our hearts with compassion and move us to be in full accord with one another. Make our joy complete so that it flows into the world. Amen.

**\*Call to Worship**  
Leader: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.  
**People: Complete our joy as we praise you today.**  
Leader: Help us to follow your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.  
**People: Complete our joy as we empower each other to follow you.**  
Leader: Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.  
**People: Complete our joy as we gather around the table of truth and taste and see your salvation.**  
Leader: Do not remember our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us.  
**People: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls and invite you to complete our joy. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Worship** *Grace Greater Than All Our Sin* Hymnal 365  
P/O

**\*New Testament Scripture** 2 Corinthians 9:8 (ESV) Liturgist

**\*Song of Praise** *God So Loved* by We the Kingdom K/G

**Song of Prayer** *The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)* by Matt Maher K/G

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Offering** Pastor

**Offertory Music Special** *Let Us Break Bread Together* Organist

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, you complete our joy when we share your love through our gifts. Your holy community is experienced as we join together with others around the globe to become the world changers you created us to be. Bless these offerings and multiply them to become opportunities and new ministries that equip and restore your people. Thank you for all you have given to us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**Song of Thanksgiving** *From Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymnal 95 O

**Song of Reflection** *One Bread, One Body/God So Loved (Tag)* P/O  
K/O/G

**Old Testament Scripture** Genesis 12:10-20 (NLT) Pastor

**Sermon Series** Dysfunctional: Old Stories, Same Problems

**Sermon** *Dysfunctional Beginning* Pastor Nate Eckert

## Communion (World Communion Sunday)

**\*Song of Commitment** *Standing On the Promises* Hymnal 374 P/O

**\*Benediction** Pastor  
We are no longer islands unto ourselves. We are a worldwide community, living in the love and abundant mercy of God. Go in peace to serve God by serving others. Amen.

**\*Postlude** *"I Come with Joy"* Organ  
Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we will live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

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## Worship Team

**Music Director & Guitarist** Rick Peelle **Organist** Carol Meyer **Pianist** Susie Lewis  
**Song Leaders** Donna Winters & Amanda Stainbrook  
**Ushers** Jane Sturgeon, Joe Smith, Mike Reberger **Greeter** Jane Sturgeon  
**Nursery** Carol Hormel & Stacy Herr

If you do not have Facebook, all previous worship services can be found here: [www.youtube.com/@firstchurchumc/videos](https://www.youtube.com/@firstchurchumc/videos)  
Or simply listen to past sermons here: <https://firsthagerstown.org/category/sermon>

**Welcome to Worship Our Lord 10:15 in Sanctuary**

Today, Sunday, **Please be sure to sign our registration pad. Stop by the Café & sign up to help in one way or the other on the sheets.**

**Monday, October 2 1:30** Reflections Circle @ church. Bring your Thank Offering.

**Tuesday, October 3 7 p.m.** O of Friendship at church

7:30 Men's Fraternity @ Irongate 35 W Main (check with Jeff Huffine)

**Wednesday, October 4** Worship Team Rehearsal @ 7:15 p.m.

**Fri & Sat, October 6 & 7** Women in Faith Annual Fall Conference/Celebration @ Muncie.

**Pick up Daily Devotions:** Upper Room & Daily Bread located in the Café bookrack.

**For Township Trustee's Office Donations:** **Month of October focus: Spaghetti Sauce with pasta (spaghetti) or canned chili/soup with crackers. Note: Peanut Butter & Jelly may be donated at any time along with the monthly donation focus.**

Take items to the Town Trustee's Office on 37 E Main St or the Church Café.

Mondays available by cell phone and appointment 9-4

Wednesday office open 9-12, available by cell or appointment until 4pm

Friday's office open 9-4 food pantry open 10-4

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**Prayers for our Members & Friends:** Audra Alexander, Heather Eckert, Pastor Nate Eckert, Marilyn Scott, Priscilla Sherry, Jo Johnson, Chris & Barb Beeson, Judy Hilbert Haisley, Bob & Dixie Fast, Craig Salhoff, Martha Giggy, Linda Riley, Elizabeth Waggoner, Tonya Sparks, Jim & Ginny Retherford, Angela Cox, Susan Sanders, Carol Meyer, Christa's (Coleman) husband Mark, Dylan Orschell, George Anderson, Nicole Foust, those seeking and needing a job, prayers for those who have had recent surgeries to heal and cope. Warner's grandson Paul for healing hand, Jim & Sharon Howell, Ginny Ozbun, Linda Ford, Fe & Brad Beeson.



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**CHURCH MISSION:**

*To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

**CHURCH VISION:**

*As disciples who make disciples, we will connect intentionally, listen actively and love deeply in our relationship with God and our community.*