

# First United Methodist Church

October 8, 2023

**Prelude** *My Heart Ever Faithful/Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Organist

**Welcome/Greeting** Liturgist

**Announcements** Liturgist

**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** Liturgist

Faithful God, you draw near to us in our joy and in our grief, in our hope and in our despair. When our knees buckle under the weight, you raise us refreshed and renewed. We turn to you now in search of your healing touch. Open our eyes, chase away our fears and show us the real life you have to offer us.

In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

**\*Call to Worship** Liturgist

Leader: We gather to worship, knowing that God is already here among us; knowing that there is nothing that separates us from the presence of our Lord.

**People: Wherever we are, wherever we go, God is near.**

Leader: So let us enter into this service of worship with confidence and hope, knowing that God is already with us,

**People: and that He is faithful to meet us and bless us with His love. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Worship** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Hymnal 140

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**\*New Testament Scripture** Hebrews 10:23 (ESV) Liturgist

**\*Song of Praise** *Way Maker* by Sinnach K/G

**Song of Prayer** *Be Thou My Vision* Hymnal 451

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer** Pastor Rumble

**Offering** Liturgist

**Offertory Music Special** *My Jesus, I Love Thee* Pianist

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** Liturgist

Gracious and faithful God, we bring our offerings today knowing that our actions too often don't live up to our intentions and aspirations. Yet you are faithful and wait patiently for us to find our way back to the path. May our giving today, as well as our living, reflect your faithfulness and our desire to be faithful to you. Bless this offering so that others may experience your faithfulness. Amen.

**Song of Thanksgiving** *My Gratitude Now Accept O God* FWS 2044

**Song of Reflection** *Promises* by Maverick City K/G

**Old Testament Scripture Genesis 16 (NLT)** Pastor

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

**Sermon** **Dysfunctional Family** **Guest Pastor Lucas Rumble**

**\*Song of Commitment** *Living for Jesus* FWS 2149

**\*Benediction** Pastor

Go with confidence into this week, trusting in God's unfailing love and faithfulness. God will not abandon you, for you are the work of His hands – His own creation – and His love endures forever. So go in joy to love and serve the Lord! Amen.

**\*Postlude** *Lord, Be Glorified* Organ

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## Worship Team

**Liturgists** Rick Peelle & Donna Winters

**Music Director & Guitarist** Rick Peelle **Organist** Carol Meyer **Pianist** Susie Lewis

**Song Leaders** Donna Winters & Amanda Stainbrook

**Ushers** Nick Jarrett, Joe Smith, Mike Reberger **Greeter** Jane Sturgeon

**Nursery** Lori Ward & Linda Cowan

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  
Welcome to our Guest Minister Pastor Lucas Rumpel of Liberty.

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. Need lots of helping hands/donations.*

Tuesday, October 10 Game Night starts @ 5/5:30. Join in the fun.  
Wednesday, October 11 Worship Team Rehearsal @ 7:15 p.m.  
Thursday, October 12 6:30 p.m. Gideons in Fellowship Hall.  
Saturday, October 14 Car Show at the Elementary School Parking Lot. Circle women helping serve breakfast & lunch. Claudia Reberger chairs this event.

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.

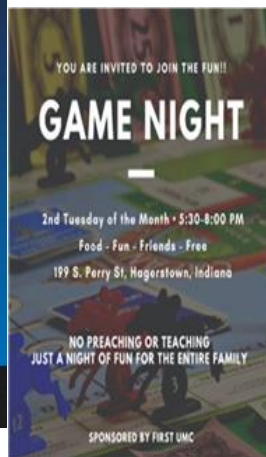
Mondays available by cell phone and appointment 9-4

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

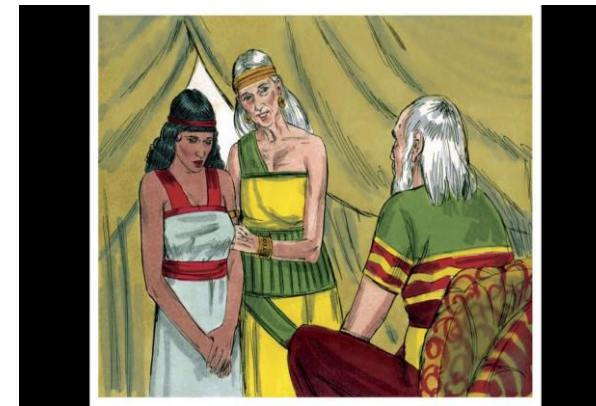
Friday's office open 9-4 food pantry open 10-4

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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, Jim & Ginny Retherford, Angela Cox, Susan Sanders, Carol Meyer, Christa's (Coleman) husband Mark, George Anderson, Nicole Foust, those seeking and needing a job school and doing well, Jim & Sharon Howell, Ginny Ozbun, Linda Ford.



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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.*