

## Second Sunday after Pentecost

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9:30 a.m.

June 2, 2024

### GATHERING

*The people of God come together in the Lord's name*

**Prelude** - Largo on "Search Me O God" - Don Hustad

#### **Call to Worship**

O Lord, you have searched us and known us,

**it was you who formed my inward parts.**

How weighty are your thoughts toward me, O God!

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.**

**Opening Hymn 147\*\*** - *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*Refrain:*

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flow'r that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings. [Refrain]*

*The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky. [Refrain]*

*The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden:  
He made them every one. [Refrain]*

*He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. [Refrain]*

### **Invocation**

**O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.**

### **PROCLAMATION**

*The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.*

**Scripture Reading** - 1 Sam 3:1-10 (Old Testament p. 247/236)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **God's Word for Young Disciples**

**Anthem** - *Simple Praise* - Craig Courtney

*For a canvas of colors, for a concert of sound, for the unfolding seasons the earth spinning round, for the birth of each sunrise for the skies set ablaze, for these simple gifts we give simple praise. Simple praise for the Giver and thanks to the One who has given us breath and given His Son. To the Giver of blessings, for all of our days, for these simple gifts, we give simple praise. For the love of a mother, for the touch of her hand, for the deeper emotions we don't understand, for the lessons we learn, for the trials we face, for these simple gifts we give simple praise. The heart of the Giver, the hand of the One from whom ev'ry blessing of living has come, for measureless mercy and limitless grace, for these simple gifts, we give simple praise.*

**Sermon** - "Hineni"

Pastor Jon Priebe

### **RESPONSE**

*The people of God respond to the Word*

**Hymn of Response 454\*\*** - *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

*Open my eyes that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear,  
and while the wave notes fall on my ear,*

*ev'rything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere.  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my mouth, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!*

**Offertory** - *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* (Hymn #142) - Don Hustad  
(Please fill out the attendance sheet found in the pew.)

**Doxology\*\***

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People/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.**

**Communion** (Hymnal p. 13)

**SENDING FORTH**

*The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith*

**Closing Hymn 593\*\*** - *Here I Am Lord*

**Benediction and Choral Response** - (Hymn 668)

**Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee.**

**Postlude** - *March on "Lancashire"* - Don Hustad



**The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given**

in loving memory of Donald Bowles by Joan, Mark, Nancy, Isabelle, Emma, and Sarah;  
in celebration of Lee & Judy Miller's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary (June 6<sup>th</sup>).

**Service Music** - Summer Choir

**Music:** One License A-731491

**NEXT STEPS**

**Mentorship**

Isaiah's calling was impossible to ignore and powerful

vs. 3 – Samuel's calling from God is gentle and could be missed

vs. 8 – mentors can help us understand and follows God's direction

**Hine-ni – “Here Am I”**

*hineni* – the response given in Hebrew by a servant when called

when we need direction, God speaks to us in the ways we can hear

**Questions for Reflection:** When God called someone in the Bible, they often replied with “*Hineni*,” which means “Here am I.” It was the way servants responded to their masters, and children to their parents. It conveyed availability and willingness for what the person who was calling needed. When you take your time for devotions and prayer this week, begin with *Hineni* and presenting yourself to God for whatever God wills. Journal about how this affects your prayer and devotional time.

**Question for Discussion:** Who are the mentors in your life that, like Eli did, have helped guide you? How did their shared wisdom make a difference for you?

**Memory Verse:** 1 Samuel 3:10b – “And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’”

**Readings for this Week:** Jeremiah 1:4-19, 1 Samuel 8:4-12, Mark 1:9-14

## CHURCH NOTES

**VBS Teacher Training:** A mandatory make up session for those who couldn't make it on the 29<sup>th</sup> will be held next Sunday, June 2, at 10:30 a.m..

**Giving Board:** Please check out the Giving Board in the Breezeway where we have placed cards requesting the donation of certain items for our programs. All items should be returned no later than June 7.

**Chess Camp:** Chess Camp is for children going into grades K and up. It will take place 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. the week of June 24 – 28. Beginners through advanced chess players are all welcome for a cost of \$25. This will include lunch each day. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center, in the church office and on our website.

**Annual Golf Outing:** It is time for the 18th Annual Bud Mills Memorial Golf Outing to benefit the Epworth tour of 2025. The outing is at Brookledge on June 22 at 1:30. You may play in the event for \$90. We are seeking hole and cart sponsors as well at the \$150 and \$25 levels.

**First Friday Picnic:** Join us on Friday, June 7, at Waterworks for a picnic and time for fellowship with our church family! We will start gathering at 5 p.m. and eat around 6. Please bring a dish to share. Meat, paper products, and water will be provided.

**Paper Bins:** The paper bins located in our parking lot will be removed in the next few weeks. The company has made the decision to reduce the number of bins that they have. Thank you for your past contributions!

**Good Neighbors:** We've received a current "wish list" from Good Neighbors which includes: dish soap, deodorant, laundry soap, shampoo, canned meats, canned fruit, salad dressing, decaf coffee, and ramen noodles. If you are able to supply any of these, please bring them to the bins located by the church library.

**Retirement:** Kathy Kuzas will be retiring from First Church after over 35 years of service. Please join us in congratulating her and wishing her all the best for the future. We will host a farewell gathering in her honor on Sunday, June 30, after the worship service. During the month of June, we will have a card shower for Kathy. Please place any cards or notes in the basket on the Welcome Center.

**Church Picnic:** Join us on Friday, June 7, at Waterworks for a picnic and time for fellowship with our church family! We will start gathering at 5 p.m. and eat around 6. Please bring a dish to share. Meat, paper products, and water will be provided. Mark your calendars for 2 other picnics: August 18 and September 22.

**Money Counters:** Every Monday morning a group of dedicated First church members meet to count the offering from the previous Sunday. They begin at 8:30 a.m. and usually done by 9:30. If you are interested in helping them, please call Dale Gilbert at 330-945-4858.

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**Family Promise:** For the next several months, we are collecting laundry detergent PODs and bottles of all purpose spray cleaner for the families living in Glendora House. If you are able to help us with this, please put your donation in the Family Promise bin by the library.

**Are You Handy?** Do you enjoy doing outside chores? We are looking for volunteers to help out with trimming bushes, weeding and anything else that's needed on the grounds (with the exception of mowing & weed-whacking.) We also could use people who could occasionally help with small odd jobs in the building. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Bob Boltz at [rboltz@kent.edu](mailto:rboltz@kent.edu). Young folks are also encouraged to help!

**Mark Your Calendar** for the upcoming Church Fest on Sunday, July 7, at 10 a.m. The churches of Church Square will gather together at the amphitheater on Front Street for a time of worship and fellowship. More information to come.

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - PRAYER BULLETIN

## June 2, 2024

### MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Scott Adie	Becky Petty
Bob Ahonen	Kathi Sawyer
Debbie Amundsen	Bonnie Shultz
Mary Ellen Atwood	Karen & Michael Taucher
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Ken Tunstall
Mary Griest	Sandy Wardell
Jim Henes	Rose Ann Youngkin

### DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

Cheryl Shaw on the death of her daughter, Christina Shaw, on 5/23

### FRIENDS OF FIRST CHURCH FROM WHOM PRAYER IS REQUESTED:

Colton Reed	Family of Barb and Jim Campbell
Carl Hamilton	Father of Brent Meyers
Tate Newland	Friend of First Church
Larry Anderson	Friend of Lynda Schmidt
Jerrie McClain	Friend of Sue Gohr
Victoria Lauranti	Niece of Sue Gohr
Judy Fisher	Friend of Shirley Asher
Dan Roese	Friend of Carol Lewis
Dr. Pamala Hammonds	Niece of Tom Hammonds
Emma Peck	Granddaughter of Dave & Mae Peck
Jeanne Kindry	Friend of Millie Keyser & Dale Gilbert
Judy Fisher	Friend of Shirley Asher
Pam Cole, Lanna Martoranna & Wes Sandmann	Friends of Donna Curfman
Ally Gohr	Granddaughter of Sue Gohr
Ben McCue	Son of Steve & Michelle McCue
Sharon Haverlock	Niece of LeAnn Lloyd
Louise Heydorn	Friend of Janet & Fred Dodson
Stan Remy	Brother of LeAnn Lloyd
Tom Miller	Friend of Wade & Kim Kerr
Paul Raines and family	Brother of Bess Raines
Tony Donatelli	Cousin of Rose Gregory
Mike Thompson	Brother-in-law of Janet Thompson
Pam Brodie	Sister-in-law of Carol Lewis
Julia Finnegan	Daughter-in-law of Jean Finnegan
Ruby Wepler, Phylis Clapper & Fred Johnson	Friends of Fred & Janet Dodson
Noah Boettner	Grandson of Carl and Pat Koltas
Debbie Baker	Wife of Rev. David Baker

### REMEMBER OUR MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN THE MILITARY:

Nicholas & Sakura Drake, Jason Dardas, Zachary Griffiths, Patrick Butler, Isaiah Nelson, Geoffrey Stimler, Kaz Lewis, Garrett J. Boyd, Amanda Green, Colton Jesson, Hunter Tausch, Steven Shafer, James Rainey