

## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

June 23, 2024

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### GATHERING

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

**Prelude** - *Be Thou My Vision* - arr. Hopson

#### **Call to Worship**

But God, who is rich in mercy

**out of the great love with which he loved us,**

made us alive together with Christ

**by grace we have been saved**

**Opening Hymn 365\*\*** - *Grace Greater than Our Sin*

*Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,*

*Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!*

*Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured—*

*There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.*

*Refrain:*

*Grace, grace, God's grace,*

*Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;*

*Grace, grace, God's grace,*

*Grace that is greater than all our sin!*

*Sin and despair, like the sea-waves cold,*

*Threaten the soul with infinite loss;*

*Grace that is greater— yes, grace untold—*

*Points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross. [Refrain]*

*Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,*

*Freely bestowed on all who believe!*

*All who are longing to see His face,*

*Will you this moment His grace receive? [Refrain]*

#### **Invocation**

**Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### PROCLAMATION

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

**Scripture Reading** - Ephesians 2:4-10

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

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

***Anthem - Look at the World*** - John Rutter

***Scripture Reading*** - 1 Samuel 17:32-40

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***Sermon - Let No One's Heart Fail***

Pastor Jon Priebe

**RESPONSE**

*The people of God respond to the Word*

***Hymn of Response 2025 (FWS)\*\* - As the Deer*** - Nystrom

***Offertory - Simple Gifts*** - arr. Held

(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.**

**SENDING FORTH**

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

***Closing Hymn 428\*\* - For the Healing of the Nations***

***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 -Praise!*** - Gilbert Martin



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

in loving memory of Ken Kuzas by Kathy Kuzas;

in honor of Leta Huntington Gramich's birthday by her parents Bill & April Huntington.

**Thank you** to Cathy Poremba, our guest organist this morning.

**Service Music** - Summer Choir

**Music:** One License A-731491

### **NEXT STEPS**

#### **“I Was Saving That”**

*Ephesians 2:8* – we are saved by grace, but why?

*vs. 10 – poiema* – we are God’s handiwork, made with purpose

#### **“Sweet Spot”**

*1 Samuel 17:37* – David operated from his unique sweet spot

Finding our sweet spot is key to finding joy in God’s plans for us

Questions for Reflection: Paul’s description of salvation in Ephesians 2 reveals the critical order of our faith. We are saved by God’s grace, through faith which is a gift from God. From this grace flows the good works that we do, according to God’s plans for us and as a response to God’s mercy toward us. What good works do you do that flow from God’s mercy toward you?

Question for Discussion: When have you experienced great joy in serving God? What made those experiences unique?

Memory Verse: “*He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.*” – **Ephesians 2:10 – The Message**

Readings for this Week: Mark 6:30-46, Psalm 37:3-7

## **CHURCH NOTES**

**Ice Cream Sundaes:** Join us after worship TODAY for ice cream and a chance to speak to folks on the various committees of First Church. Have you ever wondered how you can serve on one of those committees? Or even what the committees do? Here is your chance to have all your questions answered and enjoy a sweet treat as well.

**Chess Camp:** Chess Camp will take place every morning this week from 9-noon. We have 28 children enrolled, some with experience and others who are coming to learn.

**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.

**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.

**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 at the amphitheater on Front Street for a time of worship and fellowship. More information to come.

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - PRAYER BULLETIN

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### MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Scott Adie  
Bob Ahonen  
Debbie Amundsen  
Mary Ellen Atwood  
Dorothy Bates  
Mark & Cindy Blaser  
Mary Griest  
Jim Henes

Dwight Konic  
Becky Petty  
Kathi Sawyer  
Bonnie Shultz  
Karen & Michael Taucher  
Ken Tunstall  
Rose Ann Youngkin