

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

June 30, 2024

GATHERING

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

Prelude - Jubilation - Jason Payne

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

*Opening Hymn 89** - Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Invocation

Our heavenly Father, we your humble children invoke your blessing on us.

We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life. Unto you be all honor and all glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading - Exodus 6:2-8

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

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem

Sermon - We are God's People

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The people of God respond to the Word

*Hymn of Response 140** - Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Offertory - How Deep the Father's Love for Us - arr. Lloyd Larson
(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 128** - He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

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 -Tocatta Festiva - Franklin Ritter



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

in honor of Kathy Kuzas with best wishes for her retirement by Kim Kerr and

in honor of Kathy with gratitude for her many years of service by Val Riedthaler.

Service Music - Tim Zuschin and Phil Lantry

Music: One License A-731491

NEXT STEPS

Forgotten By God

vs. 5 – God’s people felt _____ from God in Egypt
Americans face an unprecedented epidemic of _____

God Made a People

vs. 7 – God is _____ and ***we*** are _____

Christians are the “_____” religion

Questions for Reflection: How do you recognize loneliness in yourself or others? How do you prefer to make new connections with others?

Question for Discussion: How could you create a space for others to connect with you and with one another?

Memory Verse: “*I will take you as my people, and I will be your God...*” – **Exodus 2:7a**

Readings for this Week: Romans 12:9-21, Mark 6:1-13

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. 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
June 30, 2024



MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Scott Adie	Kristopher Lewis
Bob Ahonen	Becky Petty
Debbie Amundsen	Sandy Robinson
Mary Ellen Atwood	Kathi Sawyer
Dorothy Bates	Bonnie Shultz
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Karen & Michael Taucher
Mary Griest	Ken Tunstall
Jim Henes	Rose Ann Youngkin
Dwight Konic	