

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

in memory of our children Keith Alan, Robert Mark, and Terilyn,
and our brothers Morgan and Bob, by Mary Ellen and Glenn Atwood.

Service Music—Summer Choir

Anthem Lyrics—*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.

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Sunday Worship Service and Live-streaming at 9:30 am.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

August 25, 2024

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude —*All Things Bright and Beautiful*—Robert Vandall

Call to Worship

Place your trust in the Lord.

Cast away those things which detract from your faith in God.

God will provide for all your needs.

The love of Jesus Christ and his witness strengthens and sustains us. AMEN!

Opening Hymn 92** —*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Invocation

In the beauty of this place, we have come to pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope. We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God. Lord, be with us this day. Calm and soothe our souls. Cause us to rejoice that you have provided a special place where we may gather to talk of your presence and love; to sing your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve you. **AMEN.**

PROCLAMATION

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

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem —*Simple Praise*—Craig Courtney

Scripture Reading —Exodus 1:15-21

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

Sermon — “*Puah and Shiphrah*”

Pastor Howard Pippin

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 526** —*What a Friend We Have In Jesus*

Offertory—*Brother James' Air (Psalm 23)* – Dale Wood

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.

Prayer 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 other and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn 514** —*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

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 —*Plein jeu*—Louis Marchand

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 92, For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony,
linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

5. For thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 526 What a Friend We Have In Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn 514, Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
his army shall he lead,
till every foe is vanquished,
and Christ is Lord indeed.
2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict,
in this his glorious day.
Ye that are brave now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.
3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor,
each piece put on with prayer;
where duty calls or danger,
be never wanting there.

4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor's song.
To those who vanquish evil
a crown of life shall be;
they with the King of Glory
shall reign eternally.

BENEDICTION & RESPONSE

Hymn 668, Let Us Now Depart In Thy Peace

1. 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.
Amen.

CHURCH NOTES

Men's Time Out: will meet on Saturday, September 7 from 8:30-9:30 in Asbury Hall. All men are invited to join us for food, discussion, and lots of fellowship!

Rally Sunday is September 8! : Join us! **This will mark our return to regular worship hours at 8:30am and 10:45am with Sunday School in-between.** We'll bless backpacks and present bibles at the 10:45am worship service (if you have a 2nd grade+ student who hasn't received a bible yet please contact Donna Curfman). There will be a celebration potluck at noon. Please bring a dish to share.

Help Needed for Fall: Can you help with infants-age 3? We need volunteers for childcare during the Sunday School hour beginning in September. Contact Donna Curfman for more information! Sue Boltz is looking for a team teacher for the High School/Post class this fall. Contact Sue 330-928-8635 if you can help.

"Daughters In Christ" Tea: Our own Betsy Booth will share the story, *Who Sang the First Song?* at the "Daughters In Christ" Tea, **Saturday, September 14, from 2-4pm, here at First UMC.** We will share in fellowship, activities for ages 4 and up, tea and goodies. Feel free to invite others. Wear tea party attire if you wish! A love offering will be taken to cover expenses, but you need to register by filling out the online form or contacting Valerie Riedthaler 330-620-9132 or Sue Boltz 330-928-8635. **The deadline to register is August 31.**



Epworth Youth: for youth in grades 7-12, will meet Sunday, September 8 @4:00pm. Parents will receive a packet at drop off that will be due the next week. A parent meeting will be scheduled for a later date.

R.O.C.K. Begins September 11! (ages pre-school-6th grade)

Bells rehearsal will start at 4:30 p.m.

Bethlehem and Wesley Choir rehearsals will start at 5:00 p.m.

ROCK activities will run from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

(Note: Children will be served a small snack, but there will be no dinner served.)

Activities will include a Bible Story and activities, Crafts, Missions, Knitting, Science and more, TBA. These will vary each week. The complete schedule and special events will be available at the *Parent Meeting* on the first night – September 11 @6:00 p.m.

Church Square Picnic: On Sunday, Sept. 15, please join our friends on the Church Square for a picnic at noon in our adjoining lawns behind the churches! Food arrangements of behalf of UMC have already been made; just bring yourself, your family and friends. Donations will be accepted for Christmas décor for the Church Square.

HELP Fund & First Church Feeds: With food prices on the rise we have seen an increase in requests for food cards and groceries. If you're able to help with monetary donations, please mark your check or envelope so it goes to the correct account. Thank you for your consideration.

Cruise In Fundraiser for Church Square: Join our friends from the Church Square in a weekly BBQ fundraiser at the Cruise In! The funds will be used for Christmas decorations for the Church Square. The First Christian Church has had this fundraiser for years, and has graciously extended this opportunity to the Church Square. We are looking for volunteers for two shifts 2:30-4:30, 4:30-8:00pm. Please contact Donna Stockman at 330 836 8500 with questions. Use the QR code to sign up.



Save Your Acme Receipts: for the 2025 Henderson Settlement Workcamp Crew. Any intact receipt with *Community Cashback* printed at the bottom dated from August 1, 2025-February 15, 2025 is valid.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Scott Adie

Bob Ahonen

Joanne Ames

Debbie Amundsen

Mary Ellen Atwood

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Mark & Cindy Blaser

Jim Evans

Mary Griest

Jim Henes

Dwight Konic

Kristopher Lewis

Delphia Lowe

Lee Minier

Becky Petty

Cathy Poremba

Sandi Robinson

Kathi Sawyer

Karen Taucher

Kelly Toppin

Ken Tunstall

Rose Ann Youngkin

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

Family of member, Diane Syfer on her death on 8/17

Dudley (Lori) Turner on the death of his mother, member Donna Turner on 8/15

Lee & Mason Bibler on death of their grandmother, member Shirley Asher on 8/14