

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

in memory of Ruth Dick by Lori Reinker and family, and in honor of David and Terry Bickel in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary.

Anthem Lyrics—*Beloved*—Mark Miller

You are my beloved, you are my child and I will be with you always, yes I will. When you see the lightning flashes and you hear the thunder roll, just remember my promise, peace be still. God go with me, God stay by me, give me comfort through the night, till the dawn of morning light. When you sense the storm is passing, and you pause look to the sky, through the rain you'll see the rainbow. God go with me, God stay by me, give me comfort through the night, through I the dawn of morning light. You are my beloved, you are my child, and I will be with you always, yes I will. Yes, I AM.

Offertory Lyrics—*My Eternal King*—Jane Marshall

My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby, nor yet because who love thee not must die eternally. Thou O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace; Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well? Not for hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell; Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord! E'en so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing; Solely because thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

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Sunday Worship Service and Live-streaming at 10:45 am.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:45 am

September 15, 2024

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude—*Be Still My Soul (Finlandia)*—Diane Bish

Introit—*Hear the Glad Sound*—Stan Pethel

Call to Worship

The heavens are telling the glory of God

The skies proclaim the handiwork of the Lord.

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it.

Who is this King of Glory?

Opening Hymn 152** —*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

Invocation

With all our heart, we take refuge in God most high, who created all things, the merciful Father, Source of all goodness. With all our heart, we take refuge in Christ, the Redeemer from sin, who restores our true nature, the perfect and mysterious Word. With all our heart, we take refuge in the One who embraces the universe, who at all times and in all places responds to our needs, the pure and tranquil Holy Spirit. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading—Psalm 56

Gloria Patri—*Glory Be to the Father* (Hymnal p. 70)

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem—*Beloved*—Mark Miller

Epworth Choir

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 43:1-7

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

Sermon—“*Thrive: Finding Peace in a High-Anxiety World*”

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 534** —*Be Still My Soul*

Offertory—*My Eternal King*—Jane Marshall

Chancel Choir

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 others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn 580** —*Lead On, O King Eternal*

Benediction—*Into the Coming Days*—Ruth Elaine Schram

Postlude —*Trumpet Tune* —David German

**Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 152, I Sing the Almighty Power of God

1. I sing the almighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord,
who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky.
3. There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 534, Be Still My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn 580, Lead On, O King Eternal

1. Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
thy grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

2. Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.

3. Lead on, O King eternal,
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might.

CHURCH NOTES

Join us for a picnic after the 10:45am service TODAY outside in the Church Square. Just bring yourselves! Donations will be accepted for the Church Square Christmas Décor project.

Fall Women's Bible Study: This is your final chance to register for the Fall Women's Bible Study, "All Things New," by Kelly Minter. The study will begin October 1-2, and will run on Tuesday evenings @7pm OR Wednesday mornings @10am. Please call the church office by Sept. 16, at 330-923-5241, or email Kathy Kuzas at kuzmom@att.net and specify which session you'd like to sign up for. The cost of the book is \$20.

October FCN: The deadline for the October issue of *First Church News* is Thursday, September 19. Please send your articles/requests to Sarah Neri, sarahnerifallsumc@gmail.com. Thank you!

You're Invited: Jerry and Daisy Killian invite you to join them as they renew their wedding vows on October 5, 2024 at 3PM at FUMC, with a reception in Wesley Hall after the ceremony. If you plan to attend, please RSVP via the QR code by Sept. 27.



Save the Date: Mark your calendars for Dean Wagner's Organ Recital on Saturday, October 19th @7:00pm, here at First Church.

M&M Youth Fundraiser: It's time for the annual youth fundraiser which helps defer the cost of outreach programs and regular events throughout the year. To participate: 1. take a tube of M&M's, 2. enjoy the contents!, 3. place your donation to the youth program in the tube, 4. label with your name 5. return it to the church by October 8.

Did you know?: When you put your *loose change* in the offering plate you are supporting *Open M* food ministry, *Soup's On* lunches, and *Family Promise* housing.

Boo!

Why do we entertain and _____ ourselves with _____? fear can become _____, leading to worry and _____

What, Me Worry?

Isaiah 43:2-I will be with you... the rivers shall not _____ you worry is a _____ that we must _____ our worry in God's _____

Questions for Reflection:

What fears have faced in life? Death, poverty, pain, loneliness, insignificance?

Does having faced these fears before help you face them the next time around?

How does this help you make sense of God's instruction that we should not be afraid?

Question for Discussion: Ask everyone to share one or two things that they worry about. While each person shares, the others should try to just listen, not to try to take the worries away. Have someone read Philippians 4:4-7 aloud as you consider these worries.

Memory Verse: Isaiah 41:10 - So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Readings for this Week: 1 Samuel 17:31-40, 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy & Scott Adie	Delores Marefka
Bob Ahonen	Lee Minier
Joanne Ames	Becky Petty
Debbie Amundsen	Sandi Robinson
Mary Ellen Atwood	Kathi Sawyer
Dorothy Bates	Karen Taucher
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Kelly Toppin
Sally Brown	Rose Ann Youngkin
Jim Evans	
Mary Griest	
Jim Henes	
Jeff Iula	
Dwight Konic	
Kristopher Lewis	

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

The family of member, Ken Tunstall, who passed away on Sept. 10