

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

in loving memory of Matthew Kerr by Kim Kerr and Janet Dodson.

Anthem Lyrics—*Like As a Father*—Raymond Haan

Like as a father pities all his children, so the Lord pities all those who fear him. (Psalm 103:13)

Offertory Lyrics—*Hungerin' in My Soul*—Ppper Choplin

O Lord, there's a hungerin' in my soul. Fill it up, Lord, and make me whole. As the deer pants for water, so my soul pants for You. Sometimes I'm feelin' so cast down I don't know what to do. In the day, let me feel Your love, Lord. In the night, let me hear Your song. i will put my hope and faith in You to praise You my whole life long. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my foes. When You pour Your blessings all over me, my cup will overflow. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all my days. Then i will dwell in the house of the Lord and forever sing God's praise.

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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:45 am

September 29, 2024

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude—Partita on St. Anne (Hymn 117)—Paul Manz

Introit—Christ We Do All Adore Thee—Theodore Dubois

Call to Worship

Welcome in the name of the Lord.

Thank you. We are glad to be here.

Open your hearts today to hear God's word for you.

We open our spirits to receive God's healing love.

Remember that God has called you to service.

Lord, help us to be ready to serve you in all that we do. AMEN.

*Opening Hymn 117** —O God, Our Help In Ages Past*

Invocation

Lord of joy and mercy, be with us this day as we seek your voice and your guidance. Remove the obstacles that block our commitment and help us to truly be your disciples; for we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading—Psalm 124

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

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem—Like As A Father—Raymond Haan

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading—Exodus 18:13-27

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

Sermon—“Thrive: A Life That Thrives, Serves Others”

Pastor Howard Pippin

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

*Hymn of Response 581** —Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

Discipleship Moment

Offertory—Hungerin' In My Soul —Pepper Choplin

Epworth 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 430** —O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Benediction—Sevenfold Amen—K. Lee Scott

Postlude —Fantasia in G Major —J.S. Bach

**Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 117, O God Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.
2. Under the shadow of thy throne,
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages, in thy sight,
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night,
before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

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 581, Lord Whose Love In Humble Service

Lord whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need
Who upon the cross forsaken
offered mercy's perfect deed
We your servants bring the worship
Not of voice alone but heart
Consecrating to Your purpose
Ev'ry gift that You impart

Still Your children wander homeless
Still the hungry cry for bread
Still the captives long for freedom
Still in grief we mourn our dead
As O Lord in deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole

As we worship grant us vision
Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quicken sight
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear
Stirring us to tireless striving
Your abundant life to share

Called by worship to your service
forth in your dear name we go
to the child the youth the aged
love in living deeds to show
hope and health good will and comfort
counsel aid and peace we give
that you servants Lord in freedom
may your mercy know and live

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn 430, O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1. O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong;
4. In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

CHURCH NOTES

M&M Youth Fundraiser: It's time for the annual Epworth 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.**

Phone Visitation Ministry: We are looking for folks to help make phone calls to help check in on our members who are unable to come to church services on a regular basis. We're not asking for in person visitations (unless you want to), just a quick, regularly scheduled chat to help those members continue to feel connected to this congregation. If you're interested in helping with this ministry please contact Pastor Howard Pippin. fallsfirstpippin@gmail.com or 330-923-5241 x217

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! : Please join Pastor Jon and Pastor Pippin in the Narthex on October 13 anytime between 9:30-10:30am, or after the 10:45am service for donuts, and to thank them for all they do for FUMC. We are looking forward to seeing you then!

Men's Time Out: will be Saturday, October 5 from 8:30-9:30am in Asbury Hall. All men are invited to join us for food, fellowship and discussion.

Charge Conference 2024: Please mark your calendars. This year's Charge Conference is scheduled for November 10 @noon in Wesley hall. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Wesley Group Outing: For kids 4th-6th grade. Join us for our October outing to Kingsway Pumpkin Farm on October 13 from noon-5:00pm. Bring a sack lunch and spending money (if you wish). Questions? RSVP to Katie Priebe 330-819-1165.

Pizza with the Pastors: Are you new to First UMC or know someone who is? The pastors would love to share a slice with you/them! It's a great way to meet the clergy and other new people. Our next gathering is Sunday, October 20 after the 10:45am worship service.

UWIF Book Sale: Donations will be accepted beginning Monday, October 21-Thursday 24. The sale will be Fri/Sat. October 25 & 26 from 9-3pm in Wesley Hall.

All Hallows Eve: Our annual children's All Hallows Eve Celebration will be Sunday, October 27, 5:30-7:30pm. All children through 6th grade are invited. To prepare for this event we are collecting individually-wrapped candy or small toys (please, no candies containing nuts). You may drop off your donations at the office or Welcome Center by October 20.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy & Scott Adie

Bob Ahonen

Joanne Ames

Debbie Amundsen

Mary Ellen Atwood

Dorothy Bates

Mark & Cindy Blaser

Sally Brown

Jim Evans

Mary Griest

Jim Henes

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