

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

in memory of Paul B. Margolf by Sue & Gary Poling

in memory of Evangeline Lee and in celebration of Jeremy Huntington's birthday  
by Bill and April Huntington.

**Anthem Lyrics**—*Be Thou My Vision (Hymn #451)*—Dan Forrest

This anthem is given in memory of Shirley O'Hara by Tom and Sandy Wardell.

**Offertory Lyrics**—Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah!

Praise His Holy name! Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;

I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise his Holy name!

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?

No, there's a cross for ev'ryone and there's a cross for me.

Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah!

Praise His Holy Name! Hallelujah! Praise His Name! Let us Praise His Name, Hallelujah, Lord!

Praise His Holy Name! Hallelujah Oh, oh-Praise High Holy Name! Praise Him!

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**Clergy & Staff**

Jon Priebe, Lead Minister

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

## Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

10:45 am

October 13, 2024

### GATHERING

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

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**—*Ah, Holy Jesus (Hymn #289)*—H. Dean Wagner Epworth Ringers/Greg Fiocca, cello

**Introit**—*Psalm 96*—Rodger Mc Murrin

#### **Call to Worship**

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord

**For the Lord is the great God!**

Let us bow down and kneel before the Lord in worship

**We will hear the voice of the Lord!**

**Opening Hymn 89\*\*** —*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

#### **Invocation**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### PROCLAMATION

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

**Scripture Reading**—*Psalm 95*

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

**Anthem**—*Praise the Lord*—Natalie Sleeth

Children's Choir

**God's Word for Young Disciples**

**Anthem**—*Be Thou My Vision*—Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir/Greg Fiocca, cello

**Scripture Reading**—Matthew 18:15-22

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

**Sermon**—“*Thrive: Binding and Loosing on Heaven and on Earth*”

Pastor Jon Priebe

### RESPONSE

*The People of God respond to the Word.*

**Hymn of Response 405\*\*** —*Seek Ye First*

#### **Discipleship Moment**

**Offertory**—*Praise his Holy Name*—Keith Hampton

Epworth Choir/Phil Lantry, piano

#### **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 664\*\***—*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

**Benediction**—*Sevenfold Amen*—K. Lee Scott

**Postlude** —*Tocatta*—Gordon Young

\*\*Please stand as you are able.

## **OPENING HYMN**

*Hymn #89, Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding all within its span.

## **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 #405, Seek Ye First*

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

## CLOSING HYMN

*Hymn #664, Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving to you ever living, The tasks of our every day life we will face, Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, Embracing your children of each tribe and race. With your feast you feed us; with your light now lead us. Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

## CHURCH NOTES 10-13-24

**Today we thank our Pastors!** Please join Pastor Jon and Pastor Pippin in the Parlor TODAY anytime between 9:30-10:30am, or after the 10:45am service for donuts, AND to thank them for all they do for FUMC.

**Church Square Information Session:** Join us to learn about what's happening with the Church Square project on Thursday, October 17 @6:00pm, here in the Sanctuary.

**Organ Recital:** Come hear our own Dean Wagner in concert, Saturday, October 19@7:00pm here at First Church.

**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. Please RSVP via the QR code or the forms located on the Welcome Center.



**Epworth Youth:** will have their fall outing to Ramseyer Farms on Sunday, October 20 from 12:30-5:30pm. The cost is \$15/per person. Invite a friend, and don't forget to RSVP to Pastor Pippin. Mark your calendars for the Halloween overnighter on Saturday, October 26.

**UWIF Book Sale for Missions:** Book Sale donations will be accepted beginning October 21-24. The sale will run Friday and Saturday, October 25, 26, from 9am-3pm in Wesley Hall.

**All Hallows Eve:** Our annual children's All Hallows Eve Celebration will be Sunday, October 27, 5:30-7:00pm (through grade 6). RSVP via the sign-ups in the Welcome Center or office. We are collecting individually-wrapped candy/small toys (no nuts). Donations are due by October 20. Thank you!

**Epworth Choir:** will soon be taking orders for their annual "holiday greens" sale to support their 2025 tour. See an Epworth Choir member to order. Delivery will be between December 2-3.

## **The Rule of Christ in Matthew 18**

(Rev. Terry Gladstone)

- vss. 8-9 – \_\_\_\_\_ and look at \_\_\_\_\_
- vs. 15 - \_\_\_\_\_-dealing to \_\_\_\_\_ the conflict
- vs. 16 - Get some \_\_\_\_\_ help
- vs. 17a - Take it to the \_\_\_\_\_
- vs. 17b – Shake the \_\_\_\_\_ off your \_\_\_\_\_
- vs. 20 – Don’t forget \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_!

### **Binding and Loosing**

vs. 18 – binding and loosing is more than \_\_\_\_\_ sin or resisting the devil

a rabbi’s \_\_\_\_\_ was the way he had \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Torah

Matthew 22:37-40 – God is not waiting to \_\_\_\_\_ you making a \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions for Reflection:** How am I at direct-dealing when I find myself wronged or hurt? Do I tend to talk to others before the person who wronged me? Where might I need to practice direct-dealing in my life today? Have I first prayed and examined myself for how I might have contributed to the conflict or disagreement?

**Question for Discussion:** When Jesus said, “my yoke is easy and my burden is light,” he was referring to the simple way he interpreted God’s law: the greatest commandments to 1. Love God and 2. Love your neighbor as yourself. How does this compare to your understanding of God’s grace and expectations for you?

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 11:28-30 - “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**Readings for this Week:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-21, Ephesians 4:25-5:2, Genesis 37

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Kathy & Scott Adie	Bonnie Michaud
Bob Ahonen	Delores Marefka
Debbie Amundsen	Lee Minier
Mary Ellen Atwood	Becky & Jerry Pecko
Dorothy Bates	Becky Petty
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Sandi Robinson
Suzanne Callahan	Kathi Sawyer
Jim Evans	Karen Taucher
Mary Griest	Kelly Toppin
Jim Henes	Rose Ann Youngkin
Dwight Konic	
Kristopher Lewis	

**In our greater world:** We lift up all victims of hurricane Helene and Milton. We pray for the families of those who lost their lives, pray for those who lost their homes and businesses, and the first responders who are working diligently to save lives.