

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

in honor of Pastor Jon Priebe and Pastor Howard Pippin and

in honor of Jerry and Daisy Killian on their wedding anniversary by Val Reidthaler

Anthem Lyrics—*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*—David Stanley York

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.

O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide; O tread the city's streets again.

Till all the world shall learn your love and follow where your feet have trod,
till, glorious from your heaven above, shall come the city of our God!

Offertory Lyrics—*Who is the One?*—Craig Courtney

Who is the One who bids us come together? Who is the One whose presence fills this place? Who is the One who spreads a feast before us, His own beloved to partake? Who is the One, who acting in humility, emptied himself, took on the form of man? Who is the One who trod the path of suffering, who took our place that we might live? Who is the One possessing all authority? Who is the One who speaks and stars appear? Who is the One who holds all things together, and is Himself before all things? Who is the One who reigns o'er all victorious? Who is the One who sits upon the the throne? Who is the One who went before us, to come again and take us home? He is the Lord of hosts. He is the great "I AM." He is Almighty God. He is the One among us now.

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

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

10:45 am

October 27, 2024

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude—Fancye—Tim Waugh

Chancel Ringers

Introit—Hear the Glad Sound—Ruth Schram

Call to Worship

Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

From the storms and struggles of life we come.

Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.

Come, open your hearts to the Lord and you will be given blessing.

Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed. AMEN.

Opening Hymn 110** —A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Invocation

Sing into our hearts, Creator God, as you sang your glory into creation. Speak to our minds with wisdom of old. Draw us into your presence, that we may remember who we are and whose we are. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading—Psalm 104:24-35

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

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem—Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life—David Stanley York Chancel Choir
Owen Rinaldo, Chad Wagner, Gabe Coletta—trumpets, Neil Lantry—timpani

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:19-33

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

Sermon—“Thrive: Why Less is Almost Always More”

Pastor Howard Pippin

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 298**—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Discipleship Moment

Offertory—Who is the One?—Craig Courtney

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 79**—Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Benediction—Sevenfold Benediction—K. Lee Scott

Postlude—Suite Gothique: Toccata —Leon Boëllmann

**Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #110, A Mighty Fortress is Our God

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever .

4. That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;

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 #298, When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died;
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown.
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #79, Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

1. Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain;
everlasting is thy reign.

2. Hark the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

3. Lo! the apostolic train
joins thy sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow.
And from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

4. Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name thee,
though in essence only one;
undivided God we claim thee,
and adoring bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

Next Steps

Thrive: Why Less is Almost Always More

Our treasures on Earth are insecure and temporary.

Our treasures in Heaven are eternal.

Greed is blinding.

We cannot serve God and stuff!

Questions for Reflection and or Discussion:

How do you know where your loyalty is?

Where do you spend your money, your time, and your talents?

What are some ways you can invest in the Kingdom?

Our relationship with money and stuff is a spiritual matter.

Memory Verse: Matthew 6::21

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”.

Readings for this week: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11

Annual Turkey Drive

Open M is collecting turkey donations again this year. We have committed to supplying 200 turkeys. Donate a frozen turkey or \$20 toward the purchase of a turkey. Monetary donations need to be made by December 7 (write turkey in the memo line of your check made out to First United Methodist Church. You can also indicate if you're bringing a frozen turkey). Kindly fill out the form below so we know how many to expect. Frozen turkeys can be brought to the church parking lot December 7 from 8-10am.

I will donate:

_____ frozen turkeys

\$_____ to be used to purchase turkeys.

Name:

Open M Turkey Collection

CHURCH NOTES 10-27-24

UWIF Book Sale, Fire Sale: TODAY from 9:30am to 12:30pm in Wesley Hall is the Fire Sale. Stuff a grocery bag for \$5.00! All proceeds go to missions. Cash and check accepted.

Epworth Choir: is taking orders for their annual “holiday greens” sale to support their 2025 tour. See an Epworth Choir member or call the office to order. Delivery will be between December 2-3.

Panda Express Fundraiser: Missions is raising funds for the Henderson Settlement work trip this summer through a dine-to-donate event at Panda Express on Monday, November 4 from 10:00am-9:30pm. You can use code 381221 in the app, or show the flyer located in the Welcome Center and the weekly email. This event is dine-in or carry-out.

Charge Conference: will be Sunday, November 10, after the 10:45 am service in Wesley Hall. We strongly encourage everyone to attend.

Poinsettia Orders: We are continuing to take orders for Poinsettia’s to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. This year the cost is \$10 per plant. Orders are due to the church office by November 11. A list of donors, and those honored or memorialized will be printed the bulletin on Christmas Eve. Please make checks out to First United Methodist Church with poinsettia in the memo.

Poinsettia Order Form 2024

Orders are due by November 11, the cost is \$10 per plant

Name: _____

Phone: (___) _____ - _____

Please circle one: In memory In honor

PRAYER REQUESTS

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| Kathy & Scott Adie | Bonnie Michaud |
| Bob Ahonen | Delores Marefka |
| Joanne Ames | Lee Miller |
| Debbie Amundsen | Becky & Jerry Pecko |
| Mary Ellen Atwood | Becky Petty |
| Dorothy Bates | Sandi Robinson |
| Mark & Cindy Blaser | Terry Schneider |
| Suzanne Callahan | Kathi Sawyer |
| Jim Evans | Karen Taucher |
| Mary Griest | John Toomey |
| Tom Hammonds | Kelly Toppin |
| Jim Henes | |
| Dwight Konic | |
| Kristopher Lewis | |

Deepest Sympathy & Prayers: to Bonnie Nine and family upon the death of her husband, member Jerry Nine on 10/16.

In our greater world: We continue to lift up all victims of the recent hurricanes. We also lift up children’s mental health professionals (who are in short supply and greatly needed).