

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 by your First Church family.

A special welcome to our guests and visiting clergy/worship leaders: Deacon Al Muller (St. John's Episcopal Church), and Rev. Joy Fenton-Jones (First Christian Church).

Anthem Lyrics—*Order My Steps*—Jack Schrader

Order my steps in Your word dear Lord, lead me, guide me every day, send Your anointing, Father I pray; order my steps in Your word. Humbly, I ask Thee to teach me Your will, while You are working, help me be still, Satan is busy God is real; order my steps in Your word. I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill. Please order my steps, Lord, and I'll do Your blessed will. The world is ever changing, but You are still the same; if You order my steps, I'll praise Your name. Order my steps, Order my tongue, guide my feet, wash my heart, Show me how to walk, Show me how to talk, When I need a brand new song to sing, show me how to let Your praises ring, in Your word.

Offertory Lyrics—*Call to Praise*—Raymond Haan

Come, give praise to God, declare his wondrous doings, declare his mighty power. Praise him!

Music: One License A-731491

Clergy & Staff

Jon Priebe, Lead Minister

Howard Pippin, Associate Minister

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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:45 am

October 6, 2024

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude—*Let Us Break Bread Together*—Raymond Haan

Introit—*Let All the World In Every Corner Sing*—Ralph Vaughan Williams

Call to Worship

Deacon Al Muller

From the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table.

We come to feast together.

Have mercy on your church, troubled and divided.

Renew us and make us one.

Opening Hymn 64** —*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

Invocation

Rev. Joy Fenton-Jones

O God, we join our sisters and brothers around the world in remembering Christ's sacrifice with us. For the opportunity to eat and drink together, and for the life we have received, we give you thanks and praise. In the abundance of your many gifts, grant us grace to fill one another's lives with love. Redeem, restore, and remold us until we are made new. Transform our daily bread into the bread of life, and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation. We pray in Jesus's name. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading—*Psalm 133*

Rev. Joy Fenton-Jones

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

God's Word for Young Disciples

Pastor Howard Pippin

Anthem—*Order My Steps*—Jack Schrader

Epworth Choir

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 2:8-22

Pastor Howard Pippin

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

Sermon—*“Thrive: A World Without Us and Them”*

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 548** —*In Christ, There Is No East or West*

Discipleship Moment

Pastor Jon Priebe

Offertory—*Call to Praise* —Raymond Haan

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.

Communion (Hymnal p. 13)

All Clergy

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn 620** —*One Bread, One Body*

Benediction—*Sevenfold Amen*—K. Lee Scott

Postlude —*Sonata 1: Final* —Mendelssohn

**Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #64, Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not
see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and
sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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 #548, In Christ, There Is No East or West

1. In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.
3. In Christ is neither Jew or Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made,
and all are kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #620, One Bread, One Body

Chorus:

One bread, one body
One Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many
Throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord

1. Gentile or Jew
Servant or free
Woman or man, no more
Chorus

2. Many the gifts
Many the works
One in the Lord of all
Chorus

3. Grain for the fields
Scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all
Chorus

CHURCH NOTES 10-6-24

Dam Removal Information Session: Susannah Circle invites you join them for this special presentation. Dr. Megan Shaeffer is the cultural resource coordinator for Summit Metro Parks. She is an archeologist and will speak on the history of the Gorge and the dam removal project. Join us in Wesley Hall on Wednesday, October 9, @10:30am.

Responding to Hurricane Helene: *United Methodist Committee on Relief* (UMCOR) is working with disaster coordinators and Early Response Teams (ERT) in annual conferences to assist local churches impacted by the deadly Hurricane Helene. At this time the best way you can help is to pray AND to support the work of UMCOR by donating to their Disaster Response Fund 1327. You may earmark your donations or visit www.umcor.org to donate online. *Church World Service* has already distributed over 3,286 Emergency Cleanup Buckets and 4,360 Hygiene Kits. We need your support to continue responding. You can help by contributing to the CWS Emergency Response Fund or by supporting CWS Kits/Emergency Cleanup Buckets. You can donate online at cwsglobal.org. Together, we can make a difference for those affected by Hurricane Helene.

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!

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.



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. To prepare for this event we are collecting individually-wrapped candy or small toys (please, no nuts). You may drop off your donations at the office or Welcome Center by October 20.

A World Without Us and Them

Eph 2:14 - Sin creates separation from God and also from one another
vs. 16 - Jesus proclaims a world without "us" and "them"

Consequences of Loving Our Neighbor

vs. 15 - Christ heals our relationships that have been broken through sin
vs. 22 - these mended relationships are a place where God dwells
we can thrive in God's presence through connection with others

Questions for Reflection: In what ways do I intentionally and unintentionally separate myself from other followers of Christ? Do I believe my understandings of Jesus are so "right" that others must be very wrong? Who will be the hardest for me to see in heaven? Consider praying that God would let you see all other people in the ways that God sees them.

Question for Discussion: How would our discussions (especially about things like religion and politics) change if we said "I might be wrong, but..." before every statement of our opinions?

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:27 – Now you are the Body of Christ and individually members of it

Readings for this Week: Acts 11:1-26, Matthew 18,
1 Corinthians 12:1-27

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy & Scott Adie

Bob Ahonen

Joanne Ames

Debbie Amundsen

Mary Ellen Atwood

Dorothy Bates

Mark & Cindy Blaser

Sally Brown

Suzanne Callahan

Jim Evans

Mary Griest

Jim Henes

Dwight Konic

Kristopher Lewis

Bonnie Michaud

Delores Marefka

Lee Minier

Becky & Jerry Pecko

Becky Petty

Sandi Robinson

Kathi Sawyer

Karen Taucher

Kelly Toppin

Rose Ann Youngkin

In our greater world: We lift up all victims of hurricane Helene. 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.