

SENDING FORTH

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

Closing Hymn—*See Insert***—*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Benediction—*Seven Fold Amen*—K. Lee Scott

Postlude—*Finale from Sonata 1*—Felix Mendelssohn

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

In loving memory of their daughter Tara, by her parents, Tom and Kathy Jackson

In honor of our graduating seniors

Music—One License A-731491

A special “thank you” to our musicians this week:

Bohdan Subchack, Kristen van Dyck, Hadar Zaidel and Marian Goss, violins

Lara Dudak and Jamie Thornburg, violas

Greg Fiocca and Hannah Moses, cellos

Chad Wagner, trumpet

**Please stand as you are able.

Clergy & Staff

Jon Priebe, Lead Minister

Howard Pippin, Associate Minister

Marvin Brown, Senior Minister Emeritus

Dean Wagner, Director of Music/Organist

Tim Zuschin, Assistant Chancel Choir Director

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

Senior Sunday

10:45 am

May 18, 2025

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude—Meditation for String Orchestra and Organ—Alec Rowley

Introit—Hear the Glad Sound—Stan Pethel

Call to Worship—

We praise you, Lord! We give thanks to you with our whole heart!

Great are your works, full of honor and majesty and studied by all who delight in them.

The works of your hands are faithful and just.

Your precepts are trustworthy.

Our reverence for you is the beginning of wisdom.

You are to be praised forever.

Opening Hymn—see Insert**—Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Invocation (please be seated)—

All-knowing Creator, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, we praise you for the wisdom, power, and love displayed in the natural universe and in humanity, whom you have placed within it to care for it and nurture it. All glory to you, O God. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading—Psalm 148

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

Anthem—Scenes from Gethsemane—Joseph Martin

Alleluia—Caccini/Wilberg

Epworth Choir

Chancel & Epworth Choirs

Gods Word for Young Disciples

Scripture—Hebrews 13:7-9

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

Sermon—”Embracing the Unknown, Anchored in the Known”

Pastor Howard Pippin

Anthem—Jesus Paid It All—Howard Helvey

Chancel Choir

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Discipleship Moment & Senior Recognition

Ben LaFleur, Morgan Meyers, Chad Wagner

Offertory—Gaudeamus (Rejoice!)—Arnold Sherman

Chancel Ringers

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.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #144, Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

144 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

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Unison

1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man-kind, for - give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser-vice find, in deep-er rev - 'rence praise, in deep-er rev - 'rence praise.

The musical score is written for unison voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support through chords and moving lines.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.

3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
Interpreted by love!
4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!
O still small voice of calm!

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.

CLOSING HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on my breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and drink, and live."
Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In him my star, my sun;

I found in him a rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor) and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F-sharp) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support through chords and moving lines.

CHURCH NOTES 5-18-25

2025 Golf Outing: The 19th Annual “Bud” Mills golf outing benefitting Epworth Choir, will be held at Brookledge on Saturday June 28 at 1:00 pm. We are looking for golfers, sponsors, and donations of gift baskets to raffle. See the forms at the Welcome Center for more information.

Soup’s On...Again: Soup's On will be serving bagged lunches at Good Neighbors in Cuyahoga Falls. We will prepare lunches from 8:30-9:30am here on May 20. We will then take lunches to Good Neighbors to hand out from 10:00-2:00pm. If you are interested in participating, contact Kim Kerr at kkerrfallsumc@gmail.com or x214.

Summer Worship Hours: Summer is quickly approaching! We will begin our summer worship hours on Sunday, May 25. The final week for Sunday School will be May 18. We will continue with one service at 9:30am through August 31.

Flowers for Pentecost: We will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, June 8. Per tradition, we ask each family to bring a single potted red geranium to worship, and place it in the front of the Sanctuary. The plants will then be planted around the church building to beautify our grounds.

Chess Camp: It’s time to start planning for summer! Chess Camp is June 23-27, from 9:00am-noon. Brochures can be found at the Welcome Center or the QR code. Ages K and up. The fee is \$25 and includes snacks each day and a t-shirt. Registration ends June 1.



Register



VBS Registration: Registering now! VBS is July 14-18 from 9:00am-noon for ages 3 (by 9/30) through 6th grade. The cost is \$15. You can add Extreme, our extended day (noon-5pm) program, for an additional fee of \$80 (grades 1st-6th, spaces are limited). You can register for VBS and Extreme online at umccf.mycokesburyvbs.com or via the QR code.

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 other new people as well. Join us after worship on June 8. RSVP via the sign-up or call the office.

Next Steps

Embracing the Unknown, Anchored in the Known

The Unknown is Part of Our Journey

What valleys have you walked through you never expected?

The Known is Greater Than the Unknown

Do you really know God and just know about God?

Faith is for Every Season—Especially This One

Can you say with confidence: I don’t have all the answers, but I have Jesus—and that’s enough?”

Memory verse:

Romans 8:38–39 – *“For I am convinced that neither death nor life... will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Reading for this week:

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR:

In our community.

We lift up custodians, janitors, and cleaners.

In our greater world.

We pray for peace.

from our Congregation:

Scott Adie	Raquel Mehalik
Bob Ahonen	Ann Nieman
Joanne Ames	Jerry Pecko
Debbie Amundsen	Robbie Robinson
Mary Ellen Atwood	Holly Ross
Dorothy Bates	Kathi Sawyer
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Todd Schneider
Suzanne Callahan	Fritz Sterling
Rosalie Goshen	Kathy Walker
Mary Griest	Bette Wenk
Jeff Iula	Jim Yates
Dwight Konic	Mike Yeager
Judy Lewis	Rose Ann Youngkin