

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

In loving memory of her husband Steven Carlson, by Jeanette Carlson

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**Please stand as you are able.

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But our citizenship is in heaven,
and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ.

-Philippians 3:20

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude—Communion—Theodore Dubois

Call to Worship—
Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!
For God has done wondrous things for us.
Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.
Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen. AMEN.

Opening Hymn 539**—O Spirit of the Living God

Invocation (please be seated)—
God of wind and fire, embolden us this day to receive your power. Help us to proclaim the wondrous things that you have done and continue to do in our lives. Give us strength and courage to share the Good News of your love and your presence. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading—Acts 2:1-4, Matthew 5:1-3
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Anthem—Come Down O Love Divine—Ralph Vaughan Williams

Summer Choir

God’s Word for Young Disciples

Sermon—”Beatitudes and the Birthday of the Church”

Pastor Howard Pippin

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 603**—Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire

Discipleship Moment

Offertory—Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire—Alec Wyton

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 347**—Spirit Song

Benediction—Shalom to You (Hymn 666)
Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude—Come Holy Ghost—J.S. Bach

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #539, O Spirit of the Living God

1. O Spirit of the living God,
thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.

2. Blow, wind of God! With wisdom
blow
until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips
with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news,
God's glorious commonweal.

3. Teach us to utter living words
of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand
when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime
shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family
by whom thy will is done.

4. So shall we know the power of Christ
who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness,
which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee,
we reach creation's glorious goal!

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn #603, Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire

1. Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire,
let us thine influence prove;
source of the old prophetic fire,
fountain of life and love.

2. Come, Holy Ghost (for moved by thee
the prophets wrote and spoke),
unlock the truth, thyself the key,
unseal the sacred book.

3. Expand thy wings, celestial Dove,
brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move,
and let there now be light.

4. God, through the Spirit we shall know
if thou within us shine,
and sound, with all thy saints below,
the depths of love divine.

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #347, Spirit Song

1. O let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have those things that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain: Jesus, O Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.

2. O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness;
give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full
mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and
through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be
your shalom.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR:

In our community:

We lift up park rangers and staff.

In our Greater world:

We pray for peace.

Our Deepest Sympathy & Prayers:

To the family of Mark Blaser,
who passed away on May 29.

From our Congregation:

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

CHURCH NOTES 6-8-25

Pizza with the Pastors: Are you new to First UMC or know someone who is? Join the pastors after worship TODAY!

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.

First Church Feeds: We are in need of dish soap and men’s and women’s deodorant for First Church Feeds. Any donations can be brought in to the bin near the Library. Thank you!

Chess Camp: *Last call for Chess Camp! Registration ends this Friday.* Chess Camp is June 23-27, from 9:00am-noon. Brochures can be found at the Welcome Center or via the QR code. Ages K and up. The fee is \$25 and includes snacks each day and a t-shirt.



Church Fest: We hope you’ll join us for *Ecumenical Church Fest* on Sunday, June 29 at the downtown CF Amphitheater. Worship begins at 10am (Pastor Pippin, preaching) and food trucks and activities will be from 11-1pm. *Please note there will NOT be worship in the building that Sunday.*

VBS Registration: VBS is July 14-18 from 9:00am-noon for ages 3 (by 9/30) through 6th grade. The cost is \$15. Registration for Extreme is full. You can still register for regular VBS via the QR code.



VBS Volunteer Training: Mandatory training for all volunteers will be Sunday, July 2 @12:30 or 6:30pm, or Sunday, July 6, directly after worship. Anyone who needs *Safer Sanctuaries* recertification will be notified by Donna Curfman. Those trainings will take place after VBS trainings on both Sundays. Please mark your calendars.

First Church News: The July FCN will have a slightly earlier deadline due to the Juneteenth holiday. Please have any articles turned in to the office by June 18.