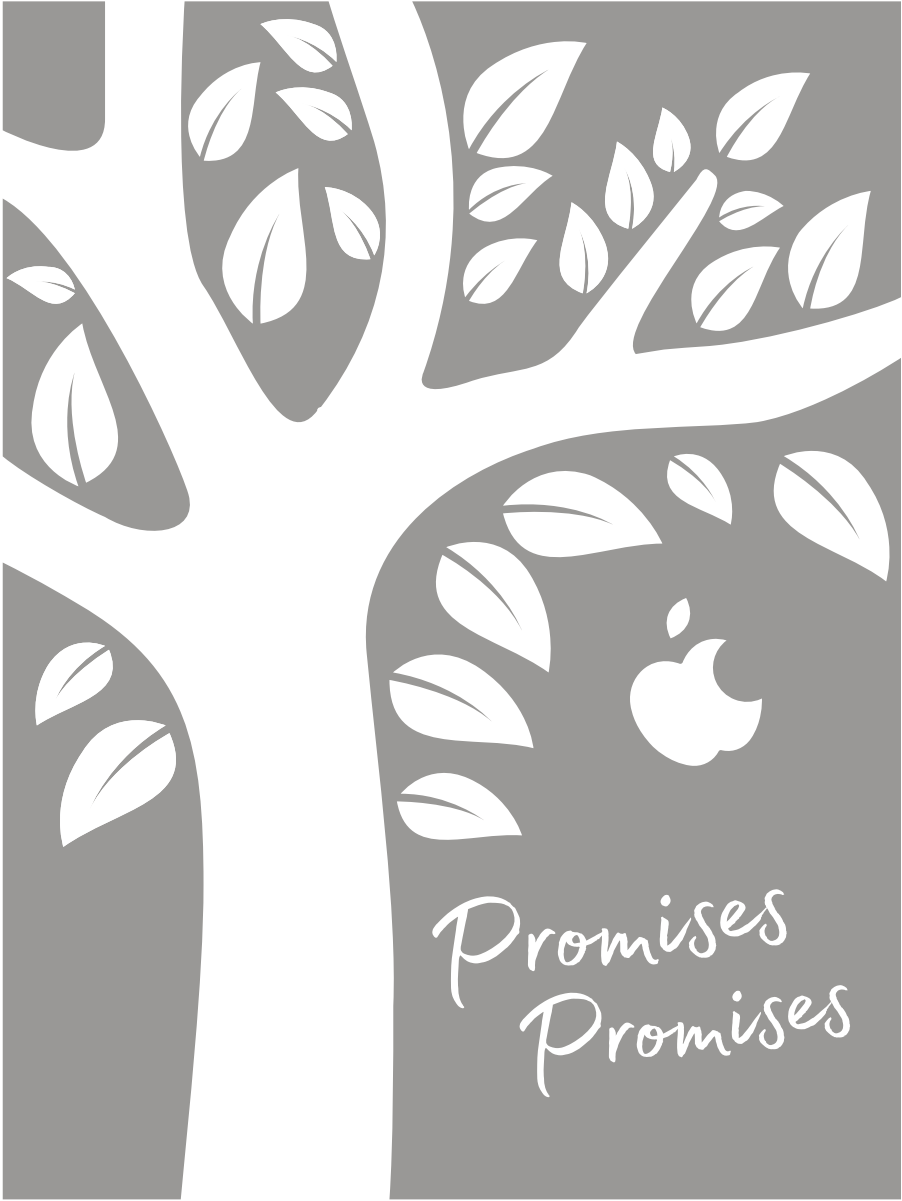


# First United Methodist Church Cuyahoga Falls



Welcome to Worship and Live Streaming @9:30am

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am

July 12, 2026

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## GATHERING

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

### ***Welcome & Announcements***

***Prelude--Prelude--Jules Thèrèse***

### ***Call to Worship--***

The Lord is our refuge and provider.

**When we rely on ourselves, we stumble, but God remains faithful.**

Come worship the One whose grace restores and sustains His people.

**Let us surrender our burdens and place our trust fully in Him.**

***Opening Hymn\*\*662--Stand Up and Bless the Lord***

***Invocation*** (please be seated)--

**Holy God, we confess our tendency to take control instead of trusting You. Help us surrender our plans and rest in Your purposes. Guide our worship today and renew our dependence upon You. Lead us to greater obedience and deeper faith in Your provision. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION

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

***Scripture Reading--***Genesis 16:13-15

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

***Anthem--Wings of Your Love--***Martin

Summer Choir

***God's Word for Young Disciples--***{congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward}

**Sermon**--*"Promises, Promises: Into Our Own Hands"*

Pastor Howard Pippin

## **RESPONSE**

*The People respond to the Word*

**Hymn of Response \*\*129**--*Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

**Discipleship Moment**

**Offertory**--*Verset*--Léon Boëllmann

**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.*

**Prayers 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**

## **SENDING FORTH**

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

**Closing Hymn \*\*147**--*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

**Benediction \*\*666**--*Shalom to You*

*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**--*All Things Bright and Beautiful*--Old English tune, arr. Terri Hutchings

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

**Music**--One License A-731491

*\*\*indicates please stand as you are able*

### **Clergy & Staff**

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### **Prayer Requests/Pastoral Care**

The fastest way to contact us is to call the church office. After hours voicemails come through to the church staff.



## HYMN LYRICS

### OPENING HYMN

#### #662 Stand Up & Bless the Lord

1. Stand up and bless the Lord,  
ye people of his choice;  
stand up and bless the Lord your  
God  
with heart and soul and voice.
2. Though high above all praise,  
above all blessing high,  
who would not fear his holy name,  
and laud and magnify?
3. O for the living flame  
from his own altar brought,  
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,  
and wing to heaven our thought!
4. God is our strength and song,  
and his salvation ours;  
then be his love in Christ proclaimed  
with all our ransomed powers.
5. Stand up and bless the Lord;  
the Lord your God adore;  
stand up and bless his glorious  
name,  
henceforth forevermore.

### HYMN OF RESPONSE

#### #129 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1. Give to the winds thy fears;  
hope and be undismayed.  
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears,  
God shall lift up thy head.
2. Through waves and clouds and storms,  
God gently clears the way;  
wait thou God's time; so shall this night  
soon end in joyous day.
3. Leave to God's sovereign sway  
to choose and to command;  
so shalt thou, wondering, own that way,  
how wise, how strong this hand.
4. Let us in life, in death,  
thy steadfast truth declare,  
and publish with our latest breath  
thy love and guardian care.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

### **#147 All Things Bright & Beautiful**

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful:  
the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
and made their tiny wings. (Refrain)

2. The purple-headed mountains,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky. (Refrain)

3. The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden:  
God made them every one. (Refrain)

4. God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. (Refrain)

## **BENEDICTION**

### **#666 Shalom to You**

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.

## CHURCH NOTES 7-12-26

**Nursery Help Needed:** We are in need of adult help in the nursery on Sunday mornings from now through the end of September. Volunteers are welcome to sign up for any combination of Sundays. We encourage parents who are using the service to help at least one time during this period. Contact Donna Curfman if you would like more information, or would like to help.

**New Members Classes:** We invite everyone interested in learning more about First Church, getting to know our pastors, or joining the church as members, to attend our upcoming sessions. Please sign up for one session with Pastor Pippin and one session with Pastor Jon, held after summer worship in the Parlor. See the *Welcome Center* or call the office to sign up.

Session 1: Spiritual Foundation (July 12, 19, or 26)

Led by Pastor Pippin, covering the "Disciple Like Jesus" book and spiritual gifts.

Session 2: Heritage & History (August 16, 23, or 30)

Led by Pastor Jon, covering Wesley, UMC history, and the story of First Church.

**A Call for Submissions:** First Church is seeking submissions for our first art show "*Healing through the Human Experience*" as part of our Fall Art Series. Please share with your artist friends. The show will run from October-January with events and concerts throughout the exhibition. Contact Marie Willis-Guarneri for more information. Submissions are due by August 23.

**Save the Date:** The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Bud Mills Golf Outing benefitting Epworth Choir will take place on Saturday, September 19 at Fox Den golf course. Information regarding registration and sponsors will be released in the next few weeks.

*See more info about our Arts Series and Cottage Meetings on page 9.*



[Click here to view this week's prayer list.](#)

*Join Us In Prayer*

## FODDER

Promises, Promises: Into Our Own Hands

### **Self vs. Faith (Genesis 16:1-3)**

Self-Reliance Always Competes with Faith

### **See God, I've Got This! (Genesis 16:4-6)**

Whenever we substitute manipulation for obedience, we create problems only God can solve.

### **God's Grace - Even When We Fail (Genesis 16:7-14)**

God see you. That is the heart of God.

**Reflection questions:** What have you been trying to do all on your own? How can you begin to let go and let God?

**Memory verse:** Genesis 16:13 She answered GOD by name, praying to the God who spoke to her, "You're the God who sees me!"

**Next week:** Genesis 18:1-15 - Promises, Promises: The Impossible Promise

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# Good Neighbors

## School Supply Drive July 1-16

TO DONATE



You can drop off items at Good Neighbors on Tuesdays or Thursdays (by July 16), bring to the bins by the Church Library, OR Use the QR code to make a monetary donation.



# CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS



First United Methodist Church is seeking artwork for an exhibition titled: **Healing Through the Human Experience**. Artists are encouraged to submit reflections on healing. This exhibition is open to all in the community. Please submit only human-made artworks (no ai)

Entry deadline: August 23, 2026  
Show: October 2-January 2027.

All ages welcome. Gallery will be open to the public during regular office hours daily. In conjunction with the show, special performances and events will be held throughout the exhibition.

**SCAN QR CODE  
TO ACCESS ARTIST  
SUBMISSION FORM**



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## *Small Group* COTTAGE MEETINGS

*We invite you to view the latest concept illustrations for the Church Square redevelopment project. You'll also have a chance to discuss and ask questions in a small group format.*

**Thursday, August 13 @11:00am**

**Wednesday, August 19 @7:00pm**

**Tuesday, September 1 @7:00pm**

**Sunday, September 6 @10:45am (after worship)**

See the sign-up at the *Welcome Center* or call the office