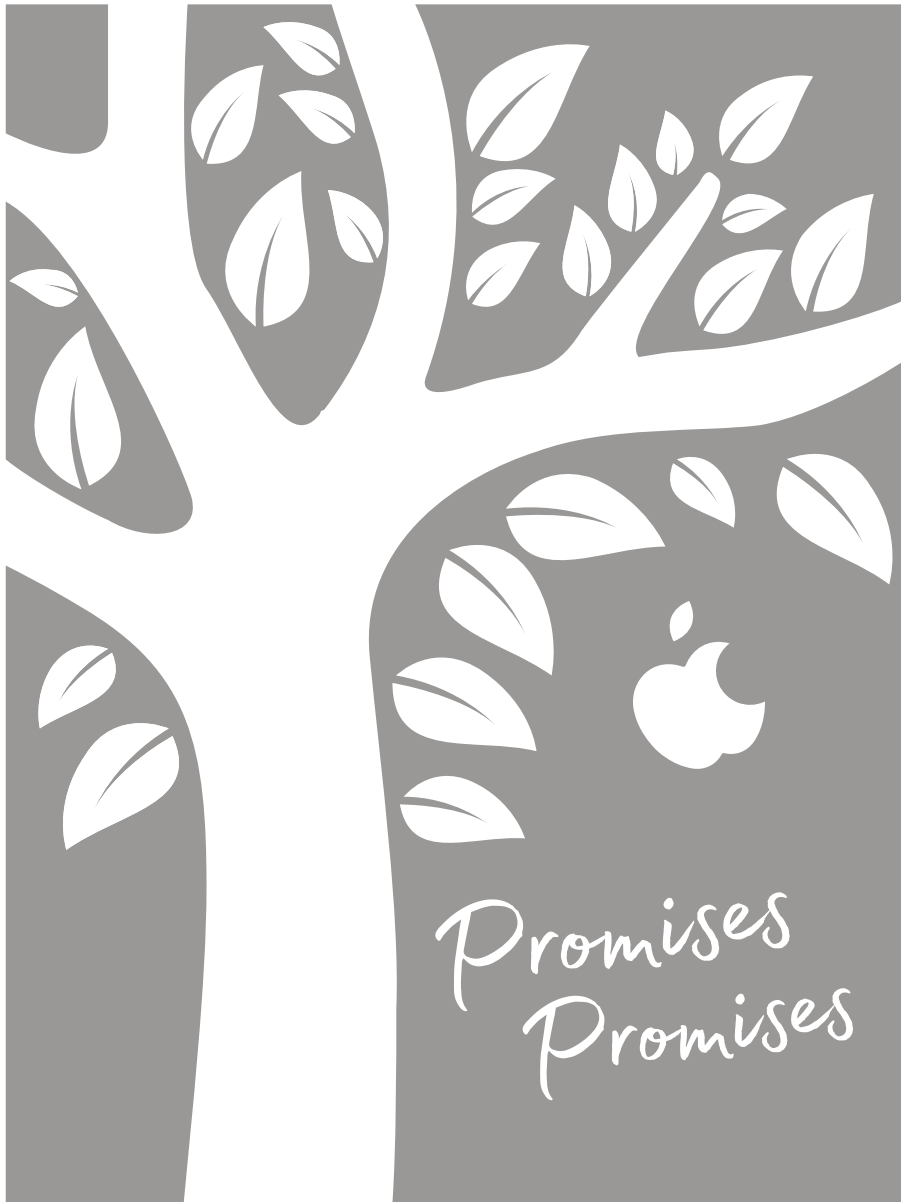


First United Methodist Church Cuyahoga Falls



Welcome to Worship and Live Streaming @9:30am

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am

July 26, 2026

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude--*I Need Thee Every Hour*--Robert Lowry, arr. Johnie Dean

Call to Worship--

Come to worship the Lord who provides.

In every trial, God remains faithful to His people.

Lift your hearts to the One who sees our need and supplies His grace.

Let us give thanks to God whose provision is always enough.

Opening Hymn116**--*The God of Abraham Praise*

Invocation (please be seated)--

Jehovah-Jireh, thank You for Your faithful provision. Teach us to trust You completely, even when the path is difficult. As we worship today, deepen our faith and draw us closer to You. May we remember that You always provide exactly what we need in Your time. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading--Genesis 22:9-14

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

Anthem--*Lead Me, Lord*--arr. Fred Bock

Summer Choir

God's Word for Young Disciples-- (congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward)

Sermon--*“Promises, Promises: Ram in the Bush”*

Pastor Howard Pippin

RESPONSE

The People respond to the Word

Hymn of Response **369--Blessed Assurance

Discipleship Moment

Offertory--Just As I Am--William B. Bradbury, arr. Johnie Dean

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 **430--O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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

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

Music--One License A-731491

A special “thank you” to Kim Yoak for accompanying today!

***indicates please stand as you are able*

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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

#116 The God of Abraham Praise

1. 1. The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days,
and God of Love;
Jehovah, great I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.
2. The great I AM has sworn;
I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face;
I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace
forevermore.
3. The heavenly land I see,
with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty,
and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.
4. The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry
"Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same,
and evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM,
we worship thee!"

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#369 Blessed Assurance

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
Refrain:
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
(Refrain)
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
(Refrain)

CLOSING HYMN

#430 O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

1. O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2. Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong;

4. In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

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 7-26-26

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

Golf Outing: The 20th Annual Bud Mills Golf Outing benefitting Epworth Choir will take place on Saturday, September 19 at Fox Den golf course. Check the Welcome Center or the weekly email for registration brochures.

Communion Servers Needed: Thank you to all those who have signed up to help serve communion. There are still spaces available. The sign-up sheets are in narthex.



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

Join Us In Prayer

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.

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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