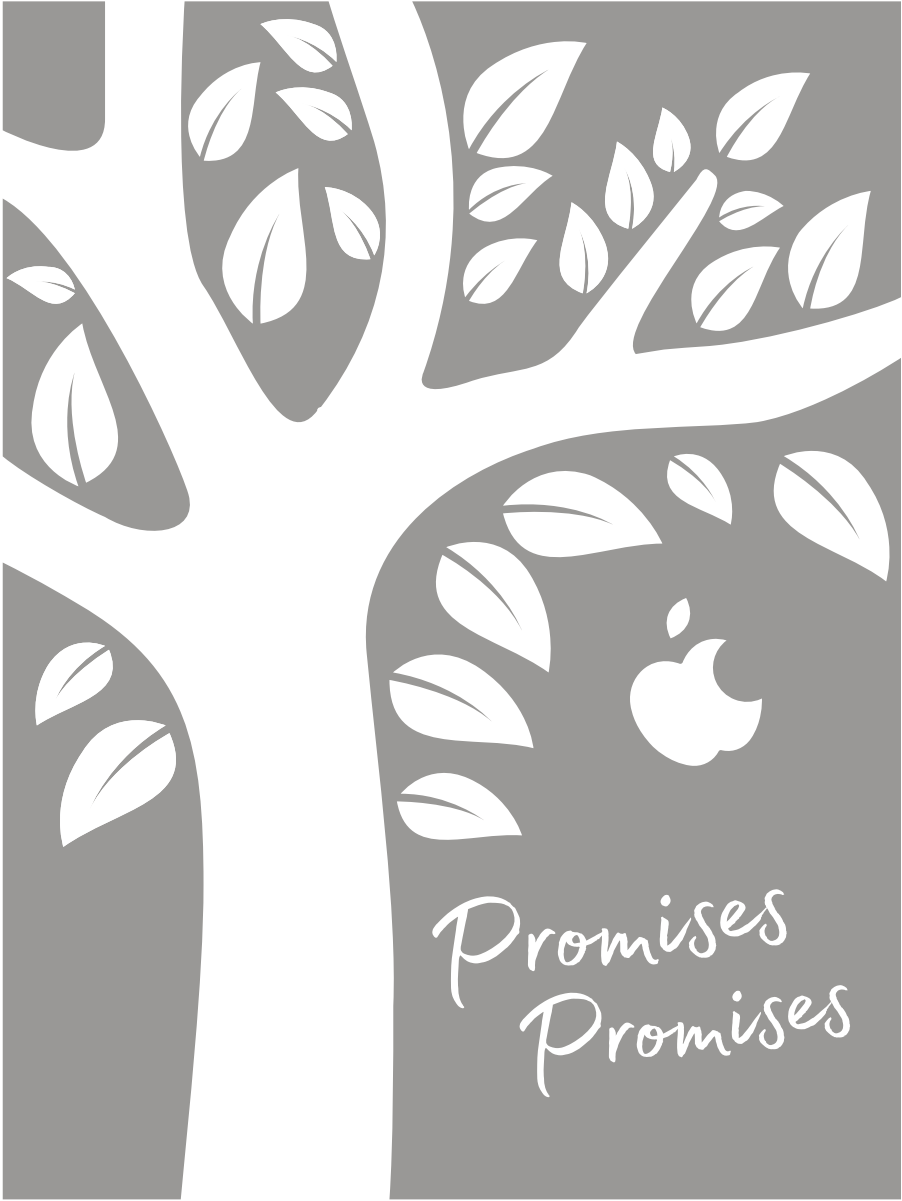


First United Methodist Church Cuyahoga Falls



Welcome to Worship and Live Streaming @9:30am

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am

July 5, 2026

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude--Hymn Tune Prelude: Thou Whose Almighty Word--Craig S. Lang

Call to Worship--

Come before the Lord with patience and humility.

God sees us, knows us, and works even when we grow weary of waiting.

Let us worship the One whose plans are always good.

Trust in the Lord, for He is faithful in every season of life.

Opening Hymn**435--O God of Every Nation

Invocation (please be seated)--

Merciful Father, forgive us for the times we run ahead of You. Teach us to wait with faith and confidence in Your perfect wisdom. Meet us in this hour and shape our hearts through Your Word. Give us patience to trust that Your plans are always better than our own. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading--Genesis 15

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

Anthem--Lift Every Voice and Sing--James Johnson

Summer Choir

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

Sermon--“Promises, Promises: Trust God In the Delay”

Pastor Howard Pippin

RESPONSE

The People respond to the Word

*Hymn of Response **384--Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Discipleship Moment

Offertory--All Glory Be to God on High--Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

*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 (Hymnal p. 13)

SENDING FORTH

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

*Closing Hymn **437--This Is My Song*

*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--America the Beautiful--Samuel Ward (arr. Amy Potter)

The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given in honor of Leta Huntington Gramich's birthday, by her parents, Bill and April Huntington

Music--One License A-731491

***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

#435 O God of Every Nation

1 O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation
with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us,
and heal our strife torn world.

2 From lust for wealth and power,
from scorn for truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation.
Eternal God, we pray.

3 Lord, strengthen those who labor
that we may find release
from fear of rattling saber,
from dread of war's increase.
When hope and courage falter,
your still small voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter,
your servants undergird.

4 Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

CLOSING HYMN

#437 This Is My Song

1. This is my song O God of all the nations
A song of peace for lands afar and mine
This is my home the country where my heart is
Here are my hopes my dreams my holy shrine
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine

2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine
But other lands have sunlight too and clover
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine
O hear my song Thou God of all nations
A song of peace for their land and for mine

3 This is my prayer O Lord of all earth's kingdoms
Thy kingdom come on earth Thy will be done
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him
And hearts united learn to live as one
O hear my prayer Thou God of all nations
Myself I give Thee let Thy will be done

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 7-5-26

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 20th 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.



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Join Us In Prayer

FODDER

Trust God In the Delay

Faith Brings Our Questions to God (Genesis 15:1–3)

God speaks to Abram's fear before Abram even speaks his doubts.

Faith Looks Beyond Present Circumstances (Genesis 15:4–6)

God takes Abram outside.

Faith Waits While God Works (Genesis 15:7–16)

Waiting is often God's classroom.

Faith is God's Covenant, Not Our Performance (Genesis 15:17–21)

When our faith feels weak, His faithfulness remains strong.

That is our hope.

Reflection questions: What are you waiting on today? How can you allow God to take you “outside and look at the stars”?

Memory verse: Genesis 15:1 Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.

Next week: Genesis 16 Promises: Into our own hands.

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)

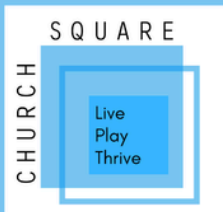
Entry deadline: August 23, 2026
Show: October 2-January 2027.

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