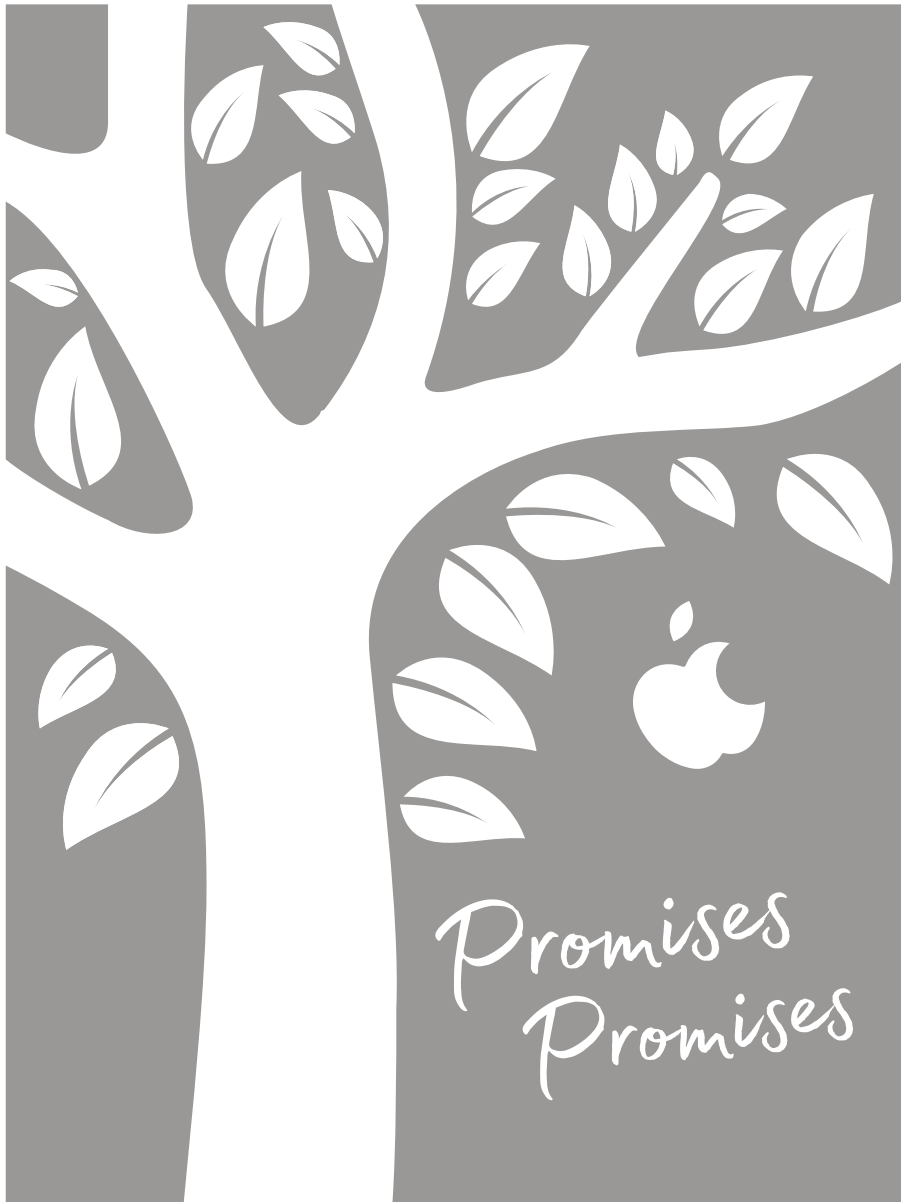


First United Methodist Church Cuyahoga Falls



Welcome to Worship and Live Streaming @9:30am

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am

August 2, 2026

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude--Prelude #19 in A Major--J.S. Bach

Call to Worship--

Come, let us worship the God who is always at work, even when we cannot see His hand.

We trust the Lord, whose promises never fail.

As God faithfully guided Abraham's servant, He continues to guide His people today.

We come to praise the God who leads, provides, and fulfills every promise.

Opening Hymn145**--Morning Has Broken

Invocation (please be seated)--

Faithful God, we thank You that You are always at work, even behind the scenes. As we worship today, help us to trust Your guidance, rest in Your promises, and follow wherever You lead. Open our hearts to Your Word, fill us with Your Spirit, and receive our praise. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading--Genesis 24:1-15

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

Anthem--Grace Alone--arr. Tom Fettke

Summer Choir

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

Sermon--*“Promises, Promises: God at Work Behind the Scene”*

Pastor Howard Pippin

RESPONSE

The People respond to the Word

Hymn of Response **578--*God of Love and God of Power*

Discipleship Moment

Offertory--*All Glory Be to God on High--*Michael Praetorius

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 **672--*God Be with You till We Meet Again*

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--*Blessed Assurance--*Phoebe Palmer Knapp

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*

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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

#145 Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Black bird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing
Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning.
Born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
Praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation
Of the newday!

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#578 God of Love and God of Power

1. God of love and God of power,
grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee,
daring hearts and spirits free.

Refrain:

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

2. We are not the first to be
banished by our fears from thee;
give us courage, let us hear
heaven's trumpets ringing clear.
(Refrain)

3. All our lives belong to thee,
thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we whene'er we share
that devotion anywhere.
(Refrain)

4. God of love and God of power,
make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will,
keeping free our spirits still.
(Refrain)

CLOSING HYMN

#672 God Be with You till We Meet Again

1. God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again;
neath his wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.
(Refrain)

3. God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put his arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again.
(Refrain)

4. God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again.
(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 8-2-26

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.*

Women's Bible Studies: This fall the **Tuesday evening** Women's Bible study will be reading "The Patriarchs" by Beth Moore. Encounter the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in this study of Genesis 12-50. Follow the stories of these patriarchs of our faith-their relationships with God and their failures and redemptions. The group meets on Tuesday evenings in the Youth Lounge from 7-9pm, beginning on **September 15**. The study runs 11 weeks (through November 24.) The cost for the book is \$20. You may register at the Welcome Center, by calling the church office, or email Kathy Kuzas at kuzmom@att.net. **Registration ends Thursday, September 3.**

The **Wednesday morning** Women's Bible study will be based on Kristi McClelland's book, "Jesus & Women: In the First Century and Now." Join biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland as she transports you back to Jesus' world, following in the footsteps of the women who came face-to-face with the Living God. Over 7 sessions, examine the historical and cultural climate of first-century Middle Eastern society to not only understand Jesus more deeply but to fuel your worship of Him today. We will begin on **Wednesday, Sept. 23 @10:00am** in the church library. The cost for the book is \$25.00. Sign up at the Welcome Center, or by contacting the church office. **The deadline is September 11.**

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.

First Church Feeds: FCF is collecting shampoo and adult toothbrushes for the month of August. Donations can be brought in to the bins by the church library.



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

Join Us In Prayer

FODDER

God at work behind the scenes

God works in the ordinary

What appears to us as coincidence may actually be choreography. Our God specializes in holy orchestration.

Prayer Tunes Our Eyes to See God's Hand

Prayer is less about informing God. It is more about aligning ourselves with Him.

Looking Back Reveals What Looking Forward Cannot

One fascinating truth about Genesis 24 is that no one in the story fully understands what God is doing while it's happening.

God's Hidden Work Produces Visible Worship

“Praise be to the Lord . . .who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness to my master.”

Reflection Question: Where has God been working behind the scenes in your life?

Memory verse: Genesis 24:27 - “Praise be to the Lord . . .who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness to my master.”

Next week: Promises: Jacob the Trickster - Gen. 27

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