

Postlude— *Postlude on "Toulon"* -- Charles Callahan

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

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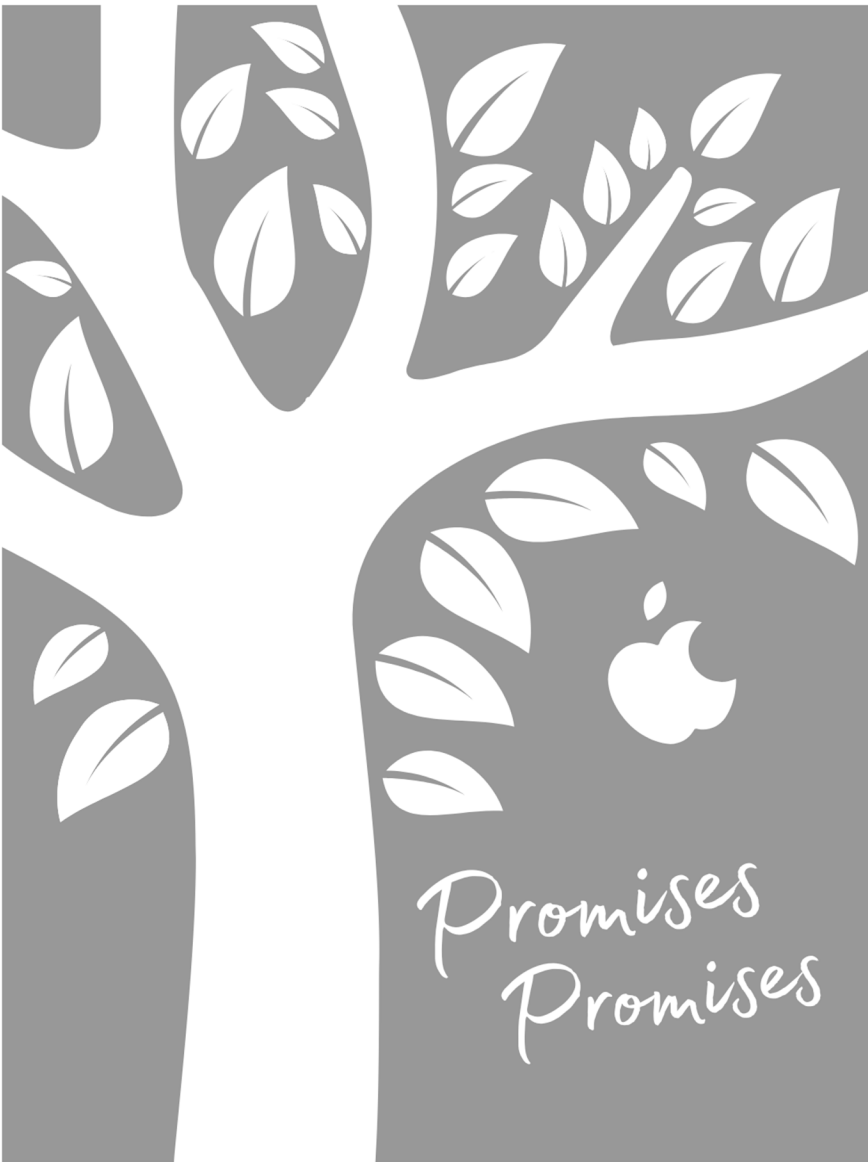
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The fastest way to contact us is to call the church office. After hours voicemails come through to the church staff.

First United Methodist Church Cuyahoga Falls



Welcome to Worship and Live Streaming @9:30am

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

August 9, 2026

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude— Andante in F -- Eugene Thayer

Call to Worship

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases

God’s mercies never come to an end

They are new every morning

Great is your faithfulness.

Opening Hymn 140** —Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Invocation (please be seated)

Faithful God, You have never abandoned Your people, even when we have wandered from your ways. Help us to trust your promises, receive your grace, and follow Christ into newness of life. May your Spirit shape us into people who reflect your faithfulness from one generation to the next, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading—Genesis 27:1-17

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

Anthem—My Wordless Prayer—Craig Courtney

Summer Choir

God’s Word for Young Disciples—(congregation sings “Jesus Loves Me” as the children come forward)

Sermon—”Promises, Promises: Jacob the Deceiver”

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 418**—We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder

Discipleship Moment

Offertory— Lento -- Flor Peeters

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.

Communion

SENDING FORTH

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

Closing Hymn 634**—Now Let Us from This Table Rise

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.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn #418, We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

1. We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
Soldiers of the cross.

2 Every round goes higher, higher,
Every round goes higher, higher,
Every round goes higher, higher,
Soldiers of the cross.

3 Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
Soldiers of the cross.

4 If you love him, why not serve him?
If you love him, why not serve him?
If you love him, why not serve him?
Soldiers of the cross.

5 We are climbing higher, higher,
We are climbing higher, higher,
We are climbing higher, higher,
Soldiers of the cross.

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #634, Now Let Us from This Table Rise

1. Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind, and soul;
with Christ we die and live again,
his selfless love has made us whole.

2 With minds alert, upheld by grace
to spread the word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

3 To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

4 Then grant us courage, Father God,
to choose again the pilgrim way,
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

Family Likeness

Jacob is not the first of the patriarchs to use deception and manipulation

They remind us that we inherit more than just DNA from our parents

Cracked Pots

Gen 25:23 – Was Rebekah simply trying to help God fulfill the promise?

Often, God chooses to work through the weak and flawed to accomplish good

Jacob’s son, Joseph, will one day show us that these patterns can be broken by God’s grace

Questions for Reflection: What unhealthy patterns or positive habits have you seen passed from one generation of your family to the next? Are there unhealthy patterns that you can break in your family?

Questions for Discussion: Have you ever found yourself repeating a family pattern you once said you’d never repeat? When future generations remember you, what pattern of faith do you hope they inherit?

Memory Verse: **2 Corinthians 12:9** – “But the Lord said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.”

Readings for this Week: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10, 2 Corinthians 4:6-12

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS



THE ART SERIES
AT FIRST CHURCH

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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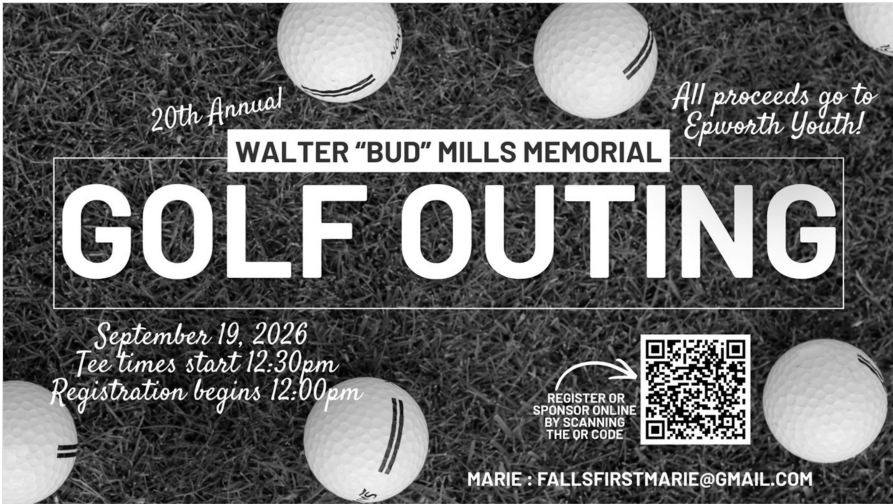
September 19, 2026
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Registration begins 12:00pm

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Rally Day

Sunday, September 13

Join us for a very special day!

- We'll return to two worship services @8:30 & 10:45am.
- Begin Sunday School for ALL AGES @9:30am
- Bishop Hee-Soo Jung will be preaching at both services
- Church Square Picnic @Noon