



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

### THE WELCOME

**Prelude**      Verset-Choral      Théodore Dubois, (1837–1924)

**Introit**      O come, let us sing unto the Lord      C. Callahan, (1951–2023)

*O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise.*

— Psalm 95

**The Opening Prayer**, *said by all*

**O God, in mystery and silence, you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, and growth out of difficulty. Meet us in this moment so that we may be with you, discover hope, and grow in grace, through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**\* Hymn 606**      Come, let us use the grace divine      *Kingsfold*

**The Confession and Pardon**, *Said by all, seated*

**Holy God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings. There is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice calling us to rise to the full height of humanity. For there is weakness in us, as well as strength. O God, we are too weak to walk unaided. Be with**

us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us to walk by the light.

*All pray in silence.*

*Officiant*

The Lord is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving, and true, showing mercy to thousands, forgiving inequity, transgression, and sin and granting pardon. Know that God has forgiven us and walks with us! **Amen.**

### ***PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE***

**The Prayer for Illumination,** *Said by all, seated*

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

**The Scripture Lesson**

*1 Corinthians 1:3–11*

*Reader*      The word of God for the people of God.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 14,** UMC Hymnal p. 746

*The Psalm antiphon is sung first by the psalmist, then by all.*

**\* Hymn 365**

Grace greater than our sin

*Moody*

**The Gospel Lesson**

*Mark 9:33–37*

*Pastor*      The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon**    *Corinth: A Messy Church in a Messy City*

*The \* indicates all stand.*

**\* The Affirmation of Faith, UMC Hymnal p. 888**

**Concerns and Prayers, *All sit.***

*Officiant* Lord in your mercy,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer, text at UMC Hymn 270**

**The Celebration of New Membership**

*Sylvia McDaniel*

**The Offering**

**Anthem**

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace Christopher Tye, (1505–1572)

*O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace, eternal source of love, inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts with fire from heaven above. As thou dost join with holiest bonds the Father and the Son, so fill us all with mutual love and knit our hearts in one.*

— Charles Coffin, (1676–1749)

*You may give in these ways:*

*Text "Give" to 501-500-5335  
or place cash or a check in the offering plate  
or scan the QR code.*



*As the offering is presented, the following hymn is sung by all:*

**\* Hymn 70** Glory be to the Father *Meineke*

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***THE SENDING FORTH***

**\* Hymn 66** Praise, my soul, the King of heaven *Lauda anima*

## **The Dismissal with Blessing**

*Officiant*    The peace of Christ be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

**The Response**                      Send out your light                      C. Callahan

*O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me and bring me unto your holy hill  
and to your dwelling.*

— *Psalm 43*

## **Postlude**

Postlude in F Minor                      Louise Adolpha LeBeau, (1850–1927)

### ***Officiant & Preacher***

Rev. Nathan Kilbourne, Rev. Miranda Hornsby

Nathan Fryar, pastoral intern

### ***The Lay Ministers***

Rev. J. J. Whitney, reader; Derek Hooker, Eleanor Kilbourne,

acolytes; Liz Parker, psalmist; the Chancel Choir;

Jason Saugey, organ.

## Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine 606

1. Come, let us use the grace di - vine, and all with  
 2. The cov - enant we this mo - ment make be ev - er  
 3. Thee, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, let all our

one ac - cord, in a per - pet - ual cove - nant join  
 kept in mind; we will no more our God for - sake,  
 hearts re - ceive, pres - ent with thy ce - les - tial host

our - selves to Christ the Lord; give up our - selves, thru  
 or cast these words be - hind. We nev - er will throw  
 the peace - ful an - swer give; to each cov - e - nant the

Je - sus' power, his name to glo - ri - fy; and prom - ise,  
 off the fear of God who hears our vow; and if thou  
 blood ap - ply which takes our sins a - way, and reg - is -

in this sa - cred hour, for God to live and die.  
 art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.  
 ter our names on high and keep us to that day!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1762 (Jer. 50:5)

MUSIC: English melody; arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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## Psalm 13

Katharina von Schlegel  
trans. by Jane BorthwickJean Sibelius  
arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933

## RESPONSE (General)



## R

- <sup>1</sup> How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?
- <sup>2</sup> How long must I bear pain in my soul,  
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?  
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? R
- <sup>3</sup> Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;  
lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;
- <sup>4</sup> lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him";  
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
- <sup>5</sup> But I trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- <sup>6</sup> I will sing to the Lord,  
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with me. R

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## Psalm 14

## RESPONSE (General)

Alan Luff (Ezek. 37:1-14)  
Richard Proulx

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## R

- <sup>1</sup> Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."  
**They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds,**  
**there is none that does good.**
- <sup>2</sup> The Lord looks down from heaven on all people,  
 to see if there are any that are wise,  
 who seek after God.
- <sup>3</sup> **They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;**  
**there is none that does good,**  
**no, not one. R**

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- <sup>4</sup> Have they no knowledge, the evildoers  
 who eat up my people as they eat bread,  
 and do not call upon the Lord?
- <sup>5</sup> **There they shall be in great terror,**  
**for God is with the generation of the righteous.**
- <sup>6</sup> You would confound the plans of the poor,  
 but the Lord is their refuge.
- <sup>7</sup> **O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!**  
**When the Lord restores their fortunes,**  
**Jacob shall rejoice and Israel shall be glad! R**

## Grace Greater than Our Sin

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord,  
 2. Sin and de - spair, like the sea waves cold,  
 3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide.  
 4. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace,

grace that ex - ceeds our sin and our guilt!  
 threat - en the soul with in - fi - nite loss;  
 What can a - vail to wash it a - way?  
 free - ly be - stowed on all who be - lieve!

Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,  
 grace that is great - er, yes, grace un - told,  
 Look! There is flow - ing a crim - son tide,  
 You that are long - ing to see his face,

there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.  
 points to the ref - uge, the might - y cross.  
 bright - er than snow you may be to - day.  
 will you this mo - ment his grace re - ceive?



*Refrain*

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will par - don and

cleanse with - in; grace, grace, God's grace,

grace that is great - er than all our sin!

The musical score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The refrain consists of three lines of music, each with two staves. The first line ends with a double bar line. The second line ends with a double bar line. The third line ends with a double bar line.

For Guidance

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O God,  
 just as we look into a mirror to see any soiled spots on our face,  
 so let us look to you  
 in order to understand the things that we have done amiss.  
 We are like a reed shaken in the wind;  
 we are inexpressibly weak.  
 Leave us not to ourselves,  
 but dwell in our hearts and guide our thoughts and actions. **Amen.**

## 66 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to the throne thy  
 2. Praise the Lord for grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple  
 3. Fa - ther - like, God tends and spares us; well our fee - ble  
 4. An - gels in the heights, a - dor - ing, you be - hold God

trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; praise God, still the same as ev - er,  
 frame God knows; moth - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,  
 face to face; saints tri - um - phant, now a - dor - ing,

ev - er - more God's prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 gath - ered in from ev - ery race. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious now God's faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet God's mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834 (Ps. 103)  
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

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Alt. tune: REGENT SQUARE