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 since 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 gre

Grace greater than our sin

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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 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:

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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

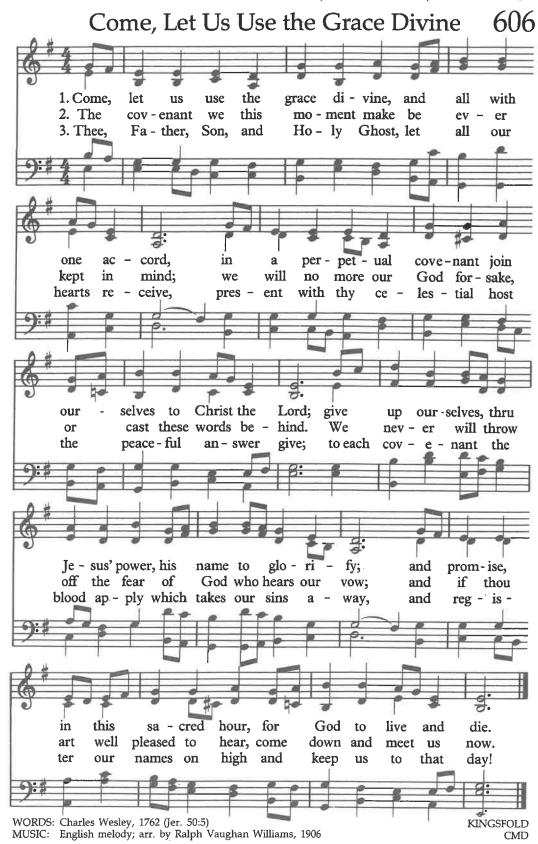
Louise Adolpha LeBeau, (1850–1927)

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.





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- How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever? How long will you hide your face from me?
- 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
- Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;
- lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him"; lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
- But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- 6 I will sing to the Lord, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with me. R

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R

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

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Have they no knowledge, the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?

There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.

You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
When the Lord restores their fortunes,
Jacob shall rejoice and Israel shall be glad! R

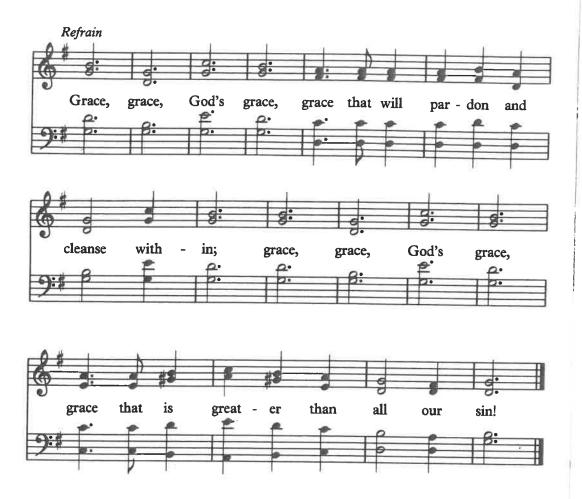
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Grace Greater than Our Sin



WORDS: Julia H. Johnston, 1911 (Rom. 5:20) MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1910

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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.

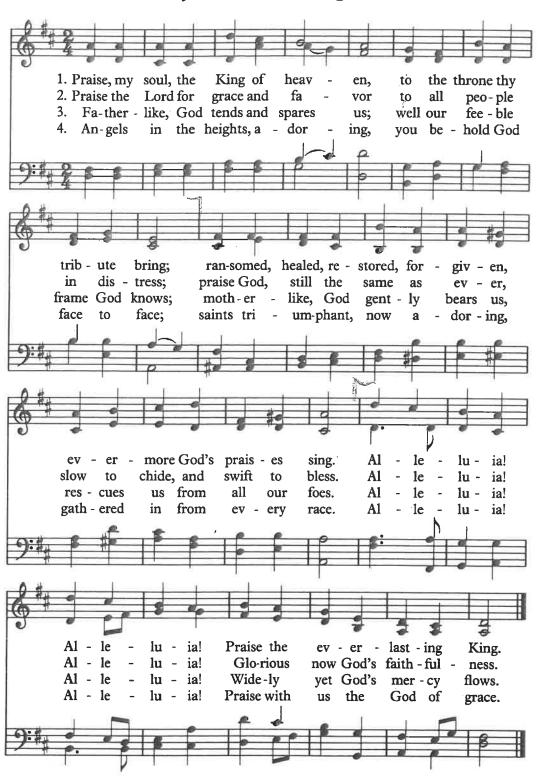
Leave us not to ourselves,

but dwell in our hearts and guide our thoughts and actions. Amen.

Korea, 20th cent.

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66 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



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

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