WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS!

We are so glad you chose to worship Jesus Christ with us today! We would love to know that you were with us. Please fill out this slip, detach it, and drop it in the offering plate.

GUESTS

Name(s)

Name(s)

Street Address

City/State/ZIP

Phone

Email

- ☐ I would like to become a member
- ☐ I would like to become involved in a ministry or mission
- ☐ I would like the pastor to call me

MEMBERS

Please update any change in information

Name(s)

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PRAYER CONCERNS

In your daily prayers, please pray for:

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Deanie Auton, Robbie Combs, Elvie Cranford, Jody Cronland, Shirley Drum, Jan Duncan, Jennifer Ellis, Jane Finger, Steve Ford, Ed Hatley, Carl Henline, Susan Henthorn, Kelly Kinard, Randi Kolseth, Ginger Lowe, Judy Lowe, Pat Maddux, Faye Morris, Joann Parker, Steve & Suzanne Peeler, Randy Ramsey, Nancy Rhyne, Mary Catherine Robinson, Linda Shields, Randolph & Teresa Shives, Rev. Sarah Underwood, Linda Wolfe.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Avery (Mountain Top Leader)Thomas Allen, Laurie Anne Beyer, Terry Bruner, Jeremiah Buff, James Calvert, Lyn Campbell, Les Canipe, Eddie Cannon, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles (son of Lyn Campbell), Janice Dellinger, Kenny Dellinger, Greg Eldridge, Ronnie Engle, Callen Evans, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Kim Fitzpatrick, Jim Fortenberry, Rev. Keiko Foster, Dale Gilmore, Nancy Harris, Donald Hartsell, Jayce Heff, Ray Hemmann, Denise Hobbs, Butch Humphrey, Mark Johnson, Dolly Jones, Jack Jones, Isla Keener, Jane Kerr, Danny Kirkpatrick, Jim Love, Mark Ludwig, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Mary Novotny, Suzy Otterman, Joyce Parlier, Rico (from The Meating Place), Rachel Roy, Gracie Sceascea, Shedlass Family, Kenny Shrum, Anna Shuford, Laura Smallwood, Rhonda Swafford, Doris Taylor, Harold & Cindy Towery, Kevin Turner, Steve & Melanie Underwood, Jamie VanDohlen, Veofa Wilfong, Margret Wetz, Carolyn Wirth, Rev. David Wyant, Joe & Josephine Young,

HOMEBOUND: Lou Beal, Mary Robinson

CARE FACILITIES: Ron Ballard (Lincoln Rehab), Winnan Cashion (Abernethy Laurels)

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Doug Ballard
GREETERS:	Jason & Jennifer Ellis
ACOLYTE:	Brooks Hardin
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	Chase & Katie Hardin
ROVER:	Bo King
VALET/SECURITY:	Calvin Thornburg/Steve Morton

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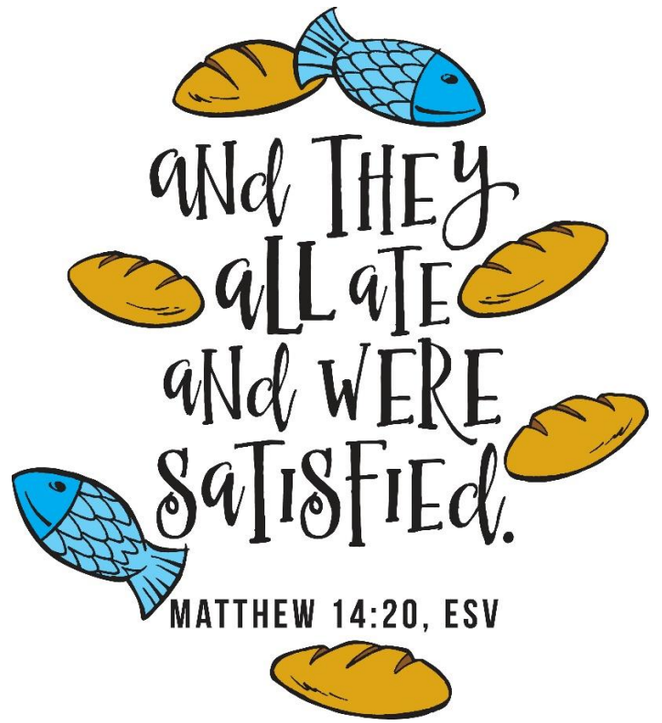
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Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.



LIGHTHOUSE
Congregation

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Enter to Worship ***Kneel to Pray*** ***Rise to Serve***

July 26, 2026 **9th Sunday After Pentecost** 11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC Neil Underwood

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE Neil Underwood

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Chancel Choir

"O, How I Love Jesus"

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**:

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

***HYMN** UMH #348

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling

TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Beverly Beal

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:13-21

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER Chancel Choir

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Come to the Table of the Lord

SERMON *"Feeding A Crowd"* Rev. Sarah Underwood

The Service of Holy Communion **UMH #8**

***HYMN** UMH #672

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

****You are invited to stand, as you are able****

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WELCOME: To all who need a church home, who mourn and need comfort, who are lonely and need friendship, who know how to pray and who do not, who sin and need a Saviour, who are displaced and are searching for community, who are tossed in turbulent waters and are seeking a safe harbor, and to whosoever will – First United Methodist Church opens wide its heart, mind, and doors, and in the name of Jesus the Christ says: WELCOME!

The Beautiful Flowers gracing our sanctuary today are given by the Kaye Waters Sunday School Class in memory of Kaye and in remembrance of her birthday on July 31st.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS

Jesus said, "Therefore I say to you, whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you will receive it, and it will be so for you."
- Mark 11:24 (CEB)

We believe in the power of prayer. If you have a prayer concern that you would like for the church and/or the pastor to pray with you about, please let us know by writing it down on the slip below and dropping it in the offering plate.

☐ **Check here to have your prayer request to be shared with the church. Otherwise, it will remain confidential.**