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, Elvie Cranford, Jody Cronland, Shirley Drum, Jan Duncan, Jennifer Ellis, Jane Finger, Steve Ford, Ed Hatley, Carl Henline, Susan Henthorn, 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: Family of Ray Hemmann, 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, 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 and Denise Wyant, Joe & Josephine Young

HOMEBOUND: Lou Beal, Mary Robinson

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

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Vickie Andrews
GREETERS:	Charles Stevens & Michael Powers
ACOLYTE:	Helen Claire Hames
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	Jeremy & Emily Krech
ROVER:	Carol King
VALET/SECURITY:	Michael Powers

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Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him ...

Matthew 14:31, NRSV

LIGHTHOUSE Congregation

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

August 9, 2026 | **11th Sunday After Pentecost** | 11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC Neil Underwood

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE Neil Underwood

He Keeps Me Singing!

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Chancel Choir

"O, How I Love Jesus"

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

L: We gather as God's beloved children –
P: However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.
L: We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –
P: So this becomes a place where all are welcome.
L: We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing.
P: Let us worship God.

***HYMN** UMH #512

Stand By Me

TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Cale Thornburg

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:22-33

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER Chancel Choir

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Everlasting Arms

SERMON *The Son of God* Rev. Sarah Underwood

***HYMN** UMH #277

Tell Me The Stories of Jesus

***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 altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jane and Kenny Finger's 60th wedding anniversary and 82nd birthdays by Molly, Travis, Leah, and Jake Tweed and Julie, Anna and Allie Bird.

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.**