



Rekindle the Gift

NOT ASHAMED WORSHIP SERIES

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Urbana!

Our mission is to journey with people to get them connected to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; to one another; and to the community, through intentional discipleship!

October 2nd, 2022

17th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am World Communion Sunday Worship Service

Liturgical Color: Green

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Fink, *liturgist*

PRELUDE

Hannah Freeman-Choi, *piano*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain, knowing that when our spirits have grown cold,

God rekindles the gift of faith in us.

We gather, as God's people, hanging our broken hearts on the branches of the tree of life. Knowing that while friends may turn against us,

God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.

We gather, as God's people, hungering for healing and hope, knowing that even when life is no picnic,

God prepares a feast for us.

(Thom Shuman, Discipleship Ministries)

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

OPENING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Liturgist

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

SING HIS PRAISES

Faith is the Patience in the Night.
TFWS #2211

Faith is patience in the night,
waiting for the morning light,
never giving up the fight.
Spirit God give us faith.

Faith is laughter in our pain,
joy in pleasures that remain,
trust in one we can't explain.
Spirit God give us faith.

Faith is steadfast will to live,
standing firm and positive,
being ready still to give,
Spirit God give us faith.

Faith is courage under stress,
confidence in hopelessness,
greatest gift we can possess.
Spirit God, give us faith.

I Come With Joy, UMH #617

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence always near,
The love that made us makes us one,
and see and praise him here,
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise,
we'll live and speak his praise

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. —Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

We rely on the Word of God as our true foundation. The Bible clearly states who you and I were created to be: believing in Jesus, belonging to family, becoming a follower, and building God's kingdom. Our mission of the Church is about helping persons fulfill their calling and live out their fullest life in Christ that is beyond their imagination. In doing so we will grow our Church experientially. Here is how you can play a role in helping us to grow.

Belief: in Jesus Christ as the Son of God is a process that ultimately provides the bedrock for your faith. Our desire is to reveal the nature of God and who He created you to be in order to strengthen your faith and surrender to His grace.

Belong: Relationships play an essential role in your spiritual life and in your walk with God, and they're rooted in belonging to a greater community. In fact, Jesus commanded us to love God and love one another. We all have a need to belong, and it's through loving, helping and protecting one another that we have the opportunity to live out these greatest of commandments.

Become: To be Christ-like is to move away from a self-centered existence to a Christ-centered life of doing and loving as He does. But this transformation isn't done on our own – it's begun and completed through God's generous grace and power. Through practical steps in God's Word, the Holy Spirit, and relationship with God and others, our emphasis is to help you become more like Christ in your own personal spiritual growth and development.

Build: Discover how God is calling you to give to others what the Lord has already given to you. Acting as his hands and feet by using your gifts and talents, you can help build the kingdom by the giving of yourself in making disciples and helping others move toward spiritual maturity.

Bring: Our goal each week is to have you bring someone to Church, in person or online, with you so they can experience God in new and inviting ways. I know this is an unpredictable pursuit. Unfortunately, for many followers of Jesus, our walk with God becomes repetitiously monotonous rather than romantically miraculous. Jesus did not die for a boringly religious relationship with you, He died for a romantically intimate relationship with you. In this relationship He desires for you to bring others into this relationship. That's why here, you won't see us settle for religion, we will ALWAYS go for the heart of Christ, love.

“When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don't be like them.” —Matthew 6:7-8 (NIV)

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Worship and Church School:

Children of all ages are welcome to

join us in worship, and they are more that welcome to stay during the services. We will be opening the balcony as well for nursing moms and others.

Children's Church is offered for those in preschool through elementary.

Girl Scouts: We have partnered with Lincoln Land Girl Scout Council to offer a scouting program for young girls of all ages. They meet on Thursday nights at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like more information, you can text Pam at 217-649-8407 or Shelby at 217-725-9189.

Urbana Library Partnership:

Beginning in October we will begin to offer sewing and other opportunities for youth here at Urbana First Methodist or at the Urbana Library. We will offer space for youth to gather and educational programs throughout the week. Be sure to check us out next month by clicking on the youth page on our website or by visiting the Urbana Public Library website at <https://urbanafreelibrary.libnet.info/events>.

2023 Youth Mission Trip: We are seeking to have youth join Pastor Bob, the Angel Youth Center, and some of



our leaders on a mission trip to change the lives of seniors and persons who need an extra bit of hope! The cost of the trip is \$600 dollars per youth + Travel. If you would like to know more about our trip you can go to

www.groupmissiontrips.com Over the past summers we have taken a half dozen youth on trips to Indianapolis and Saint Louis for the week. This opportunity is open for Jr. and Sr. High Youth.

Summer Youth Camp: Area United Methodist Churches will be sponsoring a week at our Methodist Camp in Bloomington, IL. We are hoping to build bridges and relationship with a diverse group of youth, place them in an outdoor setting, and detox from cell phones and computers to engage in the beauty of camping life. Costs are \$200.00 per child. More information will be available in the next newsletter, or you can contact the office.

Youth Discipleship is our way of personally developing your students as followers of Christ. This plan usually has multiple steps that start with a student coming to the youth activities for the first time and end with them moving into a young adult group or graduating high school.

Trunk or Treat: This coming October 30th @ Lincoln Square Mall, East Parking Lot

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is how we communicate with God. In prayer, we share our hearts. We also pause to listen for wisdom and guidance. As John Wesley wrote, "All that a Christian does, even in eating and sleeping, is prayer, when it is done in simplicity, according to the order of God."

Please be in prayer for these members & friends of the Urbana First Community:

- Leon McCulloh (MaryE Yeomans)
- Those experiencing hurt, hardships, and hang-ups
- Our sick & shut-in members
- Christina Fritz
- Nancy Slayton
- Darla Kvidera
- Judy Krumwiede
- Charlotte Burnett
- Michael Dockham
- Pat Smith
- Victims of Flooding
- Anti-gun violence initiatives

Fill out a contact card available in the pews or contact the church office via phone (217-367-8384) or email (office@urbanafirstmethodist.org) if you need prayer or would like a prayer request shared.

CHILDREN'S CENTER AT URBANA FIRST



Children's Center is happy to offer a **15% discount** for members and those associated with First United Methodist Church of Urbana.

Contact Kathy Patterson, our Daycare Director for more details at (217) 367-0842.

CHURCH CHOIR RETURNING!

All are welcome to make a joyful noise and join the Urbana First Sanctuary Choir for their upcoming season! Rehearsals take place on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., and Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m..

Please contact our interim music director, Hunter Mitchell for more information. (music@urbanafirstmethodist.org)

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER NOISY OFFERING

The noisy offering for the upcoming months will be going towards the Cunningham Children's Home. CCH is an exemplary child welfare and educational services agency that provides caring support and therapeutic intervention to more than 794 children, youth, adults and families each year through comprehensive programs including residential treatment, special education and community-based services.

This Week at Urbana First

Today, Sunday October 2

9:15 a.m.—Sunday School (*Library*)
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service
10:50 a.m.—Children's Church
(*Dismissed before sermon*)
5:00 p.m.—World Communion Sunday
Service @ *New Fellowship
Covenant Church, Champaign*

Wednesday, October 5

10:30 a.m.—Bible Study (*Library*)
6:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
(*Music Wing, First Floor*)

Thursday, October 6

10:00 a.m.—Men's Discipleship
(*Pastor's Office*)
11:00 a.m.—Exchange Club Meeting
(*Parlor*)
4:15 p.m.—Men's Bible Study &
Discipleship (*Pastor's Office*)
6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts (*Fellowship Hall*)
7:00 p.m.—NEW Evening Bible Study

Saturday, October 8

8:00 a.m.—United Men in Faith (*Church
Parlor, Fellowship*)

Birthdays This Week:

Laura (Jobe) Orr—October 9

Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday: 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Daycare Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



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