



Welcome to Urbana First United Methodist Church!

*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!*

August 2nd, 2026
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

PRELUDE

Jesus is All the World to Me
(c. W.L. Thompson)

John Muir, *organ*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Fink, *liturgist*

⁺CALL TO WORSHIP

In Christ, we are one body, one spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

But we are still individuals, called to different roles in the body of Christ.

God calls us to grow together with gentleness, humility, and patience.

God calls us to accept one another with love and to live in unity.

(Breakthrough Ministries)

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

OPENING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory,
great things he hath done!*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Hannah Freeman-Choi, *piano*

+PRESENTATION OF GIFTS & OFFERING

UMH no. 95

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-16

Liturgist

SONG OF PREPARATION

We'll Understand It Better By and By Davion Williams, *soloist*
(c. Rev. C. Tinley; CCLI 22953)

THE MESSAGE

Rev. Robert K. Freeman, *directing pastor*

TIME OF COMMUNION, REFLECTION, & PRAYER

You are invited to come and partake in communion, pray at the altar, light a candle to illuminate your prayers before God, come forward for one of our liturgists for a blessing, or remain where you are for a time of contemplation and reflection during the musical selection.

⁺HYMN OF RESPONSE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMH no. 431

1. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

SENDING FORTH

Shandra Summerville, *lay speaker*

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Hyfrydol
("Guide the Spirit, Guide and Guardian")
(arr. G. Young)

John Muir, *organ*

⁺ *Please stand as you are able*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ephesians 4:1-16, Unity in the Body of Christ (ESV)

¹² I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹ (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Sermon Notes

COMMUNION LITURGY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to you, Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to praise you, Lord.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.



Urbana First UMC News and Announcements

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:

- Prayers for Urbana First to continue our mission of helping people to get connected to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to one another, and to the community
- For God's healing Spirit to move in our nation amid division and violence
- For God's peace in regions of the world affected by conflict and war
- For those who are ill or hospitalized, that they may receive healing and comfort
 - Lindsey Rivest, Averie Spencer and Family, Pastor Freeman, Darla Kvidera, Shirley and Tom Gordon, Nancy and Steve Moser, Nancy Merz, Nancy Lopeman (rehab), Pat Smith, Donna Roberts-Luttrell (Paige B.'s Mom, back surgery), Susan Chapman (knee surgery)
- For those who are unable to join us in person, that they may feel God's presence, and remain connected through the love and prayers of the church family
 - Ruth Abbott, Gladys Baxley, Anne Brown, Bob Burnett, Judith Cramer, Joyce Dilley, Gary and Anna Engelgau, Mary Lou Fisher, Jodie Frink, Tom & Shirley Gordon, Kenneth Johnson, Darla Kvidera, Marjorie Mead, Nancy Merz, Peggy Pennell, Mary Jane Ross, Fred Shep, Joyce Smith, Chris Walker (Janis Moment & Mary Lee Krumins' Brother)
- For loved ones and friends in hospice care or nearing the end of life, that they may know God's presence and peace
- For caregivers supporting those with physical or cognitive challenges, that they may be strengthened and encouraged
- For those grieving a loss of a loved one, either through death or a broken relationship, that they may find comfort and hope
 - The Rivest Family after the passing of Tim's father, Mike Rivest

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Margie Jobe (August 1), Nancy Moser (August 3) Kaley Spencer (August 11), Debbie Aurelius-Muir (August 19), Paige Banovz (August 22) Bob Burnett (August 26), Prentice Freeman-Choi (August 27), Linda Bailey (August 29), Nelson Bond (August 29), Donna Blume (August 31)



CHRISTMAS IN JULY: OPERATION CHRSTIMAS CHILD

The "BIG RED BOX" is out and ready to fill! This year's items in need are:

- Boys socks (sizes M & L), Boys underwear (sizes 6-14), Boys tops and shorts (sizes 6-16)
- Girls socks (sizes M & L), Girls underwear (sizes 6-16)
- Washcloths

NOISY OFFERING FOR JULY & AUGUST: MIDWEST MISSION BIRTHING KITS

Jesus arrived in this world in less-than-ideal circumstances, just as so many babies do today. From midwives who hike miles into the mountains, to doctors and nurses in rural clinics, these medical professionals rely on birthing kits to help mothers and families welcome new life with greater safety, dignity and hope. Each birthing kit makes safe delivery possible, even in the most challenging environment. At \$12 per kit, let's see how many babies we can help!



CORPORATE PRAYER SUNDAY MORNINGS

Corporate Prayer is available every Sunday in the Sanctuary from 8:45 to 9:00 a.m.. The prayer services will not be streamed live, they will meet in person each Sunday and online one Sunday per month. This will be an opportunity for anyone with a prayer request to pray with our church family; you can also email your requests. On the 2nd Sunday of the month, we will offer prayer for our online community from 8:45-9:00am. If you are interested in joining the prayer team please email the church office at office@urbanafirstmethodist.org

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Hannah Freeman-Choi (Pianist), John Muir (Organist), Steve Fink (Liturgist), Rich Govert and David Gordon (Ushers), Linda Bailey and Peggy Buck(Children's Church), Johnie Wilson, Jack Marshall, & Joseph Tingling (Tech & Stage Team), Paige Banovz (PowerPoint & Bulletin)

This Week at Urbana First

Sunday, August 2

8:45 a.m.—Corporate Prayer (*Sanctuary*)
9:15 a.m.—Adult Sunday School (*Library*)
9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.—Fellowship (*Parlor*)
10:15 a.m.—Children's Church, Toddler-2nd
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)
10:50 a.m.—Children's Church, 3rd-5th

Monday, August 3

5:30 p.m.—Dance Rehearsal (*FH*)
6:00 p.m.—Community Group (*Parlor*)

Tuesday, August 4

9:00 a.m.—Church Office Open
6:30 p.m.—Community Group (*Parlor*)

Wednesday, August 5

9:00 a.m.—Church Office Open

Thursday, August 6

9:00 a.m.—Church Office Open
6:00 p.m.—Twin City Theater (*FH*)

Friday, August 7

Staff Sabbath Day

Sunday, August 9

8:45 a.m.—Corporate Prayer (*Sanctuary*)
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9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.—Fellowship (*Parlor*)
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Connect With Us!

If you're visiting with us today, please let us know! We'd love to connect with you and share more about our church.



Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Daycare Hours: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



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