



# A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

## Sunday, April 21, 2024 8:30 & 10:45am

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† *Indicates a time to stand, if you are able*

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PRELUDE**

*“Andantino (op.14 iii)” ~ Edward Elgar*

† **CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsively*)

When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

**grateful for the presence of hope and for the gift of life.**

When I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

**humbled by the gift of grace, and for the invitation to begin again.**

When I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:

**glad to be surrounded by God's people worshipping our Holy God!**

† **HYMN of PRAISE**

**UMH 126**

*“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

† **OPENING PRAYER for PEACE** (*unison*)

Loving God, thank You that we are encouraged to come boldly to Your throne of grace for help in times of need. Help us to pray in complete faith to You, and teach us to always pray in Your will. May we also be reassured that although nothing is impossible for You, sometimes Your answer is no... but always for our greater good and Your greater glory. May we never doubt Your goodness or strength, and may we always rely on Your ultimate wisdom. We do not want to be double-minded or filled with doubts, for we know that without faith, it is impossible to please You. Help us to persevere in the trials of life, holding fast to the Word of truth, maturing in the faith, and living out our lives to Your honor and glory.

Hear us now as we silently pray for peace in our world and in our lives...

†**SILENT PRAYERS for PEACE**

†**WORDS of ASSURANCE**

†**SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST**

†**GLORIA PATRI** ~means “Glory be to the Father” (*sung in unison*)

**UMH 70**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:*

*world without end! Amen! Amen!*

**A READING from the NEW TESTAMENT**

**James 1:2-8** NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**MINISTRY in MUSIC** (*10:45*)

*Chancel Choir*

*“We Are Gathered Here” ~Ruth Elaine Schram*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**Pocket Change for a Purpose**

*~benefits Camp Allegheny*

**MINISTRY in MUSIC**

*Mary Wilson, soloist*

*“God is Our Refuge and Strength” ~Allen Pote*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**LORD’S PRAYER** (*unison*)

**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. Amen!**

†**HYMN of PRAYER**

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

**UMH 577**

**A READING from the OLD TESTAMENT**

**I Kings 18:16-39** NIV

**THE MESSAGE**

**Pastor Kevin Haley**

**“Raining Fire! (Elijah on Mount Carmel)”**

*Worship theme: “Altar’D People”*

# SHARING of HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS

## THE OFFERTORY

*“My Song Is Love Unknown” ~arr. Wilbur Held*

## †THE DOXOLOGY ~means “Praise be to God” (*sung in unison*)

**UMH 94**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!*

*Praise God all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God, the source of all our gifts!*

*Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!*

*Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## †PRAYER of DEDICATION

## †HYMN of COMMITMENT

**UMH 514**

*“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”*

## †DISMISSAL with BLESSING

## †THE POSTLUDE *“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious” ~arr. David N. Johnson*

## †GOING FORTH to SERVE

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Liturgist: **Kathy McLay**  
Acolyte: **Shane Clawson**  
Tech Team: **Nevaeh Hirst**

# Welcome home to First United Methodist Church!

Sunday morning Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:45 in the Sanctuary

*(Livestream worship continues at 10:45)*

We are glad that you are with us in worship today! Greensburg:First is a church where you can come to learn that God loves you just the way you are, but that God also loves you too much to let you stay this way. God wants you to become more like Jesus! If you do not have a church home of your own, we hope that you might prayerfully consider becoming a part of our church family, as we reach out with love and in the name of Jesus Christ! **Also, please help us get to know you,**

**or to be able to contact you in the case of an emergency/cancellation,**  
by filling out a Welcome Information Card (inserted in this bulletin).

## NEW STUDY COMING!

### Adult Bible Study

w/ Pastor Kevin

**Tuesdays ~ 9:30am ~ Library**

What would it have been like to witness Christ's life on earth? The apostle John wrote about Jesus' earthly ministry, from the perspective of one who

was there. He saw Jesus teach, heal, pray, die, and live again. In this Bible study, we will be brought face-to-face with the Son of God—who He is and what it means to follow Him.

**April 30 Session One:** The Living Word—Come and See!

**May 7 Session Two:** New Life—Living Water!

*May 14 and May 21 — NO Bible study*

**May 28 Session Three:** Bread of Life—Who is This Jesus?

**June 4 Session Four:** Light in the Darkness—Good Shepherd

**June 11 Session Five:** Life and Death—Perfume and Praise

**June 18 Session Six:** Comfort and Challenge—Jesus' Farewell

**Then...Bible study will be on summer break...resuming Aug. 6**

### Find us on FACEBOOK:

First United Methodist Church—Greensburg

### Regular Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

*(may change without notice... thank you  
for your understanding & patience)*

### WiFi Network

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