



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, August 27, 2023 – 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

(Livestream 10:45 a.m.)

**FOREVER
CHANGED:**

THE WOMEN WHO MET JESUS



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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

“Prière à Notre Dame” (*Suite Gothique*)

~Léon Boëllmann

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

Whom do you seek here in this place?

We seek God the Creator, who brought us to life.

Who has told you of God?

Jesus Christ has shown us the love of God through His life.

Discipleship can be difficult; are you ready?

We want to be ready, strengthened, and sustained by His love.

† **HYMN of PRAISE** **“This is a Day of New Beginnings”** **UMH 383**

~VERSES 1-4 only

A PRAYER for the NEW SCHOOL YEAR (*unison*)

O God of wisdom, at the beginning of a new school year, we offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings, and for the opportunity to learn and to wonder. We pray for teachers, students, staff, and volunteers, that

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this year might be rewarding for all. Be with us, as we face the challenge of new tasks, the fear of failure, the expectations of parents, friends, and self. In our learning and in our teaching, may we grow in service to others. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

†**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 GOSPELS

Luke 10:38-42 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

RECEPTION of NEW MEMBERS

The Pastor addresses those becoming members

As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to Jesus Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

New members: I will.

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

New members: I will.

Please turn and face the congregation; would the congregation please stand?

The Pastor addresses the congregation:

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation called the First United Methodist Church of Greensburg, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you that you may live in grace and peace!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MINISTRY in MUSIC

Connie Barone, soloist

“For All the Faithful Women” ~Stuempfle/Potter

PASTORAL and 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

“Trust and Obey”

UMH 467

A READING from the GOSPELS

John 11:17-35 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Kevin Haley

“A Tale of Two Sisters—Martha and Mary”

Worship theme: “FOREVER CHANGED—Women Who Met Jesus”

SHARING of HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“Balm in Gilead” (Ballad in Jazz Style) ~Joe Utterback

†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

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” UMH 664

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune and Love Song” ~Andrew Carter

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

LITURGIST: Jim Swank
TECH TEAM: Nevaeh Hirst
GUEST ORGANIST: Edgar B. Highberger

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 an Attendance Information Card** (inserted in this bulletin).

Pastor's Bible Study



Started August 8th

Join Pastor Kevin, as he continues a late-summer Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday mornings, in the Church Library.

This will be an 8-week study, exploring the gospel according to Matthew—the former tax collector, chosen by Jesus, to be a part of His disciples.

Bring your Bible and bring a friend!

Please note: if we become too large of a group to meet in the Library (which is a good problem!) then we will gather in the Church Lounge.

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)

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