



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 **8:30 / 10:45 AM**
LIVESTREAM @ 10:45 AM

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

“The Lord’s Prayer” ~J. S. Bach

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

We meet as a family in the presence of our Heavenly Father.

We meet as brothers and sisters in Christ, accepting the responsibility this places upon us to love God and to love one another.

We shine as Your lights in a darkened world, praying that our words and our lives might draw others into Your family;

that they might also accept You as their Savior and Lord.

† **THE HYMN** *“Prayer is the Soul’s Sincere Desire”* *Tune UMH 57*

- 1. Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, unuttered or expressed, the motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast.*
- 2. Prayer is the burden of a sigh, the falling of a tear, the upward glancing of an eye, when none but God is near.*
- 3. Prayer is the simplest form of speech that infant lips can try; prayer the sublimest strains that reach the Majesty on high.*
- 4. Prayer is the contrite sinners' voice, returning from their way, while angels in their songs rejoice and cry, "Behold, they pray!"*

5. *Prayer is the Christians' vital breath, the Christians' native air; their watchword at the gates of death; they enter heaven with prayer.*
6. *O Thou, by whom we come to God, the Life, the Truth, the Way: the path of prayer Thyself hast trod; Lord, teach us how to pray!*

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

Heavenly Father, we come before You today in humility and faith. We thank You for all You have given us and the many blessings in our lives. We ask for Your guidance and strength. Show us the way and fill us with courage and wisdom. Help us to remember Your love and grace and to be faithful in our service to You. Give us the patience and understanding to face life's challenges with grace. Hear us now as we silently pray for peace in our world and in our lives...

†**SILENT PRAYERS and 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 GOSPELS

Luke 10:38-42 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY in MUSIC (10:45)

Chancel Choir

"Be Strong in the Lord" ~Tom Fettke

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Pocket Change for A Purpose
Benefits Food Bank Holiday Gift Cards**

MINISTRY in MUSIC

Jim Swank, soloist

"Morning Has Broken" ~Traditional Gaelic melody

PASTORAL and the 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

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

UMH 496

A READING from the GOSPELS

Luke 11:1-10 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE *“That’s the Power of Prayer!”* Pastor Kevin Haley

Worship theme: “BASIC TRAINING—Equipped(2)Engage!”

SHARING of HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“Let My Prayer Rise Before You as Incense”

~David Schack

†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 462

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE *“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”* ~arr. Timothy Albrecht

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

LITURGIST: Jim Swank

TECH TEAM: Nevaeh Hirst, Cheyanne Miller

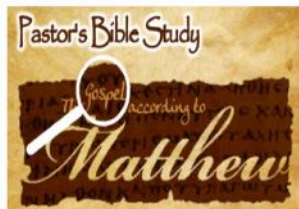
ACOLYTE: Ethan Miller

Welcome home to First United Methodist Church!

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

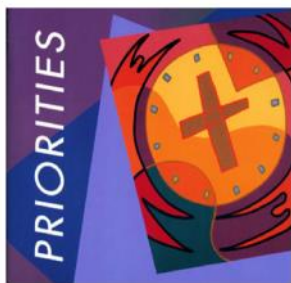
(Livestream worship continues at 10:45)

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).



Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Library.

Join Pastor Kevin, as we continue through September, exploring the gospel according to Matthew—the former tax collector, chosen by Jesus, to be a part of His disciples.



Beginning Oct. 3, a new 6-week series

This Bible Study will go beyond discussion and reflection. We will explore different Bible passages relevant to our priorities, thought-provoking questions, ways to apply what we discover; all intended to encourage you to take your understanding of God's Word and put it into action through your life's priorities.

Bring your Bible and bring a friend!

Dates...Oct. 3, 10, 17 (no study Oct. 24 & 31) Nov. 7, 14, 21

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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