



CELEBRATING 225 YEARS
2024
First United Methodist Church
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BELIEVING ◆ WELCOMING ◆ SERVING



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, July 14, 2024
8:30 and 10:45 am

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

“For the Beauty of the Earth” ~arr. Doris Akers

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

Lord, we would grow with You:

**new shoots reaching out, hands stretched upward,
like leaves newly formed, soaking up Your light and warmth.**

Lord, we would grow with You:

**in sunshine and rain, in darkness and light,
in cold days and summer days, from springtime to winter.**

Lord, we would grow with You:

**and bring forth fruit that is pleasing to You,
fed by Your living water, giving sustenance to others.**

Lord, we would grow with You:

let us grow with Your grace and love. Amen!

† **HYMN of PRAISE**

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

UMH 365

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

O God, we gather together in Your presence with expectation, hungry for an encounter with You, and eager to hear Your Word. Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit. May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning fall on fertile soil.

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May they take root in our hearts and lives, and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose name we now 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 **I Peter 1:22-25** NIV
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY in MUSIC *Karen & Fred Pershing, duet*
“For the Beauty of the Earth” ~John Rutter

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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 *“O How He Loves You and Me”* **TFWS 2108**

A READING from the GOSPELS **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23** NIV
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE **Pastor Kevin Haley**
“Growing Deeper—the Parable of the Sower”
Worship theme: “POWERFUL PARABLES”

SHARING of HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place”

~arr. Doris Akers

†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 731

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

~Traditional Welsh Melody

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

Liturgist: Dennis Kennedy

Tech Team: Nevaeh Hirst

CHURCH PICNIC TODAY

LOCATION: Mt. Odin Park (Heather Lund Pavilion)

UMW will provide: chicken/hot dogs/drinks/paper goods

If you would like to bring a side dish to share,
we would all appreciate and enjoy it!

**Looking forward to seeing you at 12:30, in
the park, for a great time of Fellowship!!!**

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 Card (inserted in this bulletin).

NEW Tuesday-morning Bible study

Begins August 6 ~ 9:30am

THE BOOKS OF RUTH & ESTHER

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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