



April 30th

**Fairgrounds EMR Building** 

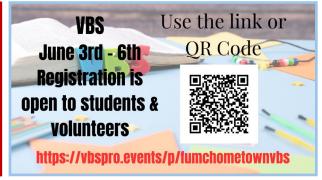
3:30pm - 5pm











# April Baby Shower - Pregnancy Life Center

#### WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING:

Diapers (Size 4,5,&6) Baby Bath or Lotion Comb and Brush Sets Baby Nail Clipper Set Child Safety Devices

(Size newborn to 4T) Baby Spoons/Dishes (Preferably silicon)

(Wall Plugs Covers, Baby Gates, etc) Breast Milk Storage Bags

Baby Spoons/Dishes (Preferably silicon)

Large Items: Highchair Baby Swing Bouncy Chairs Jumper or Boppy Seats





Thank you for caring for others!

# FIRST united methodist CHURCH

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April 21, 2024

#### **Our Vision Statement:**

# Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus

Thanks for joining us today! If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, **Welcome!** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:12-13 NIV

\*indicates please stand if you are able Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor

**Welcome & Announcements** 

Matt Krites

Prelude Adoration by Florence Price

\*Call to Worship Matt Krites

- L: What a joy it is to welcome you this day!
- P: We are grateful and happy to be here.
- L: Christ, the Good Shepherd, invites you to walk with him.
- P: We accept that invitation, confident in his guidance.
- L: Be ready to serve the Lord in all that you do, for his love has been poured upon you.
- P: Open our hearts and spirits this day, Lord, to receive your holy words and to be challenged in our service to you. Amen.

\*Opening Prayer Jeremy Laukhuf

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. Amen.

Chat with the Children

Children are dismissed to AWE

Life in the Church Matt Krites

**\*Scripture** 1 John 3:16-24

Series How Shall We Live

Message We Abide in Christ Pastor Christian Taylor

**\*Hymn** *Abide with Me* #700 vs. 1, 3, 4

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer **Giving of Tithes & Offerings** 

Offertory Adagio Cantabile by L.V. Beethoven

\*Doxology | Surrender All

\*Prayer of Gratitude

\*Spoken Benediction

Choral Benediction A Gaelic Blessing by John Rutter

Chancel Choir Scott Turner, Accompanist

(Children return from AWE)

Postlude: Cavatina by A. Dvorak

You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.

Thank you for worshiping with us!

The flowers on the altar are in Loving Memory of Corbin Jacob Shaffer, given by his Family



## **KID'S MINISTRY AWE**

Children preschool through 5th grade have an opportunity to build their relationship with Jesus through uplifting songs and impactful Bible lessons by attending our Alternate Worship Experience. Children will be released to AWE after praise and worship and return during offering time. AWE will not meet Communion Sunday which is the first Sunday of the month.

## **Leaders in Today's Worship**

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Pastor: Christian Taylor Projectionist: Noah Carter
Director of Music: Scott Turner Sound Technician: Kent Smelser

Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf Videographer: Kurt Massillo

Acolytes: Addisyn Karl and Ceci Staas Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor

**Usher Coordinator:** Neil Shaffer and Dave Lichtle. Assistant

<sup>\*</sup>Songs Build My Life/What A Friend We Have In Jesus (#526 vs. 1-3)