



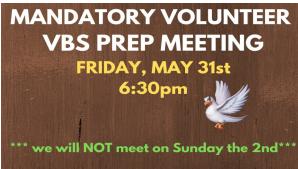




Our May offering is designated to Operation Back to School. Please use the special envelopes in the church pews or write OPBTS on your check memo line.







# FIRST united methodist CHURCH

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May 19, 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**

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

John 8:58 NIV

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

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

Sydney Dowler

Prelude The King is Coming/We Shall Behold Him arr. Glenda Austin

\*Call to Worship Jeremy Laukhuf

L: Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

P: Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.

L: Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

P: Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

L: Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your disciples.

P: As we worship this morning, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service. Amen.

\*Song For The Beauty Of The Earth; Praise Him, Praise Him All Ye Little Children; Revelation Song

\*Opening Prayer Austin Bockrath

Through the ages, O God, you have called to us to follow. You led us to freedom, to hope and peace. Enter our hearts again today and lead us to your healing love that we might serve you joyfully in this world that you have loaned to us. Overwhelm us with your Spirit so we may continue in the prophet tongues that you gifted when you established your church. We are Your people, O Lord, the workmanship of Your hands. Inspire us anew with Your great gifts. In the Name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

**Presentation of Graduates** 

Sierra Shaffer

**Graduate Testimonies** 

**Life in the Church** Sydney Dowler

**Pray for Our Church** 

God, let our church be a great influence in our community through our VBS. We want your perfect love to be at the foundation of our city, and we pray that we spread your love. Let our doors be open and our hearts be welcoming to all kids and their families. Let your goodness shine through us. Amen

**\*Scripture** Hebrews 13:1-3 & 5-8

Anthem Who Is God? By Jeremy Stoller

Chancel Choir Paula LaRue, Accompanist

Kaden Shaffer

Series Overcome by the Spirit

Message Can You See Pastor Christian Taylor

Hymn/Song Bo Ruach Elohim (Come Holy Spirit Come)

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer

**Giving of Tithes & Offerings** 

Offertory Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart arr. Mark Hayes

\*Doxology Holy, Holy, Holy

\*Prayer of Gratitude

\*Spoken Benediction

Postlude: Benediction by John Rutter

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 given in loving memory of Marlene Follas by the Dettrow Family

### **Kid's Worship Kits**

**Today, our children will remain in worship instead of going to AWE.** We have **Worship Kits** located in the Narthex if they would like something to work on. The kits include activities that go along with today's service. Please remember to return the kits after service. Thank you.

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

Pastor: Christian Taylor

Director of Music: Scott Turner

Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Projectionist: Noah Carter

Sound Technician: Kyle Wendel

Videographer: Kurt Massillo

Acolytes: Vivian Laukhuf and Elora Hogan Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer and Dave Lichtle. Assistant