

ICE-BREAKERS

- 1 Have you ever started a trip or project without knowing exactly how it would all work out? What helped you keep going when you couldn't see the whole picture?
- 2 When you hear the phrase, "God will provide," what is the first image, memory, or Bible story that comes to mind?

SERMON BASED

- 1 When have you found yourself trying to "help God out" by relying on your own plans, abilities, or control? What did that experience teach you about the difference between self-sufficiency and faith?
- 2 What are some modern ways Christians can unintentionally look to politics, success, security, relationships, or personal achievement to provide what only God can provide? How can we remain engaged in the world without placing our ultimate hope in those things?
- 3 Can you think of a time when you had to trust God through circumstances you did not choose or could not explain? Looking back, where did you see God's presence or provision, even if it wasn't obvious at the time?
- 4 What "mountain" are you facing right now? What would it look like to trust God's provision before you can see the "ram in the thicket"? How can our church family encourage one another to live with that kind of faith?

 **FIRST** united methodist **CHURCH**
welcomes our new Pastor,
Rev. Craig S. Arnold

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Forming a Family,
Preparing a People



JUNE 28, 2026

10:30 AM

Pastor Christian Taylor

Our Mission, here at First United Methodist Church, is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who **Love Boldly**, **Serve Joyfully**, and **Lead Courageously** in our local community and around the world. Whatever your circumstances and no matter where you have been, you matter to God and to us. ***You Belong Here!*** We pray your experience in our worship today will be one that blesses you and uplifts your relationship with Jesus Christ.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

And my God will satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus
Philippians 4:19

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTENDANCE PAD AND PASS IT TO YOUR NEIGHBOR
+ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE RISE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS SUSAN BURCHFIELD

PRELUDE *Galilean Waters* | arr. Sylvia Riggs SCOTT TURNER

+ CALL TO WORSHIP SUSAN BURCHFIELD

Leader: When our way seems unclear, and we are surrounded by loud and conflicting voices...

People: God will provide.

Leader: When we, like Abraham, are trying to be faithful and seem to have no good choices available to us...

People: God will provide.

Leader: When we, like Isaac, are led by those we trust into unjust and harmful situations...

People: God will provide.

Leader: Family in Christ, we gather today to worship God, who meets us in places of fear, confusion, and despair.

People: We gather to worship God, who provides a way to abundant life when none can be found. Thanks be to God! Amen.

+ OPENING PRAYER SUSAN BURCHFIELD

Lord, the hearts of all turn to You in hope, and You give them what they need. You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled— to eat of the Bread of Life, to drink from Your life-giving streams, to taste Your goodness and live. May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with You, and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples. For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

HYMN #571 *Go, Make of All Disciples* | UMH SCOTT TURNER

TIME OF GREETING SUSAN BURCHFIELD

BAPTISMS PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR
Lane Wendel Siefker & Jeremy Paige

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN CHRISTIE WENDEL
PreK - 5 Grade are dismissed to AWE*

+ SCRIPTURE SERIES MESSAGE Genesis 22: 1 – 14
Forming a Family
God Will Provide PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR

SONG *I Know Where I've Been* MEAH JOHNSON, VOCALS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR

OFFERTORY *There is a Hope* JEREMY LAUKHUF
Place your Offerings in the Plates coming through the Pews

+ DOXOLOGY #354 *I Surrender All* | UMH JEREMY LAUKHUF

+ SPOKEN BENEDICTION PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR

POSTLUDE SCOTT TURNER
How Great Thou Art | arr. Lucy Ann Warriner

**Thank you for worshiping with us, and for
your continued generosity and support.**



**LEADERS OF
TODAY'S
WORSHIP**

PASTOR
CHRISTIAN TAYLOR

SPEAKER
SUSAN BURCHFIELD

CHILDREN'S CHAT
CHRISTIE WENDEL

USHERS
YOUTH

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LOGAN SHAFFER

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SCREEN CREATORS

MARY ANN FALK

JEREMY LAUKHUF

Adults...

Summer-time

Sunday School

9:15AM - 10:15AM

Scheidt

Classroom

Studying

1 Kings & 2 Kings

Childcare will be

provided