

The Flowers on the Altar are given:

*To the Glory of God, and in
the Memory of Dick Dunn*

by Lisa Dunn

Long-Term Concerns

Sandra & Andy Anderson: Sandra – Parkinson's

Jim Davis – Cancer Treatments

Paula Goins – Multiple-Sclerosis

Bella Hurless – Cerebral Palsy

Roy Jeknavorian – Health

Trennon (Marie Duff's grandson) – Swallowing

Janet Kreischer – Alzheimer's

Doug Tyas – Alzheimer's Infusions

Jeannie Ziegler – Heart

Al & Dorothy Arnold: Al – Cancer & **Dorothy** – Pain & Health

Colleen & Linden Krouskop: Colleen – Fibromyalgia & **Linden** – Spinal Stenosis

John & Jean Ann Auld – Heart & Arthritis

Chris Turner – Back & Neck Pain

Kathy Welker – Health

Paula Massillo (Kurt's Mom) – Failing Health

John Butler (Cindy Compton's Dad) – Dialysis

Trevor Arnold – Cerebral Palsy

Lynn Bouillon – Cancer

Ruth Ann Covey – Leg/Back
Pain Recovery

Judy & Terry Fox: Judy –
Stage 4 Cancer & **Terry** -
Health

Mark Ganger – Diabetes

Deb Germann –
Lymphodema

Prayer Concerns

To find more Prayer Concerns, Prayer information, or to submit a prayer request
Please visit the Bulletin Board in the Kitchenette off the Krout "Welcome Center"
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No, That's Not in the Bible



AUGUST 30, 2026

10:30AM

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

‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the Lord.

‘As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.’ **Isaiah 55: 8 – 9**

+ Those Who Are Able, Please Rise

Please Fill out the Attendance Pad and Pass it to Your Neighbor

WELCOME Lillian Laukhuf

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rowan Shaffer

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Joel Raney

+ CALL TO WORSHIP Ceci Staas

Leader: Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him, for God is near.

People: We turn our hearts toward the One who hears and welcomes us.

Leader: God’s thoughts are higher than our thoughts, and His ways higher than our ways.

People: We come with humility, ready to be shaped by His wisdom.

Leader: You shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace.

People: Come, let us worship the God whose mercy is abundant and whose promises never fail. With joy and thanksgiving, we worship the Lord! Amen

+ OPENING PRAYER Atticus Shaffer

Merciful God, we seek You while You may be found, trusting that You are near to all who call upon Your name. Turn our hearts from our own ways and guide us into Yours, for Your thoughts are higher, wiser, and filled with compassion. Let Your Word fall upon us like rain that waters the earth. Nourish what is dry, revive what is weary, and accomplish in us the purposes You desire. Make our lives fruitful with grace, justice, and joy. Lead us out in Your peace. Send us forth with the joy You promise, confident that Your mercy goes before us and Your love surrounds us.
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

+ SONG *Jesus Loves Me* UMH #191

+ HYMN *O How I Love Jesus* UMH #170

TIME OF GREETING

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN Scott Turner

Worship Kits Available for Children during Service

+ SCRIPTURE **Isaiah 55: 6 – 12** **Pew Bible Page #733**

+ HYMN *Gloria Patri* UMH #70

SERMON MESSAGE **No, That’s Not in the Bible:**
“God Moves in Mysterious Ways” Rev. Craig Arnold

HYMN *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* UMH #126

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Craig Arnold

OFFERING SONG *The Lord Will Provide*

Place your Offerings in the Plates coming through the Pews

+ DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

+ BENEDICTION Rev. Craig Arnold

POSTLUDE *Hymntune Setting* arr. Jane Holstein

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

**LEADERS
OF TODAY’S
WORSHIP**

Pastor
Reverend Craig
Arnold
Liturgist
Children

Director of Music
Scott Turner
Worship Leader
Jeremy Laukhuf

Projectionist
Elora Hogan
Sound Engineer
Kyle Wendel

Ushers
Youth
Neil Shaffer
Dave Lichtle, Asst.

Videographer
Dave Thompson
Screen Creators
Mary Ann Falk
Jeremy Laukhuf