

The Flowers on the Altar are given:

*In Memory of our Sweet
Niece, Erin Paige Damaska*

by Gary Showalter Family

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*Lord, teach
us to pray.*

SEPTEMBER 06, 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

When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. **Matthew 6:6**

+ Those Who Are Able, Please Rise
Please Fill out the Attendance Pad and Pass it to Your Neighbor

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jeremy Stoller

PRELUDE *Prelude* **by Scott Turner (1994 -)**

+ CALL TO WORSHIP Jeremy Stoller

Leader: Come, all who are weary and all who are rejoicing. Come as you are, for God welcomes us with love and grace.
People: We come with open hearts, seeking God's presence among us.
Leader: In every season, God is faithful. In every challenge, God is our strength. In every blessing, God is worthy of our praise.
People: We lift our voices in gratitude and worship.
Leader: Let us set aside our distractions and fix our hearts on the One who created us, sustains us, and calls us by name.
People: We gather to listen, to learn, and to be transformed by God's Spirit.
Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord with joy, reverence, and thanksgiving.
People: We come to worship our God. Amen.

+ SONG *The Lord Will Provide/Great is Thy Faithfulness*

+ OPENING PRAYER Jeremy Stoller

Oh, God, forgive us for the times our prayers have become empty words rather than heartfelt conversations with You. Forgive us when we have trusted in our own efforts, thinking that many words or outward displays could earn Your favor.
We confess that we often forget that You already know our needs and care deeply for us. Teach us to come before You with humility, sincerity, and trust. Help us to pray honestly, to worship faithfully, and to rest in the assurance that You are a Father who hears, knows, and loves Your children. Renew us by Your grace and draw us closer to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

TIME OF GREETING

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN Julie Burenga
Worship Kits Available for Children during Worship Service

+ SCRIPTURE **Matthew 6: 5 – 8** **Pew Bible Page #960**

+ HYMN *Gloria Patri* **UMH #70**

SERMON *Lord, Teach Us to Pray (Part 1)* Rev. Craig Arnold

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING SONG *Sweet Hour of Prayer* **arr. Robert Powell**
Place your Offerings in the Plates coming through the Pews

+ DOXOLOGY *To God Be the Glory* **UMH #98**
v. 1, Refrain

HOLY COMMUNION **UMH #13**

+ BENEDICTION Rev. Craig Arnold

POSTLUDE *Postlude* **arr. Don Hustad**

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

**LEADERS
OF TODAY'S
WORSHIP**

Pastor
Reverend
Craig Arnold
Liturgist
Jeremy Stoller

**Director of
Music**
Scott Turner
Worship Leader
Jeremy Laukhuf

Projectionist
Elora Hogan
**Sound
Engineer**
Kyle Wendel

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Youth
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Asst.

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