

The Flowers on the Altar are given to...

The Glory of God, and in Memory of Peg Dunn

by Lisa Dunn

Note from the Library...

*"Please do check the Missing Book List outside Storm's office.
To replace those books would cost us nearly a year's budget!"*

This month's books are all fabulous reads: **When Crickets Cry** - Charles Martin, **These Tangled Threads** Book 3 - Tracie Peterson and **Ambush** - Colleen Coble. Do enjoy!"
~ Romaine

Starting November 1, 2026

Sunday Worship will
start at **10:15AM**
instead of 10:30AM
Sunday School will
still be at **9AM**



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OCTOBER 7 FEAST MEAL MENU – 5PM

Apricot Chicken, Rice
Pilaf, Broccoli, Hot Dogs,
Chips, Tossed Salad,
Desserts

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Prayer as Mission



OCTOBER 4, 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

Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’ **Matthew 9:37-38**

+ Those Who Are Able, Please Rise

Welcome & Announcements..... Ella Pruden, Ashlynn Shaffer, and Kailyn Johnson

Prelude *Come, Christians Join to Sing (How Firm Thy Friendship)* **arr. Scott Turner**

+ Call to Worship..... Jovie Pollock

Leader: People of God, on this World Communion Sunday, we gather with United Methodists and Christians across the globe.

People: We come to the table of grace, one body in Christ.

Leader: From many nations, cultures, and languages, God calls us to share in one holy meal.

People: We come, united by the Spirit, to worship and to feast.

Leader: This is Christ’s table—open to all, welcoming all, stretching across the world.

People: Thanks be to God. Let us worship with joy. Amen.

+ Opening Hymn *In Christ There Is No East or West* **UMH #548**

+ Opening Prayer..... Aiden Bockrath

People: Gracious God, You call us to be a connectional people, bound together in love and mission. Yet we confess that we have not always lived as one body. We have allowed division, fear, and indifference to keep us from fully loving You and our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray. By Your Spirit, make us one in Christ, that our witness may reflect Your grace to the world.

Leader: Hear the good news: Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and made one. The peace of Christ is with us - a peace wide enough for every nation and every people.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Time of Greeting

Chat with the Children Judy Krites

Choral Anthem *Lord of the Harvest* **arr. Joseph Martin**

+ Scripture **MATTHEW 9: 35 – 38** **Pew Bible Page #964**

Gloria Patri **UMH #70**

Sermon Message **WESLEYAN PRAYER SERIES** PRAYER AS MISSION Rev. Craig Arnold

Pastoral Prayer

Place your Offerings in the Plates coming through the Pews

Offertory *Trusting Jesus* **arr. Donald Campfield**

+ Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UMH #94**

+ Offertory Prayer

World Communion Sunday *Join in these Communion Hymns*

You are invited to come forward as the Spirit moves you. Disinfect your hands first. At the tables take your “Big ‘ol Hunk of Jesus,” dip a portion into the chalice, or take a small cup of juice. The front pews are always open for prayer. We only ask that however much of the body you take, that it is finished.

UMH #618
Vs. 1 & 2
#620
V. 1
#621 & #628
Sing 2x

+ Benediction Rev. Craig Arnold

+ Postlude *Hymntune Setting* **arr. Diane Bish**

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

Acolyte Youth	Ushers Neil Shaffer	Director of Music Scott Turner	Sound Engineer Kyle Wendel	Pastor (Reverend) Craig Arnold
Projectionist Evan Falk	Dave Lichtle, Asst. Youth	Liturgists Youth	Videographer Kurt Massillo	LEADERS OF TODAYS WORSHIP