

Series **Freedom with Simplicity**
 Message *Contentment Opens the Door*
Worship through Prayer
 Choral Call to Prayer *This is My Song* #437 Vs. 3
 Prayer for the People
 Lord's Prayer (use "trespasses")
Going into the World
 *Closing Hymn *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* #438
 *Benediction
 Postlude *Postlude by Francois Couperin*

You are invited to be seated to enjoy the Postlude



Contentment Opens the Door

Pastor Chris Farmer

Traditional Worship October 16, 2022 10:45 am
 First United Methodist Church Van Wert, Ohio

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" (Hebrews 13:5-6)

The flowers on the altar today are given in celebration of Lloyd Marvin and Sue Harting's Birthdays. With love from their family.

The rose on the altar is celebrating the birth of Lucy Mae Lickenbrock, Born October 1. Daughter of Alex (Burchfield) and Matt Lickenbrock.



TRUNK OR TREAT
Saturday, October 29
10am-12pm
 Decorate your car & display it.
 Bring enough treats for 500+ children!



PIES ARE NEEDED
 for the
 November 16th
 FEAST meal!

If you can supply one or two, please let Sandy know in the office!

BAKED POTATO BAR
Youth Fundraiser
 October 30, 2022
 Immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall

MENU:
 Baked Potato
 Toppings Bar
 Salad Bar
 Desserts
 Punch
 Coffee

Proceeds to local and international Youth Mission Trips
 Join us for a one worship service Sunday at 10:30am!
 Thank you for your support of our youth and missions!

PRICES:
 Adults - \$8.00
 Children under 11 - \$5.00

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WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **10:45AM**
NINETENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **OCTOBER 16, 2022**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**Embracing, equipping & empowering persons to
know and follow Christ.**

CONTACT US

We are so glad you have joined us today! We want you to feel at home. You can find out what is happening at First Church on our website: www.vanwertfirst.net. Also, check out our Facebook Page for inspiration and information. Of course, we do have a telephone: 419-238-0631 And the post office finds us at 113 W. Central Avenue, Van Wert, OH 45891

KID'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT 10:45

Nursery Ministry (infant to age 2) is located near the Jefferson Street entrance. You may drop your child off at any time during the service. There are also rocking chairs located at the back of the sanctuary for your use.

10:45 AWE - AWE is an exciting interactive pursuit of personally knowing God through His Word and embedding all the found treasures into our hearts, minds, and daily lives. This class includes scripture memorization and presentation during service.

Leaders in Today's Worship

Pastor: Chris Farmer

Organist: Scott Turner

Acolytes: Johnse Breese
and Addie Breese

Videographer: Dave Thompson

Liturgist: Eric McCracken

Choir Director: Paul Hoverman

Sound Engineer: Ron Allison

Projectionist: Cayden Laukhuf

Graphics: Melinda Farmer and
Sherri Arn

*Denotes please stand if able

Please sign the attendance pad located in each pew.

Welcome and Moments of Sharing and Giving

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary *My Lord and God* by James Southbridge

Choral Introit *God Is Our Refuge*—Allen Pote

Eric McCracken

Scott Turner

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Our God keeps us safe. He alone is our refuge.

People: In Your presence, O God, is joy and contentment.
Show us the path that leads to life.

Leader: Every good thing comes from our God.

People: In your presence, O God, is joy and contentment.
Show us the path that leads to life.

Leader: Let's bless the Lord, whose wise teaching guides our days
and stills our minds at night. God is always with us.

We will not live in fear, or abandon our calling, for his
presence surrounds us wherever we go.

People: In your presence, O Lord, is joy and contentment. Show us
the path that leads to life.

*Hymn *This is My Father's World* Vs. 1-All, Vs. 2- Women, Vs. 3 - All #144

*Opening Prayer:

Oh Lord, You are my shepherd and I need not be in want. However, I confess that I often struggle to be content. I forget that you graciously provide abundant grace through Jesus my Lord. You also give me everything I need for life and godliness. Thank you for refraining from giving me what I want because my desires would draw my heart from being satisfied in You. Help me to be content in You alone. Deliver me from the desires of my flesh and from what the world tells me I should have. Protect me from coveting possessions or people, talent or influence, relationships or prestige. Keep my heart from being anxious for what I don't have and make me thankful for the numerous gifts that You have already given. Fill me now with the joyous satisfaction of knowing and following You, O living Jesus. Amen.

Chat with the Children

Chris Gordon

Children dismissed to AWE

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Praise Him in the Morning* by Ed Broughton

Doxology: *My Tribute* #99

Prayer of Gratitude

Choral Anthem *Come, Great God of all the Ages*—Michael Helman

Worship With The Word

*Scripture Lesson

Philippians 4:11-12

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