



L E T T E R S

**First United Methodist Church  
Andover**

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**Sunday, October 2, 2022**

PRELUDE

**God and God Alone, McHugh, arr. Kaiser**

WELCOME

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 400

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to  
2. Here I raise mine Eb - c - ne - zer; hith - er by thy  
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! I'm  
stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue  
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O

fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.  
me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758 (1 Sam. 7:12)  
MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

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\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

**People: Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Leader: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

**People: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.**

\* OPENING PRAYER

God of eternity, Jesus taught that the meek are blessed—they shall inherit the earth. Help us to live each day with our eyes and hearts fixed on eternity, trusting that in you daybreak will come, night will flee away, and all will be made right and just. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

***Like A River Glorious, Mountain, arr. Halberg***

*There are several ways you can give. You can give 1) online at [AndoverLex.org](http://AndoverLex.org), 2) by texting ACG to 84321, 3) in the box in the back of the sanctuary, or 4) by mail to the church office at 200 W. High Street, Lexington, KY 40507.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, CEB

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.  
<sup>2</sup>Lord, how long will I call for help and you not listen? I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you don't deliver us.  
<sup>3</sup>Why do you show me injustice and look at anguish so that devastation and violence are before me? There is strife, and conflict abounds.  
<sup>4</sup>The Instruction is ineffective. Justice does not endure because the wicked surround the righteous. Justice becomes warped.  
<sup>1</sup>I will take my post; will position myself on the fortress. I will keep watch to see what the Lord

says to me and how he will respond to my complaint.  
<sup>2</sup>Then the Lord answered me and said, Write a vision, and make it plain upon a tablet so that a runner can read it.  
<sup>3</sup>There is still a vision for the appointed time; it testifies to the end; it does not deceive. If it delays, wait for it; for it is surely coming; it will not be late.  
<sup>4</sup>Some people's desires are truly audacious; they don't do the right thing. But the righteous person will live honestly.

Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

*We would love to know how we can be in prayer with and for you.  
 Prayer requests are received by using prayer cards found in the seatbacks or by texting your request to 859-274-9471. Prayer cards can be left in the box in the back of the sanctuary.*

HYMN OF PRAYER (2 Times)

2164 Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and  
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks-giv - ing, I'll be a  
 liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.

WORDS: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs  
 MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs  
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SANCTUARY  
Irregular

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

<sup>1</sup>From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, to promote the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my dear child. Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I'm grateful to God, whom I serve with a good conscience as my ancestors did. I constantly remember you in my prayers day and night.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember your tears, I long to see you so that I can be filled with happiness.

<sup>5</sup>I'm reminded of your authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I'm sure that this faith is also inside you.

<sup>6</sup>Because of this, I'm reminding you to revive God's gift that is in you through the laying on of my hands.

<sup>7</sup>God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled.

<sup>8</sup>So don't be ashamed of the testimony about the Lord or of me, his prisoner. Instead, share the suffering for the good news, depending on God's power.

2 Timothy 1:1-14, CEB

<sup>9</sup>God is the one who saved and called us with a holy calling. This wasn't based on what we have done, but it was based on his own purpose and grace that he gave us in Christ Jesus before time began.

<sup>10</sup>Now his grace is revealed through the appearance of our savior, Christ Jesus. He destroyed death and brought life and immortality into clear focus through the good news.

<sup>11</sup>I was appointed a messenger, apostle, and teacher of this good news.

<sup>12</sup>This is also why I'm suffering the way I do, but I'm not ashamed. I know the one in whom I've placed my trust. I'm convinced that God is powerful enough to protect what he has placed in my trust until that day.

<sup>13</sup>Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you heard from me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

<sup>14</sup>Protect this good thing that has been placed in your trust through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

### *And Can It Be*

### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

*At this time children up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade may go to Kid's Worship. This is a time of worship geared to our young ones. We do welcome children to remain in worship with their families. We want to support families in whatever works best for you!*

\* GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:5-10, CEB

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

<sup>8</sup>Wouldn't you say instead, 'Fix my dinner. Put on the clothes of a table servant and wait on me while I eat and drink. After that, you can eat and drink?'

<sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>9</sup>You won't thank the servant because the servant did what you asked, will you?

<sup>7</sup>"Would any of you say to your servant, who had just come in from the field after plowing or tending sheep, 'Come! Sit down for dinner?'

<sup>10</sup>In the same way, when you have done everything required of you, you should say, 'We servants deserve no special praise. We have only done our duty.'"

Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Chad Foster

INVITATION

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained

steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.

#### BREAKING THE BREAD

Leader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE

# 714 I Know Whom I Have Believed

1. I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he  
2. I know not how this sav-ing faith to me he  
3. I know not how the Spir-it moves, con-vinc-ing  
4. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or

hath made known, nor why, un-wor-thy, Christ in love re-  
did im-part, nor how be-liev-ing in his word wrought  
us of sin, re-veal-ing Je-sus through the word, cre-  
noon-day fair, nor if I walk the vale with him, or

*Refrain*

deemed me for his own.  
peace with-in my heart. But I know whom I have be-  
at-ing faith in him.  
meet him in the air.

liev-ed, and am per-suad-ed that he is a-ble to

keep that which I've com-mit-ted un-to him a-gainst that day.

WORDS: Daniel W. Whittle, 1883 (2 Tim. 1:12)  
MUSIC: James McGranahan, 1883

EL NATHAN  
CM with Refrain



\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Douglas Schultz

\* Please stand as you are able.

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## **Pastor's Note**

Siblings in Christ,

I've been in three different rooms this week where we had some version of this question.

So how do I know if I'm ok?

This question comes as we look at the churches in Revelation and fear that we might also have "lost our first love." This question comes as we read about the dangers of idolatry and allowing our hearts first to love money (or anything else). And this question comes as we ask about our comfort with some of the mysteries of God. I love this question!

I hope we are a people full of questions, especially questions about the state of our souls. At each turn, my response has been some version of 1) you have to ask God through the witness of the Holy Spirit to answer that, and 2) you need friends that are deeply committed to checking in on the state of your soul.

If we hear from God and those we have permitted to speak into our lives, the chances are that we are headed in the right direction.

If you read this and think, "How do I know if I'm hearing from God?" or "I don't know how to invite people into my life in that way," I'd love to talk to you. Please reply to this email and find a way to answer those questions.

My heart is with you, and my prayers are for you. Know that I love you!

Blessings,

Chad

## **Embrace Bags**

Today is the first Sunday of the month, so please return the purple Andover bags if you brought them with you. If you did not bring anything, but would like to help, here is more information. We can receive supplies any day!

Embrace serves the communities of Northeast Lexington, and your donations go a long way in helping feed hungry people. Jan Colbert will have her white Honda Pilot parked near the offices. You can drop your donations right there or in the gathering hall. Items needed are:

Food Bags: Peanut Butter/Canned Chicken or Beef/Canned Tuna or Salmon, Soups, Mac and Cheese, Beans, Pasta, or Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables

Snack Bags: Juice Box, Bags of Chips or Granola Bars, Sleeve of Tuna, Peanut Butter Snack or Vienna Sausages, Fruit or Pudding Cups

### **Harvest Hangout – October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Please make plans to join us in our field or under the picnic shelter for a time of fellowship and fun. There will be opportunities for painting pumpkins, playing games, roasting s'mores, and more! Or if you don't want to do any of that, buy a treat from the Rachel Circle and enjoy good company. It's a relaxed event to enjoy with friends and family. There will be plenty of activities and plenty of space for folks to just hang out and catch up with one another.

### **Backpack Program**

We have a backpack program in partnership with Garrett Morgan Elementary School. Every week, we pack 30 bags of food for elementary school students that qualify for the free and reduced lunch program to take home, so that they have food to help sustain them over the weekend and during school breaks. All church members have the opportunity to volunteer with this program, regularly, or when they can. If you sign up for a week, you will be responsible for filling 30 bags of food by Tuesday morning of that week (Please fill the bags between Fri-Tues morning by 10 am if feasible, unless you let me know otherwise), which takes approximately 1 hour, given the size of the group volunteering and familiarity with filling the bags. If anyone needs a letter verifying volunteer hours for school or a club or just wants information contact Dr. Georgeann Brown at [dr.georgeannbrown@gmail.com](mailto:dr.georgeannbrown@gmail.com).

### **Downtown and Offerings Weekly Emails**

We are one of three communities of First United Methodist Church Lexington. If you are interested in signing up for knowing what is going on in our Downtown and Offerings Communities, you are welcome to receive their weekly emails. To subscribe, please fill out a connection card from the seat in front of you and put a note that you wish to receive all community emails.

### **Three Ways to Find More Information**

- 1) If you have an Apple or Android phone or tablet, we have an app. Search your app store for "Church Center." Once you have it installed it will ask you to find your church. Look for "First United" in the "40509" and it will be the first church that comes up!
- 2) From a web-browser visit <https://1stumc.churchcenter.com/>
- 3) We have updated our website itself to link directly to everything we are doing. Visit us at [AndoverLex.org](http://AndoverLex.org).



# FALL 2022

<i>DATE</i>	<i>DAY</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>CAMPUS</i>
August 14	Sunday	11:00 AM	Blessing of the Backpacks and Promotion Sunday	Andover
August 28	Sunday	11:00 AM	Bibles for Kindergarteners and 3rd Graders	Andover
September 18	Sunday	5:30 PM	Dinner on the Grounds	Andover
October 22	Saturday	2:00 PM	Harvest Hangout	Andover
November 13	Sunday	5:30 PM	Thanksgiving Dinner	Andover
December 9	Friday	6:00 PM	Jingle Jam, Gingerbread Houses	Andover
December 11	Sunday	9:45 AM	Jingle Jam Pageant	Andover
December 24	Saturday	7:00 PM	Lessons and Carols Christmas Eve Service	Andover
TBD	TBD	TBD	Youth Fall Retreat	TBD
TBD	TBD	TBD	Christmas Caroling	TBD