



**First United Methodist Church
Andover**

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Sunday, August 4, 2024

PRELUDE

Change My Heart, O God; Espinosa, arr. Raney

WELCOME

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 139

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre - a -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend
4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour-ish thy life and re - store
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
ing bears thee on ea - gle's wings, e'er in his keep - ing main -
thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -
him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw
tain - ing. God's care en - folds all, whose true good he up -
tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can
fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth - er doth
fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a -

near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
holds. Hast thou not known his sus - tain - ing?
do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; sts. 1, 3, 5 trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863
st. 2 by S. Paul Schilling, 1986; st. 4 by Rupert E. Davies, 1983 (Ps. 103:1-6; 150)
MUSIC: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. by William Sterndale Bennett, 1864

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of creation makes us one in body!

People: Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!

Leader: The God of Christ makes us one in the Spirit!

People: Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!

* OPENING PRAYER

Our Father, you are in heaven, high and lifted up, higher than our highest thoughts. Holy is your name; beside you there is no other! You are God, and you alone! Receive us into your kingdom—the coming kingdom—the kingdom of your anointed Son, Jesus, whose name we bear. Receive us, for we come to you in his name—we pray in him and with him. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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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* GLORIA PATRI

MEINEKE

**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 ***Let Us Break Bread Together; Trad. Spiritual, arr. Halberg***

*There are several ways you can give financially. 1) Online at AndoverLex.org;
2) By texting ACG to 84321; 3) In the box at the back of the sanctuary;
4) By mail to the church office at 200 W. High Street, Lexington, KY 40507*

We would love to know how we can pray with and for you. Prayer requests can be submitted using prayer cards in the seatbacks or by texting your request to 859-274-9471. Prayer cards will be collected during the hymn of prayer later in worship. They will be taken to our prayer chapel, where they will be prayed over by one of our Prayer Intercessors and then added to our prayer list for prayer throughout the week.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

²The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert.

³The Israelites said to them, "Oh, how we wish that the Lord had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you've brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death."

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I'm going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I'll test them to see whether or not they follow my Instruction.

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole Israelite community, 'Come near to the Lord, because he's heard your complaints.'"

¹⁰As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 CEB

desert, and just then the glorious presence of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses,

¹²"I've heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat. And in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'"

¹³In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp.

¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground.

¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" They didn't know what it was. Moses said to them, "This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAYER

Become to Us the Living Bread 630

1. Be-come to us the liv - ing bread by which the Chris - tian
2. Be-come the nev - er - fail - ing wine, the spring of joy that
3. MayChris-tians all with one ac - cord u - nite a - round the

life is fed, re-newed, and great - ly com-fort - ed:
shall in - cline our hearts to bear the cov-enant sign:
sa - cred board to praise your ho - ly name, O Lord:

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Miriam Drury, 1970 (Jn. 6:35-58)
MUSIC: *Schönes Geistliches Gesangbuch*, 1609;
harm. from *The Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

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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

¹Therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, I encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from God.
²Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love,
³and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together.
⁴You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope.
⁵There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
⁶and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.
⁷God has given his grace to each one of us measured out by the gift that is given by Christ.
⁸That's why scripture says, *When he climbed up to the heights, he captured prisoners, and he gave gifts to people.*
⁹What does the phrase "he climbed up" mean if it doesn't mean that he had first gone down into the lower regions, the earth?
¹⁰The one who went down is the same one who climbed up above all the heavens so that he might fill everything.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM ***I've Got Peace Like A River; American Folk Song, arr. Althouse***

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

*Children are invited to stay in the sanctuary today with their families during the sermon.
Children's Bulletins are provided on the back table if you wish to use them.*

* GOSPEL READING

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus.
²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"
²⁶Jesus replied, "I assure you that you are looking for me not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate all the food you wanted.
²⁷Don't work for the food that doesn't last but for the food that endures for eternal life, which

Ephesians 4:1-16, CEB

¹¹He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers.
¹²His purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ
¹³until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. God's goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ.
¹⁴As a result, we aren't supposed to be infants any longer who can be tossed and blown around by every wind that comes from teaching with deceitful scheming and the tricks people play to deliberately mislead others.
¹⁵Instead, by speaking the truth with love, let's grow in every way into Christ,
¹⁶who is the head. The whole body grows from him, as it is joined and held together by all the supporting ligaments. The body makes itself grow in that it builds itself up with love as each one does its part.

John 6:24-35, CEB

the Human One will give you. God the Father has confirmed him as his agent to give life."
²⁸They asked, "What must we do in order to accomplish what God requires?"
²⁹Jesus replied, "This is what God requires, that you believe in him whom God sent."
³⁰They asked, "What miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe you? What will you do?"
³¹Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*"

³²Jesus told them, "I assure you, it wasn't Moses who gave the bread from heaven to you, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

³³The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴They said, "Sir, give us this bread all the time!"

³⁵Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

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: Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The pastor lifts the cup in silence, or while saying: The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

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

2062

The Lily of the Valley



1. I have found a friend in Je - sus, he's ev - ery-thing to me,
2. He all my grief has tak - en, and all my sor - rows borne;
3. He will nev - er, nev - er leave me, nor yet for - sake me here,



he's the fair - est of ten thou - sand to my soul;
in temp - ta - tion he's my strong and might - y tower;
while I live by faith and do his bless - ed will;



the Lil - y of the Val - ley, in him a - lone I see
I have all for him for - sak - en, and all my i - dols torn
a wall of fire a - bout me, I've noth - ing now to fear,



all I need to cleanse and make me ful - ly whole.
from my heart, and now he keeps me by his power.
with his man - na he my hun - gry soul shall fill.



WORDS: Charles W. Fry (Deut. 31:6, 8; Ps. 36:8; Song of Sol. 2:1; 5:10; Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17;
Rev. 2:17; 22:16)

SALVATIONIST
Irregular

MUSIC: William S. Hays; adapt. by Charles W. Fry

In sor-row he's my com-fort, in trou-ble he's my stay,
 Though all the world for-sake me, and Sa-tan tempts me sore,
 Then sweep-ing up to glo-ry, to see his bless-ed face,

he tells me ev-ery care on him to roll.
 through Je-sus I shall safe-ly reach the goal.
 where riv-ers of de-light shall ev-er roll.

Hal-le-lu-jah!

He's the Lil-y of the Val-ley, the bright and Morn-ing Star,

he's the fair-est of ten thou-sand to my soul.

* BENEDICTION

* DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Variations On "Germany"; Gardiner, arr. Thygeron

* Please stand as you are able.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preacher: Rev. Chad Foster
Liturgist: Jake Tecau
Minister of Music: Janell Hamilton
Accompanist: Susan Jones

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Pastor's Note

Siblings in Christ,

Last week, we set up the conversation around how, in terms of salvation, we understand God's work, our work, and the intersection of the two. Some traditions hold that God is the sole actor in who is saved, others hold there is cooperation between the two, and finally, a stream holds that humanity is the sole actor. Next week, we will explore some of the implications of our ordinary lives. But for today, I wanted to lay out the particular camps and some traditions that hold to them.

Augustinian Monergism:

- This view is that the Holy Spirit is the only agent involved in our regeneration, and God is the only one who plays any role in our salvation.
- Presbyterian, Lutheran, Baptist (Most streams), Reformed Church

Semi-Augustinian Synergism:

- The Holy Spirit is the primary actor in our regeneration through God's grace, but we can choose to respond to this grace.
- Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Anabaptist, Anglican, Wesleyan Tradition (United Methodist, Global Methodist, Free Methodist, AME, Wesleyan, Nazarene, Salvation Army)

Semi- Pelagian Synergism:

- Humanity is the first actor in choosing salvation, and God grows us in faith after that moment.
- Rejected as heresy by the Council of Orange in 529.
- The way many folks try and describe salvation is in "free will" traditions.
- Makes the critical mistake of putting humans' actions before Gods.

Pelagianism

- Humanity is solely responsible for their salvation and life of faith.
- Rejected as heresy by the Council of Ephesus of 413.
- Rejects God's role in human perfection.

I'd invite you this week to consider how you might describe your understanding of salvation, God's role, and their intersection. Consider the implications of a particular understanding. How does what you hold impact your everyday life?

Until then, know that my heart is with you, and my prayers are for you.

Blessings,



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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 CRV 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

Fall Kickoff, Blessing of the Backpacks, and Lunch on the Grounds

Please plan to be in worship on Sunday, August 11, as we begin the pivot from the summer to the fall semester. We will have a special time of prayer and blessing over our students, teachers, paraeducators, administrators, etc. Bring a bag...or show up!

Afterward, please join us for lunch on the grounds. Chris Yoo is smoking pork; we will have drinks and paper products. If you want to bring a side or dessert to share, that would be wonderful. If not, we will have plenty of food!

GriefShare Group This Fall

We will offer a GriefShare class starting on Monday, August 19 at 10:00 AM. GriefShare is a Christian, non-denominational ministry that aims to help anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Your loss doesn't have to be recent; it's for anyone who has had a loss. You don't need to be a member of the church to attend. If you want, you can bring a friend who has also experienced the loss of a loved one.

We invite you to attend the first class and learn more. The classes will meet each Monday at 10:00 AM for 13 weeks, ending on November 18. We will not meet on Labor Day, September 2. Ruthi Sims and Pastor Chad will lead the classes. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Ruthi at 859-539-1775.

Discipleship Retreat - October 25-26 at Shaker Village

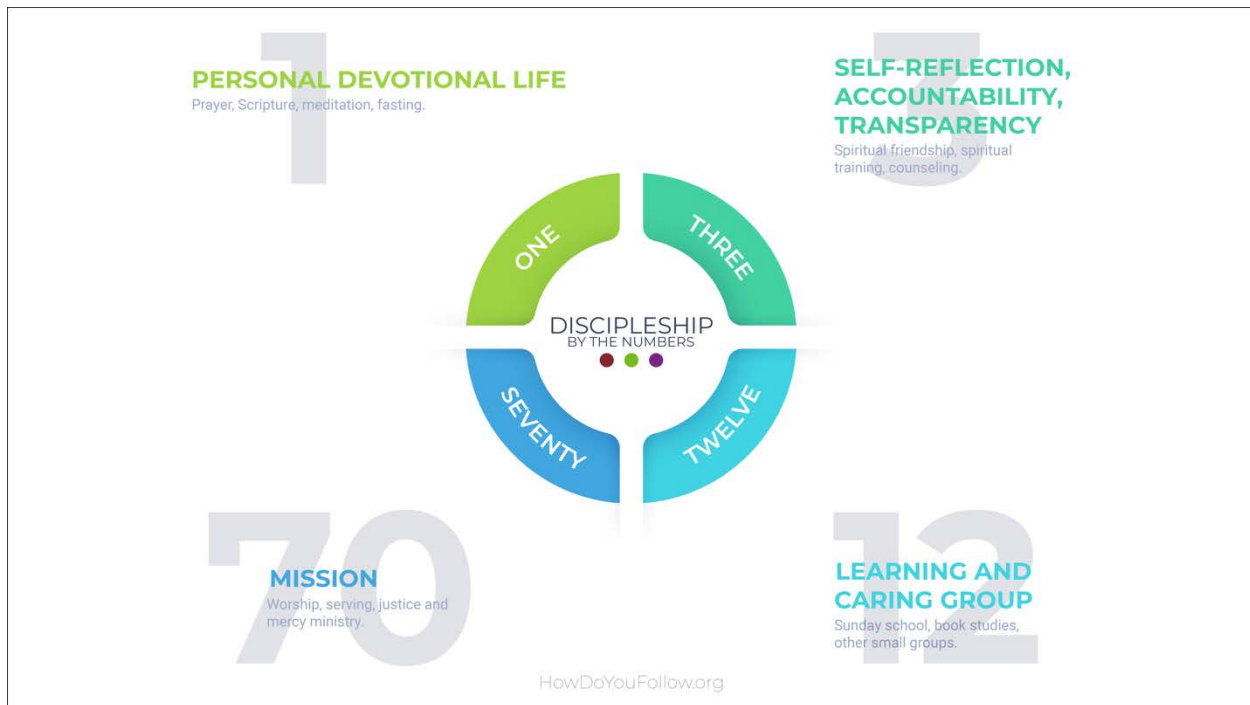
"Prayer. For those of us who have grown up in the church, we may take for granted our understanding of this mysterious practice. What is prayer? How do we define it? Describe it? Is there one way to pray or many ways? Throughout this retreat, we will explore our understanding of prayer and the various practices that the church has offered throughout the centuries to guide us in a life of prayer, focusing primarily on practices from contemplative traditions. Our time spent together will be a combination of learning, practicing, and reflection. My hope is that by the end of our time together your understanding of prayer will have expanded and your desire for God will have deepened." - Sarah McGinnis

We hope you will join us for a time apart this October as we gather at Shaker Village for a time of "learning, practice, and reflection" with Sarah, share four meals at the Trustees Table, and enjoy a time of rest and retreat. We will gather late Friday afternoon and be done after dinner on Saturday. We last did this in the fall of 2019 and are excited to share this experience again. Total cost is \$350 per participant. If you have any questions, please let me know; otherwise, please register using the QR Code below. Space is limited!



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.



At First United Methodist Church, we have structured our approach to discipleship based on how Jesus practiced it. Jesus had a "1" - a personal relationship with God the Father. He also had a "3" - Peter, James, and John, who were his closest disciples and with whom he shared his deepest thoughts and feelings. Additionally, Jesus had the "12" who learned from him and cared for each other. Finally, Jesus united the "70" in a common worship and mission. For more information scan the code below.

