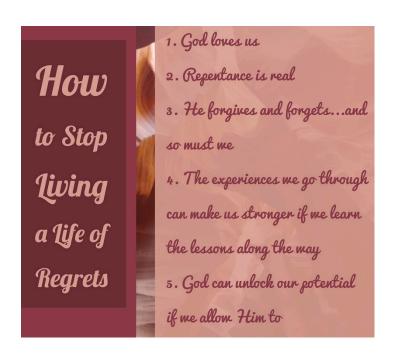
August 24, 202 United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections."



## First United Methodist Church

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# August 24, 2025-10:30 a.m. 11th Sunday after Pentecost Welcome All!

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either on You tube Live or in the Sanctuary.

\*Congregation, please stand if able

#### **PRELUDE**

Tom Hoehn

Point to Ponder: No amount of regret changes the past. No amount of anxiety changes the future. Any amount of gratitude changes the present.

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come now to worship with confidence before our God for we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Hunger cannot. Hardship cannot. Death cannot. People cannot. The ways of the world cannot. Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God. So then, let us worship our most amazing God!

**\*SONG OF PRAISE** 

No. 420

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

**Pastor Melissa** 

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Eternal God, you have set forth the way of life for us in Jesus of Nazareth. We confess that we have been slow to learn from his example. You have spoken to us and called us, and we have not followed. Your beauty has been expressed in the world around us, and we have been blind. You have stretched out your hands to us through our brothers and sisters, and we have passed by. We have taken great benefit with little thanks. We have been unworthy of your self-giving love. Forgive us, O God, and grant that we may be more faithful and constant in our love and service.

A moment of silence with God

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

Amen.

SONG OF PRAYER

**TFWS 2133** 

"Give Me a Clean Heart"

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Great and eternal God, we have been striving to run the race and striving to keep the faith. We bring our love to you and our loyalty to the church. We pray that your blessing upon these gifts may enable us and our church and your great Spirit to be a beacon of light and love to all the world: in our Lord Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Tom Hoehn

\*DOXOLOGY

Psalm 116:7

Scripture for the Month of August Let my soul be at rest again, for the Lord has been good to me.

Dsalm 116:7

### \*GOSPEL LESSON

# **Violet Thompson**

Luke 18:9-14

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God People: Thanks be to God!

**MESSAGE** 

**Pastor Melissa** 

# "The Power of Regret"

**\*SONG OF GOING FORTH** 

**TFWS 2133** 

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

#### \*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Our gathered worship has ended, but our race goes

on.

People: The faith we celebrate here continues to be the

faith we keep out there.

Pastor: As you have poured yourself out in worship – in and in prayer, in fellowship and in unity – now may we

go to pour ourselves out in service to the world God loves.

People: We will follow Jesus right out the doors so we

can be the witness that God is at work in the world.

Pastor: Go with God, in the name of the Father and of the

Son and of the Holy Spirit..

.People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out

of you.

**POSTLUDE** 

**Tom Hoehn** 

The PAST is where you learned the lesson
The FUTURE is where you apply the lesson.

Don't GIVE UP in the middle!