

**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

**September 3, 2017 8:30 & 10:30AM
13th Sunday After Pentecost—Color is Red**

Liturgists: Kelley Ramey (8:30); John Kokalis (10:30)

✠ Please Stand As You Are Able ✦ 10:30AM Service Only

I. ENTRANCE

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S CHILDREN FOR WORSHIP

You are invited to light a candle at one of the Prayer Stations, located at the far ends of the Chancel railing.

Servant Leader Opportunities

Please View the Screens

Gathering Chimes . . . Let the people enter into silence

The Greeting & n Opening Prayer

Rev. Brack

Prelude

"Preludium"

J. H. Knecht

Marti Bessinger, organ

Words of Welcome

✠✦ Gathering Song

W. & S. No. 3176

"Come, Now Is The Time To Worship"

✠ WORDS OF GATHERING & PRAISE

In mutual compassion and authentic love, **we gather as the family of God**. We offer our gifts, our hope, and our lives, **to build up this community of faith**. We bring our songs of gratitude and joy, **to bless God with our worship and praise**.

✠ PROCESSIONAL

Hymn of Praise

U.M.H. No. 431

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Together, let us pray . . . **Loving God, we come in search of You and Your loving wisdom. Come to us and gather us in Your love. Mold us into a community of compassion that is strengthened by the unity and power of Your Holy Spirit. In joyous gratitude, we pray. AMEN.**

✦ ANTHEM

"I Am Here"

Travis Boyd

Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director; Sophie Lee, accompanist;
Anita Chen, cello

II. PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE

✦ 3-M: **MINI-METHODISTS MOMENT**

Ruth Boyd

As children enter the Chancel, **ALL SING** . . .

W. & S. No. 3163

"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]

As children return to their seats, **ALL SING** . . .

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- ✘ THE EPISTLE LESSON Romans 12:9-21
"Behold! The Wisdom of God's Word!"
 Leader: And this is the Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!
- ✘ THE GLORIA PATRI U.M.H. No. 70
- HOMILY *"Isn't That Dangerous?"* Rev. Brack
- PSALTER RESPONSE Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45B Lectionary Insert
- G3 MOMENT—GRAB, GATHER, GROW Kelley Ramey
- PRAYERS FOR OTHERS & OURSELVES
 PASTORAL PRAYER

III. THANKSGIVING and HOLY COMMUNION

- Steward: Carol Paxton
 Servers: Kelley Ramey, John & Aggie Kokalis, Troy Shirey
- A SERVICE OF WORD and TABLE II U.M.H. No. 12
- PASSING OF THE PEACE Sharing signs of love and reconciliation
- OFFERTORY *"Let All Things Now Living"* Krapf
 Marti Bessinger, organ
- ✘ DOXOLOGY *"From Whom All Blessings Flow"* U.M.H. No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- ✘ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
 8:30AM Service . . . U.M.H. No. 15
 ❖ 10:30AM Service . . . Musical Setting "D" U.M.H. Nos. 23-24

GIVING THE BREAD and CUP

- ❖ **HOLY COMMUNION HYMNS Nos. U.M.H.297, 390, 528, 534**
 [❖ To Be Sung as the Loaf and Cup are Shared With Those at the Holy Table]

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

- Leader: Let us pray together . . .
People: Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Let us rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and have perseverance in prayer. 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.

IV. SENDING FORTH INTO GOD'S WORLD

✘ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP (8:30AM only) U.M.H. No. 528
"Nearer, My God, To Thee" (vv. 1-3)

✘ COMMISSION and BLESSING

Love, as Jesus has loved you. **We go to serve, as Jesus served.** Go with the peace that passes all understanding. **We go to heal the world, as Jesus healed.** Amen? **AMEN!**

❖✘ PARTING SONG & RECESSIONAL W. & S. No. 3181
"Peace, Salaam, Shalom"

Peace, Salaam, Shalom. Peace, Salaam, Shalom.
Peace, Salaam, Shalom. Peace, Salaam, Shalom.

POSTLUDE "Fantasia in Eb Major" Pachelbel
Marti Bessinger, organ

OUR STAFF . . . Serving God, By Helping You Serve

Ministers with Servant Hearts . . . All Members; Accompanist . . . Sophia Lee
Youth Ministries Director . . . Kelley Ramey; Children's Choir Director . . . Marti Bessinger
Secretary/Bookkeeper . . . Alene Macaulay; Bell Choir Director . . . Maxine Page
Secretary/Receptionist . . . Robin Kelly; Pre-School Director . . . Billie Crispin
Sacred Music Director/Organist . . . Marti Bessinger; Custodian . . . Andi Snider
Chancel Choir Director . . . Maxine Page; Web Master . . .
Christian Involvement Director . . . Kelley Ramey; Youth Intern . . . Sarah Short
Children's Ministry Coordinator . . . Pastor . . . Lynn Brack
Hymn Leader . . .
Cello . . . Anita Chen
Audio-Visual Technicians . . . Dennis Green, Royce Ramey, Jeff Short

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Bishop . . . Jimmy Nunn; District Superintendent . . . Charles Graves
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