

**Sunday, May 10, 2026**

Mother's Day and United Methodist Student Sunday

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

## **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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### **GATHERING MUSIC**

#### **WELCOME, GOD SIGHTINGS, AND JOYS**

Please fill out the insert in today's bulletin to register your attendance and place in the offering plate when it is passed.

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

##### **\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (congregation response in **bold**)

Family of God, on our journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

**Because God is with us, we can love boldly.**

God is with us, and God joins us with one another as the Body of Christ.

**Because God draws us together, we can serve joyfully.**

Through God, we work for the flourishing of self, neighbor, and all creation.

**Because God holds us together, we can lead courageously.**

Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

**We come to worship God by boldly loving, joyfully serving, and courageously leading, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world.**

**Amen**

##### **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

*May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

UMH 514

**FAMILY TIME** (children of all ages are invited to come forward)

**SPECIAL MUSIC** (8:15)

*Reckless Love*

Clark Williamson, solo

**CHOIR ANTHEM** (10:30)

*10,000 Reasons*

Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Joshua 1:5-9 (NRSVA)

<sup>5</sup> No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. <sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. <sup>9</sup> I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.'

Ephesians 6:10-18 (NRSVA)

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

**SERMON**

Lead Courageously

Rev. Libby Themis

**RESPONSIVE HYMN**

*Without Seeing You*

FWS 2206

**PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we come before You in humility, For we do not live as we ought. We do not love You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We do not love our neighbor as ourselves. So we pray, in all humility, That You will change our hearts and minds, That You will show us again how to love others the way You love us, That You will put power and courage in our hearts to do your will.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Receive this goodness: Even when we wander, we are not alone. God is with us wherever we go. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*The Jesus in Me*

WS 3151

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*Guide My Feet*

FWS 2208

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

# PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer concerns will be listed in the bulletin for 4 weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise.

## **MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

Connie Wybarra (Friend Wendy R., multiple amputations)

Jim Barlow

Amy Peterson's Family, grandmother isn't doing well

Richard Blanchard (Father of Leslie H., prayers for peace, comfort, & healing)

Steven & Mary Cairns (medical tests, procedures, & consults with new Dr.)

Family & Friends of Marilyn Coleman

Connie Stewart knee surgery 4/15

Leonard Schmitz (friend of Kent & Diane W., treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukemia)

Scot Budden (Pastor Libby's brother)

## **COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Betty Cox, McKenna McGivney, Family & Friends of Jean Book, Bob Dishman, Rachel Prichard, Tom Litke, Kathy Ducker, Barbara Webster-Haynes, Nathan Robbins, Deb Daniel, Jamye Comp, Kim Decker, Jacque Havice, Macie Heller.

**THOSE WORSHIPPING FROM HOME:** Norris Marshall, Karen & Steve Crump, Dorothy Veach, Dorothy Snider, Linda Chase, Charles Spidell, Hope Higgins, Jim Leyerzapf, Evelyn Carter, Barb and Carl Funston, Al Jones, Glen & Joan Dawson, Don & Mary Rickley, Phyllis Welton, Pam Jackson, Myckie Spencer.

## **THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:**

Cory Donley, Colby Miller, Evan Middleton, Kayla Lee, Derek Lipson, Daelan McKnight, Patrick Senart

**THOSE IN AUTHORITY:** The World Leaders, The President, the Governor, the Mayor, County Commissioners, the County Attorney, and other elected officials and the judiciary (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## JOIN US FOR A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY

Sunday morning starting on May 10 at 9:30 a.m. the Questors Sunday School group will begin a new Adam Hamilton Study called The Holy Spirit.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Church Council Committee has awarded the following students a scholarship for the 2026-2027 school year: Kaylee Weibert, Magdalena Meneley, Ethan Gonzales, Jackson Green, Jack Hunter, Angie Linder, Tyler Green, Tucker Robinson.

## UNITED METHODIST STUDENT SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING

Together we can invest in the spiritual growth and financial support of our United Methodist students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. This special offering furnishes scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities.

## CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the Cancer Support Group is Wednesday, May 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Narthex.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join Wendy and her crew every Wednesday in June for Vacation Bible School! This summer we invite youth K-5 to take part in the SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE. More information will be available in the coming weeks. If you know a child that would like to participate, please visit with Wendy.

## THE DISCIPLE NEWSLETTER

Do you have a unique hobby or collection that you would like to share with the congregation? We are looking for ideas for upcoming issues!

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

May continues our collection of items for the 2026 Operation Christmas Child Boxes! This month is Personal Hygiene items: fun bandaids, brushes, combs, toothbrushes, socks, nail clippers, files. **Please, no toothpaste or liquids.**

## **COMMUNITY MEAL**

The Community Meal is served the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, at 5:00 p.m., Sterl Hall, 619 N. Rogers. Please contact Jacque Saffell, 785-342-6223 or Toni Schwarting, 785-479-6353 with questions or to volunteer.

## **AUBURN MEDICINE LIDS AND BEST CHOICE LABELS**

The Questors Sunday School class continues to collect Best Choice labels and Auburn Medicine lids to raise money. You can bring your donations to the office any time during regular hours or on Sunday mornings.

## **COOKIES/BREAD FOR SUNDAY MORNING**

We are always in need of cookie/treat donations for Sunday mornings and bread for our visitors. Please bring donations to the office on Sunday mornings or during office hours M-Th 8-12. Thank you for your generosity!

## **WE ARE ON THE RADIO AND STREAMING ONLINE**

If you can't make it to church, but would like to listen to our service live, simply tune into KABI 1560 AM or 95.9 FM at 10:30 a.m. You can also stream the worship service at [abilenefirstumc.org](http://abilenefirstumc.org).

**OFFERING** Needed each Sunday - \$ 5870.81 Last Sunday - \$ 5016.00

## **SPONSOR OUR RADIO BROADCAST**

One way we are able to reach out to those who are homebound or unable to attend worship in person is through our weekly radio broadcast of our 10:30 worship service. To do this costs approximately \$70 every Sunday. We welcome any individual or family who might be willing to sponsor a Sunday Service for \$70. You will be recognized both in the worship bulletin and over the air on the radio for your sponsorship. You may dedicate your sponsorship in honor or memory of a loved one. Please contact the church office to pick a Sunday to sponsor.



# CHURCH CALENDAR

## **SUNDAY, MAY 10 Mother's Day / United Methodist Student Sunday**

- 8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service
- 9:20 a.m. Small Groups & Sunday School Class
- 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / KABI 1560 AM or 95.9 FM

## **MONDAY, MAY 11 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON**

- 10:00 a.m. Card Ministry Group - 208
- 5:00 p.m. Host Community Meal - Sterl Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Core Meeting - 204
- 6:30 p.m. Women's AA/NA Meeting - B9

## **TUESDAY, MAY 12 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON**

- 10:00 a.m. Exercise Group - Narthex

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 OFFICE HOURS 8-11:30**

- 9:30 a.m. Cancer Support Group - Narthex
- 11:30 a.m. Staff Lunch
- 3:30 p.m. Power & Light - Peatling Hall - End of the School Year Party
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Peatling Hall - End of the School Year Party
- 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

## **THURSDAY, MAY 14 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON**

- 4:30 p.m. Kids in Crisis Meeting - KIC Room
- 5:30 p.m. Blockheads Quilters Group - 200

## **FRIDAY, MAY 15 OFFICE CLOSED**

## **SATURDAY, MAY 16**

## **SUNDAY, MAY 17**

- 8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service
- 9:20 a.m. Small Groups & Sunday School Class
- 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / KABI 1560 AM or 95.9 FM

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Please note that **bold type** indicates congregational participation. An asterisk (\*) indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. "UMH" stands for *The United Methodist Hymnal* (blue book); "FWS" stands for *The Faith We Sing* (black book); and "WS" stands for *Worship and Song* (green book).

## **OUR MISSION AND VISION**

Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Vision: A church of Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors.

## **ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

Piano: Angie Hoerner

Liturgists: Jason Vinduska & Chris Seets

Slides/Sound/Livestream: Jamie Linenberger & Tray Green

Gospeltality Greeters 8:15: Ellen Jones & Mary Jane Oard

10:30: Kent & Diane Wyatt

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