

Sunday, June 28, 2026
ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

601 North Cedar, Abilene, Kansas 67410

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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**)

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

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

GATHERING HYMN

In Christ Alone

WS 3105

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

NOISY SUNDAY

HYMN SING (10:30)

Request Your Favorite Hymn

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 6:12-23

¹² Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

SERMON

Sinless Life??

Pastor Bob Clemence

RESPONSIVE HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH 420

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, You spoke, and the world came to be; You commanded, and it stood firm. Your Word is life-giving and true, a light powerful enough to expose our thoughts and desires. Nothing in all creation is hidden from Your sight. And so, we cast ourselves upon Your mercy. Please forgive us for hidden faults and known rebellions. By Your Holy Spirit, cleanse our hearts, heal our brokenness, and realign us with Your will. Shape us more into the image of Christ, who advocates for us before Your throne, Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

There's a Spirit of Love in This Place

vs 1 WS 3148

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SENDING HYMN**

Love Lifted Me

WS 3101

***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:

The Family of Linda Terwort (cousin of Anna G. who passed last week)

Marcia Garner for strength and healing (cousin of Anna G.)

Dorothy Lehman (has moved to Village Manor #303)

Lisa Ricker (the loss of her mother)

Keith Emig (broke his LH leg, prayers of healing)

Bruce Pauley (husband of Kathy, needs prayers for his sight to be returned in his eye)

Susie Smith (daughter of Eunice Gay, had surgery on May 21, prayers for healing)

The Family of Paul Lehman

Pastor Libby Themis

The Family of Marilyn Jordan

Gisela Pauley (mother of Kathy, prayers of healing)

Pam Jackson (prayers of strength & comfort)

Connie YBarra (Friend Wendy R., multiple amputations)

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

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

Steven & Mary Cairns (prayers for decisions with Steven's health)

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

Scot Budden (Pastor Libby's brother)

COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS:

Julie Reid (that her missing dog is found), Bob Dishman, Rachel Prichard, Tom Litke, Kathy Ducker, Barbara Webster-Haynes, Nathan Robbins, Deb Daniel, Jamye Comp, Kim Decker, Jacque Havice, Macie Heller.

THOSE WORSHIPING 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, Dorothy Lehman.

THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:

If you have someone to add to this list, please include their name to the back of the attendance sheet.

Cory Donley, Colby Miller, 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

PAT CORMACK 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, July 18, 2026 Seelye Mansion, 1105 N. Buckeye, Abilene. Please join us for a come & go reception in honor of Pat Cormack's upcoming 90th birthday! Light refreshments and beverages will be provided. Feel free to bring a card to share your birthday wishes, but no gifts, please.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

We have a handful of folks who would love to see us in person on Sunday morning, but are unable to drive themselves. If you feel this is something you could help with from time to time, please let the office know. What a wonderful opportunity to help others.

LETTERS FOR LIAM

Liam Brown is going to be at camp in Maine for the next seven weeks. If you would like to send him a card or note, he would love that! The camp doesn't use 'snailmail', instead they have a digital link that his mom can use to scan everything and then the camp will print it out and give it to Liam. Send any letters to Stacia at stacia@tyware.com or text to 972-841-3600.

PASTOR LIBBY WILL RETURN JUNE 30

If you need pastoral care before then, please phone the office or reach out to a member of the Staff Parish Relations Committee if you have any questions.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

July continues our collection of items for the 2026 Operation Christmas Child Boxes! This month is small bags or purses, hair accessories, hats, watches or jewelry, flashlight, clothes or undergarments, flip-flops, and sunglasses. No liquids

COMMUNITY MEAL

The May 11 Community Meal served 330 people. Our next time to host is August 10. 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.

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.

BREAD MINISTRY

To all who are able to support the Bread Ministry for first time visitors, please bring loaves of homemade bread to the church on Sunday. All types & sizes of bread are appreciated, quick bread, yeast bread, artisan bread. Please wrap in saran wrap &/or baggies. Your willingness to help donations are greatly appreciated.

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.

OFFERING Needed each Sunday - \$ 5870.81 Last Sunday - \$ 2368.00

SUMMER BIBLE TRIVIA

Answers are on the kiosk in the narthex or call the office, 785-263-2623, if you receive this bulletin in the mail.

1. At what age did Jesus begin his ministry?
2. How many of the healed ten lepers returned to thank Jesus?
3. The four Biblical accounts of Jesus' life are called:

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

- 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, JUNE 29 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON

- 5:30 p.m. Core Group
- 6:30 p.m. Women's AA/NA Meeting - B9

TUESDAY, JUNE 30 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 OFFICE HOURS 8-11:30

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Office
- 4:30 p.m. Mission & Outreach Committee - 200

THURSDAY, JULY 2 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON

Happy Birthday Joan Dawson!

- 9:30 a.m. EOTT Guild - Hospice Committee - Peatling Hall

FRIDAY, JULY 3

Happy Birthday Jason Vinduska!

SATURDAY, JULY 4 Happy 250th Birthday America!

Happy Birthday Dale Emig!

SUNDAY, JULY 5

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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: Rick Williamson & Will Burton

Slides/Sound/Livestream: Linda Kolacny & Molly Burton

Gospeltality Greeters 8:15:

10:30: Janice Hoffman & Bette Engelhaupt

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