

Sunday, July 19, 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**)

Today, we gather to join our voices with winds and seas, sunshine and rain,
mountains and grassy plains to worship God, our Creator.

We gather as children of God, stewards of God's creation.

We gather to join our hearts with creatures who creep and crawl, slither and
squirm, swim and soar, to worship God, our Creator.

We gather as children of God, stewards of God's creation.

We gather as witnesses of the harm that has been done to God's creation, to the
groanings of the earth and all the earth's inhabitants who long for peace and
flourishing.

We gather as children of God, stewards of God's creation.

Come, let us worship God who strengthens and equips us, guiding us to live out
our faith as good stewards of God's good creation.

**Come, let us worship God who inspires and empowers us to be stewards of
hope and redemption in a wounded and hurting world! Amen.**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

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

FAMILY TIME (children of all ages are invited to come forward)**SPECIAL MUSIC** (8:15)
(10:30)*Farther Along/I'll Fly Away*Anna Gugler, piano solo
Trumpet Trio

Chuck Brussow, David Carlson, Chuck Zernickow

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:12-25 (NRSV)

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

RESPONSIVE HYMN

Creation Sings

WS 3018

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (10:30)

Trumpet Trio

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

O Breath of Life

vs. 3 WS 3146

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SENDING HYMN**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

UMH 404

***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:

Janice Hoffman and her family as they are facing a few challenges right now. Prayers of comfort, healing, and justice.

Race Proffitt (BIL Will & Molly B. Will have surgery in late July for a brain tumor that has returned)

Unnamed prayer

Sue Murry

Jim Barlow

Eli (Tandy B's cousins son, has osteogenesis Imperfecta, has has some setbacks from surgery)

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)

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)

Gisela Pauley (mother of Kathy, prayers of healing)

Pam Jackson (prayers of strength & comfort)

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:

Harold Oliver, 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

TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST

In loving memory of John Harwood, on what would have been his 82nd birthday.

BACKPACK GIVE AWAY SUPPORT

We are collecting school supplies, small bags of chips, water, soda, etc. to support the Kids in Crisis Backpack give away. Bring items to the church by July 23 at noon.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

OFFERING Needed each Sunday - \$ 5870.81 Last Sunday - \$ 3581.00

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.

When was the Sabbath first instituted, and by whom was it observed?

- A. By Noah, after the flood
- B. By God, after creation
- C. By Adam, in the garden of Eden
- D. By Moses, at the giving of the ten commandments

Who made the first confession to the Lord, as recorded in the Bible?

- A. Abram
- B. Jacob
- C. Adam
- D. Moses

Who delivered Israel by killing 600 Philistines with an ox goad?

- A. David
- B. Jonathan
- C. Shamgar
- D. Samson

Who was the first recorded person raised from death to life?

- A. Tabitha
- B. Jesus
- C. Lazarus
- D. The son of Zarephath's daughter

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 19

- 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, JULY 20 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON

Happy Birthday Pat Cormack!

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

TUESDAY, JULY 21 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 OFFICE HOURS 8-11:30

Happy Birthday Ed Becker!

THURSDAY, JULY 23 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON

FRIDAY, JULY 24 OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, JULY 25

Happy Birthday Kathy Ford!

SUNDAY, JULY 26

Happy Birthday Chuck Zernickow!

- 8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service
- 9:20 a.m. Small Groups & Sunday School Class
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FAIR WEEK IS COMING! THE SCHEDULE IS POSTED ON THE KIOSK.

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: Anna Gugler & Angie Hoerner

Liturgists: Jason Vinduska & Pearl Acheson

Slides/Sound/Livestream: Linda Kolacny & Tray Green

Gospeltality Greeters 8:15: Kevin & Ann Bailey

10:30: Kent & Diane Wyatt

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