



*First United Methodist Church*  
**Sunday, August 21, 2022**



*A nursery is available for children aged 5 and under, on the lower level to the left of the bathrooms. Activity bags, found on the Family Resource Table outside the Sanctuary, are available for children to use during worship. Please return the activity bags following the service. Sunday School will resume in the fall.*

**Prelude** *There is a Balm in Gilead and Longing and Belonging* arr. Mark Patterson  
Velda Graham Bell, piano  
*Canon* Johann Pachelbel; arr. Sandra Eithun  
Loud, Laughing (Ringing) Ladies

**Welcome and Announcements** Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

**\* Call to Worship** Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

One: Give to the Lord your whole trust.  
**All: We place our lives in God's care.**  
One: Know that God has always and will always be with you.  
**All: We place our spirits in God's embrace.**  
One: Worship God in confidence and peace.  
**All: We open our hearts to God's incredible love.**

**\* Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* UM Hymnal #103

**Children's Message** Jojo Coffin-Langdon, Director of Family Ministries

**Scripture Reading** Kelby Werner

**Luke 13:10-17**

On a Sabbath, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath." The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?" When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

**Anthem** *Homeward Bound* Marta Keen, arr. Wilberg  
Derek Bromme, baritone; Shelley Gruskin, penny whistle;  
Velda Graham Bell, piano

Sermon *Breaking the Rules*

Pastor Cynthia Coffin Langdon

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Kelby Werner and Derek Bromme

\* Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill*

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Morning Prayer

Kelby Werner

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer - contemporary paraphrase by Mark Berry

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere! Release a space to plant your Presence here. Imagine your possibilities now. Embody your desire in every light and form. Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' faults. Help us not forget our Source, yet free us from not being in the present. From you arises every Vision, Power and Song from gathering to gathering. May our future actions grow from here! Amen!

\* Hymn *Together We Serve*

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Benediction

Jojo Coffin-Langdon, Director of Family Ministries

Postlude *Rigaudon*

Andre Campra

Velda Graham Bell, organ

*\* please stand as you are comfortable*



## *Announcements*

*to fill out the Connect Cards each week. They are replacing the attendance pads formerly found in the pews. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of church records. **On the back of the card**, is a list of ministry opportunities, where your help can make a difference! These will change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.*



*Guests: Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex; we have a packet and small gift for first-time visitors.*

*Pastor Jeanine is away on vacation until Friday. If you have church needs or pastoral emergencies, please contact Pastor Cynthia or Parish Nurse Linda Wiig, or call the church office (218-727-5021) and we will help connect you.*

*Our music groups will start rehearsing soon and new members are always welcome! The Sanctuary Choir starts Wednesday, August 31 at 5:15 with a potluck to follow. Cast in Bronze and Tapestry begin*

rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7; Class Ring on Wednesday, September 14; and our children's groups (Ringtones and JAM) on Wednesday, September 21.

*Missing anything?* Please check the Lost and Found, right outside the church office door. Forgotten items are starting to build up and will be donated if they are not claimed by September 23.



*Mark your calendars! Thursday, October 6, the Roast Beef Dinner returns as an all drive-through event, just as it was last fall. Meals will be \$12 each and available from 4:30-6:30 pm that day. Watch for more details and volunteer opportunities in the September First Family, online, and here in the bulletin.*

*On Monday, September 12, Hillside UMC (1801 Piedmont Ave.) is hosting a takeout-only Swedish Meatball Dinner from 4:30-6:30 pm. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children age 6 and under. Enjoy Swedish meatballs with gravy over mashed potatoes and all the extras!*

*Guest WIFI Network: FirstUnitedPublic. Password: Public2022.*

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