

# A Time of Worship & Praise

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2024

## WE GATHER

**\*Gathering Music:** *Depth of Mercy* (vv. 1, 2, 4) 355

### Call to Worship <sup>1</sup>

One: Sometimes we hear the story.

**North Side: Sometimes we tell it.**

**South Side: Sometimes we ignore it altogether.**

One: Sometimes we're the ones who offer the welcome.

**North Side: Sometimes we're the ones who return.**

**South Side: Sometimes we're somewhere in between.**

One: Sometimes we're lost.

**North Side: Sometimes we're found.**

**South Side: Sometimes we're a little bit of both.**

One: But all the time, God is writing the story.

**North Side: All the time, God is calling us home.**

**South Side: All the time, God waits for us, ready to celebrate.**

**All: Come, let us worship God!**

**\*Opening Prayer <sup>2</sup>** Garnaas-Holmes

**God of love, when we wander away it is your grace that calls us back to you.**

**You receive us with mercy, and we give thanks. Loving Christ, when we are lost and lonely in a far land, you accompany us in love and guide us home. You receive us with grace, and we give thanks. Holy Spirit, your joy in us calls us, blesses us, and revives us. We celebrate, for we who were lost are found! We who were dead are alive! By your invitation we come to your table to feast in joy.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* (vv. 1 & 2) 351

### Ministry Minute

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## THE WORD

### Scripture

Luke 15:1-3a; 11-32

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

**The Word in Music:** *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* (vv. 1, 3, 6) 357

### Message: *Prodigals*

#### Affirmation<sup>2</sup>

## WE RESPOND

### Our Offerings

**\*Doxology:** *Give Thanks* FWS 2036

**\*Prayer of Dedication <sup>3</sup>**

**Most High, you give us everything that is good. All that we own and all that we are belong to you. We thank you by sharing our time, talents, and right now our money with others in ministry to the world. May these gifts be Grace in Action for this community and the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### Our Prayers

**Sharing our Prayers**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer** 895

## WE ARE SENT

### \*Benediction

**\*Sending Hymn:** *Amazing Grace* (vv. 1, 3, 4) 378



*Please write one gratitude on a leaf & add to the offering plates today.*

Pastor Kolleen Queener

Rosemary Matthews, organ

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**TODAY!**

Dinner: 11:30 am

Live Auction: 12:30 pm

### Community Thanksgiving Service - November 24, 7 pm

Join us for this special service here at First UMC.



### Adopt-a-Family Christmas Gifts – Dec 8

Choose a tag from the Adopt-a-Family Christmas Tree and get some gifts for area families this holiday. UNWRAPPED items are needed by Dec 8 (donate wrapping paper if you like). Be sure to record the tag you choose on the clipboard & return your tag with your gift. You can warm some hearts this Christmas!

### Coming Up

- ♦ **Mon, Nov 18:** Card Club, 12:30 pm; Horizons, 1 pm
- ♦ **Tues, Nov 19:** Card Club 12:30 pm; Bible Study, 1:30 pm
- ♦ **Wed, Nov 20:** NO Wed Night GiG
- ♦ **Thurs, Nov 21:** Horizons, 1 pm; AA, 7:30 pm
- ♦ **Sun, Nov 24:** Community Thanksgiving Service, 7 pm

Worship Stewards	Today	Next Week
Acolytes	Kyson Kogel	Jameson Fehr
Liturgist	Michelle Kogel	Danielle Ditch
AV	Duhn family	Ditch family
Livestream	Paxton Duhn	Randy Becker
Counters/Ushers	Karen S, Steve H	Greg H, Dean VM

<sup>1</sup> Adapted, Saltproject.org

<sup>2</sup> Steven Garnaas-Holmes

<sup>3</sup> Adapted, The Worship Book, © 2004, Faith Alive Christian Resources



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Worship, 10:00 am