

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH  
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE  
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

OFFERTORY "He Is Lord" (Vogt)

✧ DOXOLOGY "O Bless the Gifts" #817

*O bless the gifts our hands have brought;  
And bless the work our hearts have planned.  
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;  
The rest, O God is in Your hand.*

✧ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

There are those who would be glad with the crumbs from your table, O God; we have received your gifts in abundance. Make us mindful of those who are needy, as we bring you our tithes and our offerings. Use them to ease the pain of those who are suffering. As we serve others, use us to fulfill your will.

✧ HALVERSON BENEDICTION

Wherever you go, God is sending you, wherever you are, God has put you there; He has a purpose in your being there. Christ who indwells you has something He wants to do through you where you are. Believe this and go in His grace and love and power."

✧ HYMN "Freely, Freely" #436

✧ POSTLUDE "Grand March" (Stickles)



## Joseph Forgives His Brothers



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# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard

Music - Kay Boyne

Liturgist - Mary Frances Morden

August 20, 2023

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Just As I Am" (Maroney)

INTROIT "In This Very Room" (Harris)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

How very good and pleasant it is when families live together in unity!

**It is like precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard of Aaron.**

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**For there the Lord ordained the blessing upon us, life forevermore.**

Let us worship God!

### PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

✦ HYMN "Softly and Tenderly" #479

### ✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Our Source of Deliverance, Christ, calls us to faith, while we seek our own security. He teaches us to trust him, yet we don't take that risk. He expects total commitment, and we think in terms of percentage. Time after time we turn our backs on your grace, serving our idols and forsaking our Christ. We rely on your promise in him to redeem us. We are dependent on him who can intercede for us. O God, in Christ have mercy upon us.**

### ✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ GLORIA PATRI "Glory Be to the Father" #812  
**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE  
The peace of God be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Greet one another in Peace.

ANTHEM "He was There All the Time" (Paxton)

CHILDREN'S SERMON  
(children are dismissed to the Classrooms for Sunday School)

## THE WORD OF GOD

Gen. 45:1 - 15 (pages 39 – 40, OT)

Rom. 11:1 – 32 (pages 140 – 141, NT)

Matt. 15:21 - 28 (pages 14 – 15, NT)

SERMON "So That He May Have Mercy"

✦ HYMN "Just as I Am" #488

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed  
Let us say what we believe.  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended to heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# About First United Presbyterian Church

## Church Staff

## To Our Visitors

**Minister:** Rev. Mark D. Gabbard  
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**Commissioned Ruling Elder:** Brenda Ransom

**Clerk of Session:** Jessica Kuenzer

**President of Trustees:** Michael Lussier

**Chairman of Deacons:** Jeanne Shibley

**Music Director/Organist:** Kay E. Boyne

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**Sexton:** Jason Fuller

**Pastor's Office Hours:** 9:15 AM to 12:00 PM (Monday-Friday)  
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**Hearing Assistance**  
 devices are available. If you would like to use a receiver, please ask an Usher for assistance.

Welcome! We are happy to have you worshipping with us today.


- ✦ **Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM**  
*(Children join the worship service for the first 15 minutes to hear the Children's Sermon)*
- ✦ **Sunday School - 10:15 AM**  
*K through 12th Grade - all meet in lower level classrooms*
- ✦ The nursery is available for your use during the worship service.
- ✦ An asterisk (\*) preceding a service element indicates the congregation should stand.
- ✦ **Bold** indicates congregation participation.
- ✦ Soup and Sandwich is held the 1st Sunday of each month in the Social Hall. Please join us!
- ✦ If you need the Pastor after hours, call Church Office to make appointment, or ask Nicole for Pastor Mark's cell phone number.

**Please Silence**  
**all electronics**  
**prior to worship**  
**service.**



***The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:***  
***Invite people to know and glorify God***  
***Grow together as followers of Christ***  
***Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit***

### This Week's Calendar August 20 – August 27, 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
9:00am Coffee Hour (WR) 9:00am Choir Practice (S) 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Deacons Meeting (WR)	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH) 5:30pm Session Meeting (WR)	3:30pm Food Pantry	
Wednesday	 <i>Presbyterian Church (USA)</i>		
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Thursday
9:00am Men's Bible Study (WR)	7:00pm A.A.	9:00am Coffee Hour (WR) 9:00am Choir Practice (S) 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	9:30am Textile



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We ask that you remember these people in your prayers throughout the coming week:

Annette Mailes, Dolores Leuvoy, Patty Russell, Carolyn Trumble, Erick Florip, Terry Mason, Scott Wallace, Nellie Harrington, Aaron Corbiere, Carolyn Shaw, Della Porter, Gina Gough, Jon Burgess, Kimberly (Swick) Jewell, Jeffrey Burgess, Donna LaPlaunt, Sandy Shaw, Jane Kellan, Patricia Farnhill, Geraldine Carnahan, Lillian Donelson, Dave & Leslie Henderson, Tara Jean Brody, and all members of missionaries, and the U.S. Armed Forces.

**Please keep us up to date on your prayer request.**

**If you would to add individuals to the prayer list or your prayers have been answered and you would like to be removed from the list, please contact the office**



**Prayer Requests during service:** In order for your request to be clearly heard, please fill out a request slip and hand it to an usher prior to the service. Request slips can be found on the table just outside the sanctuary. You may also request the use of a microphone.

### **VISITORS, WELCOME TO THE FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!**

We pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you. Jesus welcomed everyone; that is our aim, too. Whether you're here for the first time or the thousandth, we count ourselves blessed by your presence. Persons interested in more information about First United Presbyterian Church, or in joining this congregation, are invited to fill out a 'Welcome' card found in the pews, or call the church office. Please be sure to sign our Guest Book near the entrance to the Sanctuary. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

**DEACON PRAYER CHAIN** Please remember the Deacon Prayer Chain, if you, or someone you know, are in need of prayers. Contact Jeanne Shibley at (906) 630-1707.

**RIDES TO CHURCH** If anyone needs a ride to church, please contact the church office before Friday of each week and the Deacons will arrange a pick up time.

**BULLETIN BOARD** Please visit the bulletin board across from the office for information concerning local events, news, and resources available in the community.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Will not be meeting until September, have a great summer!

**FUPC MEETINGS** Deacons will meet today, August 20th at 11:15 am. Session will meet August 21st at 5:30 pm.

**PW MEETING** Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday September 19th at noon.

**PW FUNDRAISERS** The PW famous Dish Cloths are for sale at \$1.25 each. Buy several —the price is right! Get yours today! Ultimate Cloths, no chemicals needed, cleans with just water using MiraFiber technology! Guaranteed 5 years general use! Come on in to the Church office and get yours for only \$6 or 5 for \$25. Presbyterian Women's Second Edition Favorite Salads cookbook also available in church office for only \$8!

**TEXTILE SOCIAL** The Textile Social Group meets the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Thursday of each month, from 9:30am to 1:00pm in the Social Hall.

**RUMMAGE SALE** Anita Weinrick and Doris Boogerd would like to say a big "Thank You" to all who helped in any way with the rummage sale: all who donated items or bought items, all who donated their time, wisdom, muscles, trucks, or made a cash donation. We really appreciated all the cooperation and help!

**HIAWATHALAND COMMUNITY CHORUS** Will be holding an "Encore Concert of Summer Songs" today at Faith Lutheran Church, beginning at 7:00pm.



### **SERVING US THIS WEEK**

**Greeters:** Julie Walsh & Margaret Eagle

**Ushers:** Charlie Zane, Margaret Money, Alegra Soorus, & Audrey Zane

### **SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

**Greeters:** Julie Walsh & Margaret Eagle

**Ushers:** Cathy Akre, Cheryl Thoresen, & JoAnne Lussier

**Last week's attendance: 67**

**Last week's offering: \$3,161.32**