

# Surviving and



# Thriving

## ***Surviving and Thriving***

October 27, 2024

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are comfortable

<sup>1</sup>UMH ~ *United Methodist Hymnal* (hard cover hymnal)

<sup>2</sup>FWS - *The Faith We Sing* (soft cover hymnal)

Announcements and greetings

*The assembly responds or joins in unison when our text is **bold**.*

Centering Words:

God sees us in every circumstance. God's hand turns surviving into thriving. Let us center our love and thankfulness for this gift.

Prelude

***Magnificat septimi toni, verse 1***

Praetorius

Call to worship:

The Word of God awaits us here; come to worship!

**The Holy Spirit welcomes us.**

Come to be renewed in the Spirit of Christ.

**God is waiting to offer us a new life of freedom.**

In hope, seek God's caring presence.

**In faith, we dare to trust God's steadfast love.**

\*Opening Hymn

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

UMH # 160

1.

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

2.

**Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud;  
whilst answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

3.

**Yes, on through life's long path, Still chanting as ye go;  
From youth to age, by night and day, In gladness and in woe.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

4.

**At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest,  
the pilgrims find their heavenly home, Jerusalem the blest.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

5.

**Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 160

Words: Edward H. Plumptre, 1865)

Music: MARION; Arthur H. Messiter, 1889

Opening Prayer: In Unison

**Loving and ever-present God, we come before You, acknowledging that You are the One who sees us in every season of our lives. We have faced moments of struggle, wandering through the wilderness of uncertainty, pain, and isolation. Yet, in the midst of it all, You are the God who meets us, the God who hears our cries and speaks promises of hope and new life. We thank You for the ways You sustain us, not just to survive, but to flourish. You remind us that Your plans for us extend far beyond our present struggles, leading us to a future filled with Your abundance. As we gather in your presence today, open our hearts to receive Your promise of hope and healing. May Your Spirit strengthen us, and may we be a living witness to Your grace in our lives. In your holy name we pray, AMEN.**

Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 43:1-4**

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

Psalter: **Psalm 34** Responsively with Sung Response #2

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*Musical Response*

**O magnify the Lord with me; with me exalt God's name!**

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the Lord at all times;  
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> **My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

<sup>3</sup> O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt God's name together!

<sup>4</sup> **I sought the Lord, who answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

<sup>5</sup> Look to God and be radiant,  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup> **The poor cried out, and the Lord,  
and saved them out of all their troubles.**

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear God, and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup> **O taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Happy are those who take refuge in God!**

*Musical Response*

<sup>9</sup> O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,  
for those who fear God have no want!

<sup>10</sup> **The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

<sup>11</sup> Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> **Which of you desires life  
and covets many days to enjoy good?**

<sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.

<sup>14</sup> **Depart from evil, and do good;  
seek peace, and pursue it.**

*Musical Response*

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
and the ears of the Lord hear their cry.

<sup>16</sup> **The face of the Lord is against evildoers,  
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup> When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup> **The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

<sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the Lord delivers them.

<sup>20</sup> **The Lord keeps all their bones;  
not one of them will be broken.**

<sup>21</sup> Evil shall slay the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

<sup>22</sup> **The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned.**

*Musical Response*

Special Music ***Eternity's Day*** Pegram

New Testament Reading: **Romans 8:31-39**

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

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 11:28-30**

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn of Preparation

***I Am Thine, O Lord***

UMH # 419

1.

**I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, And it told Thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith, And be closer drawn to Thee.**

Refrain:

**Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died; Draw me nearer, nearer,  
nearer, blessed Lord, To Thy precious, bleeding side.**

2.

**Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, By the power of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, And my will be lost in Thine.**

Refrain

3.

**O, the pure delight of a single hour That before Thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend!**

Refrain

4.

**There are depths of love that I cannot know Till I cross the narrow sea;  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach Till I rest in peace with Thee.**

Refrain

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 419

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; Music: William H. Doane, 1875

Message

***“Surviving and Thriving - God Sees Me”***

\*Hymn of Response

***Hope of the World***

UMH # 178

1.

**Hope of the world, O Christ of great compassion: speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent;  
save us, your people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.**

2.

**Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven, bringing to hungry souls the bread of life:  
still let your Spirit unto us be given to heal earth's wounds and end her bitter strife.**

3.

**Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways, showing to wandering souls the path of light:  
walk now beside us, lest the tempting byways lure us away from you to endless night.**

4.

**Hope of the world, who by your cross did save us from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt:  
we render back the love your mercy gave us; take now our lives and use them as you will.**

5.

**Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious, who by this sign did conquer grief and pain:  
we would be faithful to your gospel glorious; you are our Lord, and you forever reign.**

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 178  
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: In unison

**Diligent Lord, who watches over us at all times, be with us all these days. We confess that in the moment of wilderness and struggle, we often doubt Your presence. When life becomes difficult, we forget that You walk with us, and we rely on our own strength instead of trusting in Your provision. Merciful God, open our eyes to Your presence, open our hearts to Your love and remind us of the future You have promised. Lead us from despair to hope, from isolation to community, and from mere surviving to thriving in the abundant life You desire for us all. Restore our hope and courage and joy for all the times ahead. We ask this in the name of the Master Healer, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment of quiet confession.

Words of assurance:

Remember, beloved children of God, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, can separate us from the love of God.

Invitation to the Offering

*Please submit your offering as you feel led by placing it in the plates on the altar railing, or text your gift to 833-756-0325, or on our website: [www.elyriafirstumc.org](http://www.elyriafirstumc.org).*

Offertory

***Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein, alio modo***

Praetorius

Offertory Prayer: In Unison

**For all who have made life more pleasant for us, we give you thanks, O God. For the abundance of your steadfast love, which rescues and enlivens us, we are most grateful. We present here practical expressions of thanksgiving to extend your purposes in the world. May this offering be a sign of our trust in Your continued care. Use them to bless others who are in need, to sustain those who feel forgotten, and to build Your kingdom of justice, love, and hope. Bless these gifts and bless the givers, that together we may reflect Your abundant love to a world in need. May we learn from all we help, that all of us may grow toward discipleship. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

***Into My Heart***

<sup>♯</sup>FWS # 2160

1.

**Into my heart, Into my heart, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;  
Come in today, Come in to stay, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.**

2.

**Out of my heart, Out of heart, Come out of my heart, Lord Jesus;  
Shine out today, Shine out all way; Shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.**

The Faith We Sing Hymnal Number 2160  
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*Please be seated for closing announcements and the Benediction.*

Benediction: Responsively

If God is for us, who can be against us?

**Nothing can separate us from Christ's gracious love.**

If Christ is with us, what can stop us?

**Nothing can keep us from sharing Christ's gifts of love and strength.**

Go with love as your guide.

**God is our constant companion.**

Amen,

**and Amen!**

Postlude

***Magnificat septimi toni, verse 4***

Praetorius

Worship Participants

Preaching: Rev. Tennille Power

Media: David Wilm

Musicians: Kingsley Wood, Jack Roberts, and the Chancel Choir

Sound room: Neal Hubbard

Ushers and Greeters: Bill Buga, Randy and Kris Long, and Mike Zahnke

Each week, this service is broadcast live on the radio station WEOL 930 AM/100.3 FM. Today's radio broadcast is sponsored with money from the Radio Fund. Thank you to those who donate to the fund which allows us to continue our radio ministry as we share God's love with the radio audience and the community.

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Denise Smith in loving memory and in celebration of her mom, Elaine's October 29<sup>th</sup> earthly birthday. Also, in loving memory and in celebration of a dear friend's October 24<sup>th</sup> earthly birthday.

***If you are interested in joining our church family, please call the church office at 440.322.6622 or email our pastor at [tennillep@elyriafirstumc.org](mailto:tennillep@elyriafirstumc.org).***

***If you have any pastoral needs or prayer concerns, please call the church office, 440.322.6622.***

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# Third Street Review

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October 27, 2024



**October Mission focus:**

## **Community Outreach**

This month all the funds collected in October will help with our Community Outreach efforts. Many of the community members who come for a hot meal for breakfast or come to our free store for cleaning and hygiene products and clothing store are victims and survivors of everything from Domestic Violence to health challenges such as Breast Cancer and mental illness. With our efforts every month, we are the difference between someone not getting a meal and being able to survive for the month. We are called to do our part, and we do it well! We need support to continue our work in the community, which may seem small but makes a world of difference. Your donation will support our local families in need.

Cash or checks made payable to: **First United Methodist Church**, (indicate **Community Outreach** on the memo line). Donate online via our website: [www.elyriafirstumc.org](http://www.elyriafirstumc.org).

## **All Saints Day**

Next Sunday, **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**, we will honor the saints who have departed this past year and now live in the Church Triumphant. Please submit names to the church office by calling the office at 440-322-6622.

## **Free Hygiene Store**

Once again, we served a full house of community residents and our shelves need replenishing! We are grateful for your continued support of this much needed ministry. Our needs for November include:

- **Cleaning Supplies** (glass, bathroom, and toilet bowl cleaners)
- **Paper towels & Toilet paper**
- **Kids Toothbrush and toothpaste**
- **Shampoo & Conditioner** (dry shampoo too)
- **Laundry & Dish Soap**
- **Women's and men's Body wash, Deodorant, and Razors**
- **Diapers** (size 4, 5, 6, 7)
- **Pull-ups** (size 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T)
- **Baby wash and lotion**

Please place these items in the box located on the main level. Bless you! The Free Store will be open on **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** from **10 am-12 pm**.

## **Community Breakfast**

As our capacity for meals expands, our need for more volunteers expands! **We need a few more volunteers for the second week Sunday breakfast crew.** Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping us serve in this vital ministry. We are always in need of **plastic cutlery and plastic bags**. We are excited about how we serve the community and looking for **YOU** to join our team!

## **Free Clothing Store**

**The Free Clothing Store is a labor of love!** For our community to shop with dignity we need **hangers, clothing racks and kind spirits** who are willing to donate time. Please place any kind of hangers in the bin on the main level. The store will be open on **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 am-12 pm**, please contact the church office at 440.322.6622 with questions or to volunteer.

## **Church Financial Update**

As part of being good stewards of our church and the gifts and treasures brought in, we will provide monthly updates to our congregation. Our Finance Committee wants to thank each of you for your continued support of our church and its programs. We believe in transparency, and we are all in this together!

\*September Income: 19,262.69

September Expenses: 20,573.71

\*There was a mistake in our typing last week. These are the correct numbers.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

## **Advent Bible Study Begins in December ~ The Chosen**

More details to come in the next few weeks about our upcoming Advent Bible study which will be on Wednesdays at 7:00pm on Zoom.

## **Happy Tuesdays**

Tuesdays will be our time for fellowship, fun and lunch! Our traditional **Happy Hour** is on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays** at **noon** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Here a meal will be prepared, and we welcome all to come and fellowship! On the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays**, we will gather as **BYOL-Bring Your Own Lunch** with fun and fellowship supplied!

**Happy Hour ~ November 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

**BYOL ~ November 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

## **Open Sponsorship Dates**

**Altar Flower dates:**

**November 3 and 10**

**Cost \$22**

**Radio Broadcast dates:**

**November 3 and 10**

**Cost \$300.00 full, \$150.00 half**

Or you can contribute any amount to our Radio Fund!

## **Methodist Women and the Civil Rights**

From *Our Hearts Were Strangely Lukewarm* by John Elford:

*Methodist women's organizations in the Methodist Episcopal Church (MEC) had worked to change racial attitudes and eliminate systemic racism in the church and the nation. The range of their work during the civil rights era was simply astonishing. It seems there were Methodist women everywhere, whether it was lobbying for fair employment practices and voting rights or denouncing lynching and segregation, to name just a few.*

*A determined core group did the heavy lifting of dismantling racism. It's also important to remember that their work involved White and Black women working together each step of the way.*



To learn more, join the conversation on Wednesdays!

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***Scripture readings for the week:***

Sunday, October 27: **Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8; Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 7:23-28;**

**Mark 10:46-52**

Monday, October 28: **Psalm 28; Isaiah 59:9-19; 1 Peter 2:1-10**

Tuesday, October 29: **Psalm 28; Ezekiel 18:1-32; Acts 9:32-35**

Wednesday, October 30: **Psalm 28; Ezekiel 14:12-23; Matthew 20:29-34**

Thursday, October 31: **Psalm 146; Ruth 1:18-22; Hebrews 9:1-12**

Friday, November 1: **Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9; Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a;**

**John 11:32-44**

Saturday, November 2: **Psalm 146; Ruth 2:10-14; Luke 10:25-37**

Sunday, November 3: **Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Psalm 119:1-8;**

**Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34**



## November 2024 Daily Readings

Friday, November 1: **Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9; Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44**

Saturday, November 2: **Psalm 146; Ruth 2:10-14; Luke 10:25-37**

Sunday, November 3: **Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34**

Monday, November 4: **Psalm 18:20-30; Ruth 2:15-23; Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10**

Tuesday, November 5: **Psalm 18:20-30; Ruth 3:1-7; Acts 7:17-29**

Wednesday, November 6: **Psalm 18:20-30; Ruth 3:8-18; John 13:31-35**

Thursday, November 7: **Psalm 127; Ruth 4:1-10; Romans 5:6-11**

Friday, November 8: **Psalm 127; Ruth 4:11-17; Hebrews 9:15-24**

Saturday, November 9: **Psalm 127; Ruth 4:18-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24**

Sunday, November 10: **Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44**

Monday, November 11: **Psalm 113; Genesis 24:1-10; 1 Timothy 5:1-8**

Tuesday, November 12: **Psalm 113; Genesis 24:11-27; 1 Timothy 5:9-16**

Wednesday, November 13: **Psalm 113; Genesis 24:28-42; Luke 4:16-30**

Thursday, November 14: **1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 1:21-28; 1 Timothy 6:11-21**

Friday, November 15: **1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 2:18-21; Colossians 2:6-15**

Saturday, November 16: **1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 3:1-18; Mark 12:1-12**

Sunday, November 17: **1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8**

Monday, November 18: **Psalm 3; 1 Samuel 3:19-4:2; Hebrews 10:26-31**

Tuesday, November 19: **Psalm 3; Deuteronomy 26:5-10; Hebrews 10:32-39**

Wednesday, November 20: **Psalm 3; 1 Kings 8:22-30; Mark 13:9-23**

Thursday, November 21: **Psalm 132:1-12; 2 Kings 22:1-10; Acts 7:54-8:1a**

Friday, November 22: **Psalm 132:1-12; 2 Kings 22:11-20; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28**

Saturday, November 23: **Psalm 132:1-12; 2 Kings 23:1-14; John 3:31-36**

Sunday, November 24: **2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-18; Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37**

Monday, November 25: **Psalm 63; 2 Kings 23:15-25; Revelation 11:1-14**

Tuesday, November 26: **Psalm 63; 1 Samuel 17:55-18:5; Revelation 11:15-19**

Wednesday, November 27: **Psalm 63; 2 Samuel 2:1-7; John 16:25-33**

Thursday, November 28: **Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:6-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Friday, November 29: **Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:16-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22**

Saturday, November 30: **Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:26-31; Luke 21:20-24**

The readings can also be found on the church's website:  
<https://www.elyriafirstumc.org/november-scriptures>