



"Heartfelt Gratitude"

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025

Prelude

Praeambulum ex F

Scheidemann

Greetings

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

Centering Words:

God calls us into covenant and invites us to examine our faithfulness. Turn again to the Lord, for you are beloved of God and have been given many blessings. We who have known God's healing touch are called to a life of gratitude. Rejoice in God's love for you.

Call to worship:

When we are lonely and feeling lost . . .

Jesus calls us and brings us hope and peace.

When we are angry and frustrated . . .

Jesus heals our wounds and soothes our tempers.

When we are sorrowful and broken . . .

Jesus binds up our wounds with his healing love.

Come, let us worship the one who cares so abundantly for us.

*Opening Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

[♯] UMH # 140

1.

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father; There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness, Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided; Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.**

2.

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

Refrain

3.

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.**

Refrain

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Music: William M. Runyan, 1923
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Let us pause for a moment of quiet confession.

Words of assurance

Old Testament Reading: **Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7**

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

Special Music

We Bow Down

arr. Hayes

Piano Solo: Nathan Hensley

Epistle Reading: **2 Timothy 2:8-15**

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

*Gospel Reading: **Luke 17:11-19**

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

1.

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.**

Hallelu, Hallelujah!

2.

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.**

Hallelu, Hallelujah!

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Message

"Heartfelt Gratitude"

Hymn of Response

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

♫ UMH # 89

1.

**Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before You, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!**

2.

**All Your works with joy surround You, Earth and heaven reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You, Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain Praising You eternally!**

3.

**Always giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother, Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.**

4.

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus, Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us, Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.**

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 89
Words: Henry Van Dyke, 1907; Music: HYMN TO JOY; Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr by Edward Hodges, 1864

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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.

Offertory

Office 45b, op. 57

Tournemire

*Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

UMH # 95

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 95

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; Music: OLD 100TH; Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

*Offertory Prayer:

Accept our gifts, gracious God, as a symbol of our renewed commitment. We give thanks for the wholeness you offer us amid a fragmented world. We are grateful for meaningful tasks in the midst of chaos and meaningless suffering. We dedicate ourselves and our offering to your faithful service. Amen.

Announcements

*Closing Hymn

Lord of the Dance

UMH # 261

1.

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

Refrain:

**Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

2.

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on:**

Refrain

3.

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
The holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped
and they hung me on high, And they left me there on a cross to die:**

Refrain

4.

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
But I am the dance, and I still go on:**

Refrain

5.

**They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.**

Refrain

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 261

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Music: 19th cent. Shaker tune; adapt. by Sydney Carter, 1963;

harm. by Gary Alan Smith, 1988

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Benediction

Postlude

Ave Maris Stella v. 4

Titelouze

**Please stand as you are comfortable*

[†]UMH ~ *United Methodist Hymnal* (hard cover hymnal)

[♯]FWS- *The Faith We Sing* (soft cover hymnal)

Worship Participants

Preaching: Pastor Marcus Atha

Liturgist: Kim Foster

Media: David Wilm

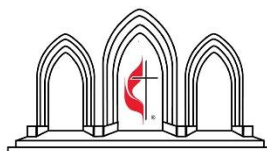
Musicians: Kingsley Wood, Jack Roberts and the Chancel Choir

Sound room: Neal Hubbard

Ushers and Greeters: John Borer and Mike Zahnke

This service is broadcast live on the radio station WOBL 1320 AM and 107.7 FM. Today's radio broadcast and altar flowers are sponsored by Claudette Williams and family in loving memory and in celebration of Delcie Orndorff's October 13th earthly birthday.

If you are interested in joining our church family, or if you have any pastoral needs or prayer concerns, please call the church office at 440.322.6622.



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Third Street Review



October Mission Focus:

October 12, 2025

First United Methodist Church

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Community Outreach

This month we will collect funds all October to aid 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 often 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.

November 2nd Worship

A special worship service is being planned for Sunday, November 2nd. Not only will we celebrate **All Saints Day**, but we will celebrate our **50-year members AND the 100th Anniversary of our Sanctuary!**

Mark your calendar to join us for this wonderful time of worship for all that God has done.

Quarterly Giving Statements

To be a good steward, you need to know where you stand with your giving. Quarterly Statements are available before or after worship on October 12th. They will be on the media table at the front of the Sanctuary. Any statements not picked up will be mailed at the end of October. Help us save a stamp – come to worship to receive your statement!

Free Clothing Store

We continue to organize what has been received.

The store will be open to the community on **Saturday, October 25th 10 am-12 pm**, please contact the church office at 440.322.6622 with questions or to volunteer.

Cookie Hour

Come, enjoy goodies and wonderful fellowship in the **Asbury Room** on Sunday, **October 26th**. If you would like to bake or host this time of fellowship, please call the church office.

312 Happy Hour

Happy Hour is a twice per month event held on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays** at **noon** in **Fellowship Hall!**

Join us for a great meal, fun, and fellowship!

October 14th and 28th

Come – invite others!

Open Sponsorship Dates

Altar Flower dates: **November 9 and 16**

Cost \$22

Radio dates: **October 26, November 2, 9, and 30**

Cost \$300 (*includes advertising!*)

Please call the church office at 440.322.6622 to reserve your special date!

Share Your Gifts/Talents

Volunteers are needed for the Community Breakfast and our Free stores. Our community needs support from our outreach ministries, **and YOU have gifts and talents** to share! Please contact the church office to cheerfully offer your gifts and talents to serve in these vital ministries.

Community Breakfast

Thank you so much for the plastic bags and cutlery! We have accumulated enough for quite some time and will alert you when we need them again.

What we do need for this ministry is YOU! Several of our breakfast teams are short of *hands*, which as you know...many hands make...light work!

***Volunteering once a month can make a
big difference in the life of this ministry,
the community, and YOU!***

Prayerfully consider joining a breakfast team then call Julie Joy in the church office (440.322.6622) to volunteer.

Free Hygiene Store

We are grateful for your continued support of this much needed ministry. Being open to the community and filling in the gap for many families is a blessing!

Our needs for October include:

- **Baby wash and lotion**
- **Cleaning Supplies** (glass, bathroom, and toilet bowl cleaners)
- **Kids Toothbrush and toothpaste**
- **Laundry & Dish Soap**
- **Shampoo & Conditioner** (dry shampoo too)
- **Women's and men's Body wash,
Deodorant, and Razors**

Please place these items in the box located on the main level. The store will be open on **Saturday, October 25th** from **10 am-12 pm!**

Charge Conference

This year's Charge Conference will be held at the Strongsville United Methodist Church **next Sunday, October 19th 2-4 pm**. We need at least 2 people, if not more, to represent us at the conference. Unfortunately, Pastor Marcus and John Hammond are out of town that day. See Marcus or call the church office to learn more about being a representative for our church!

Note: If we do not have representation in Strongsville, we will be required to attend the conference at Green Valley UMC in Akron on Saturday, November 8th at 11 am.

Scripture readings for the week:

Sunday, October 12: **Jeremiah 29:1-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c;
Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19**

Monday, October 13: **Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 29:8-23; Acts 26:24-29**

Tuesday, October 14: **Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 29:24-32; Ephesians 6:10-20**

Wednesday, October 15: **Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 25:15-32; Matthew 10:5-15**

Thursday, October 16: **Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 26:1-15; Acts 17:22-34**

Friday, October 17: **Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 26:16-24; 2 Timothy 2:14-26**

Saturday, October 18: **Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 31:15-26; Mark 10:46-52**

Sunday, October 19: **Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; Genesis 32:22-31;
Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8**