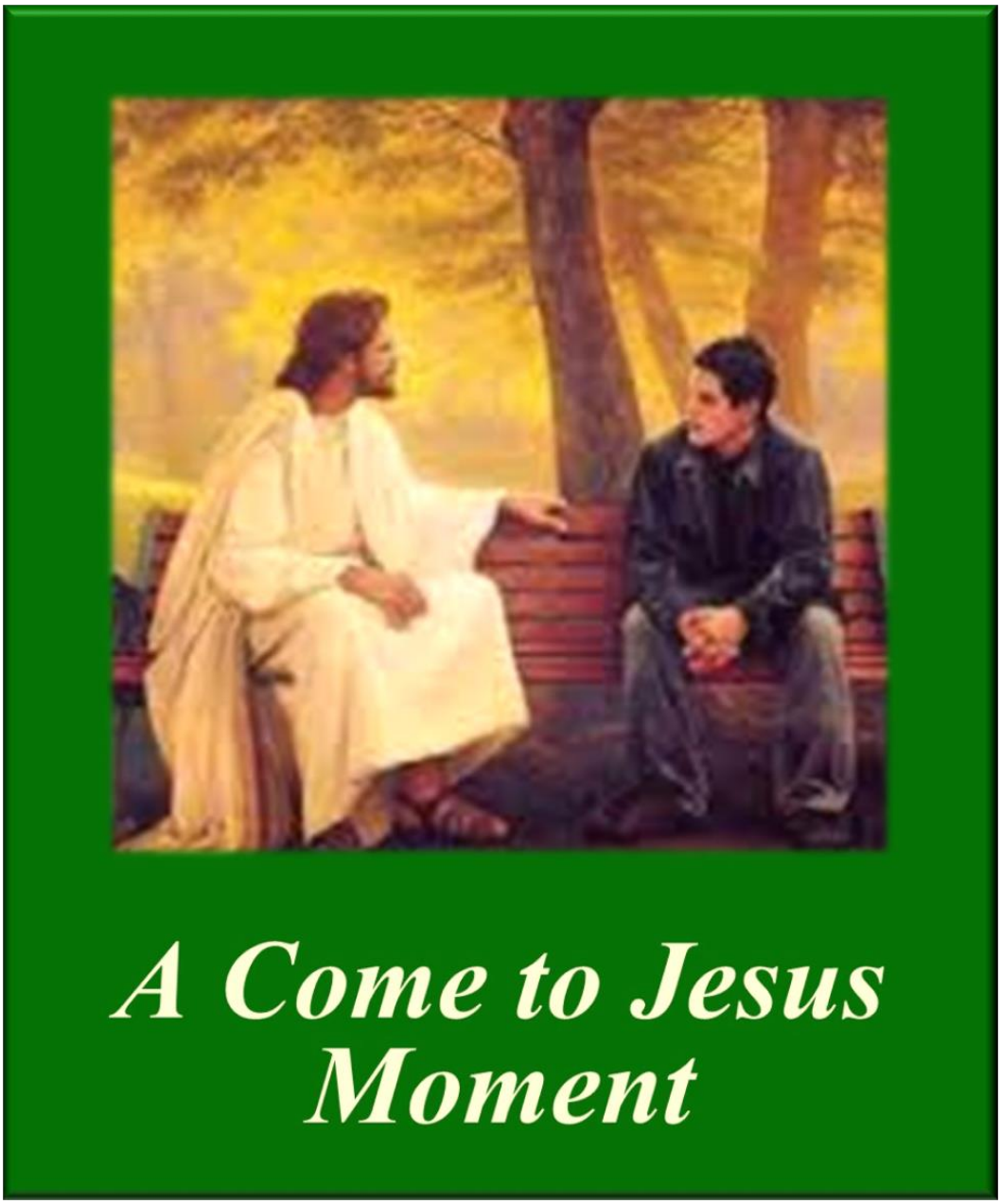

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

June 21, 2026

Prelude ***O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*** Glaser

Greetings

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

Centering Words:

Recognize that God, not you, prescribe the rules under which life can be rich and full and free. In this hour, embrace the best, open your thoughts and feelings. Dare to question and make requests knowing that God's grace and mercy exceed your wildest imagining and God's guidance is ever available to those who ask.

Call to worship:

Come, all who look for God with unseeing eyes.
Oh, that we knew where to find God!
Come, all who listen for God but hear nothing.
We want to hear and understand God's Word.
The Word of God is living and active, it pierces and judges and opens us to God's grace.
God understands our thoughts and intentions.
Leave everything to follow Jesus in this hour.
Here we set the patterns of everyday life.
This is the time to embrace new ways.
Here we are strengthened for every day's challenges.

*Opening Hymn ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*** ♪ UMH # 400

1.

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love!

2.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 400
Words: Robert Robinson, 1958
Music: NETTLETON; Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part Second, 1813

Old Testament Reading: **Job 23:1-9**

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

Special Music ***Man, be merry*** Rowley

Second Reading: **Hebrews 4:12-16**

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

*Gospel Reading: **Matthew 19:16-26**

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

Hymn of Preparation ***Lord, Speak to Me*** ♪ UMH #463

1.

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thy erring children lost and lone.

2.

O strengthen me, that while I stand Firm on the rock, and strong in Thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand To wrestlers with the troubled sea.

3.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach The hidden depths of many a heart.

4.

O fill me with Thy fulness, Lord, Until my very heart o'er flow
In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

5.

O use me, Lord, use even me, Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,
Until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 463
Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1872
Music: CANONBURY; Adapt. from Robert Schumann, 1839

Message ***"A Come to Jesus Moment"***

Musical Response ***Alles, was dein Gott dir gibt*** Randhartinger
(Everything, Your God Gives You)

Invitation to the Offering

As you feel led, please place your offering and/or completed connection card in the basket at the back of the chapel, or text your gift to 833-756-0325, or Contribute Now on our website: www.elyriafirstumc.org.

Offertory ***Love Bade me Welcome*** Le Bas

*Doxology **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** ♪ UMH # 95

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.

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 95
Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; Music: OLD 100TH; Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

*Offertory Prayer:

Thank you God, for the wealth you have entrusted to us. As we share a portion of that wealth, we pray that it may never become the object of our affection. Keep our focus on people and relationships and lasting values, rather than on the possessions we can accumulate. We dedicate our time, money, and ourselves to the reign of God among us, praying that all whom our gifts may reach may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Amen.

Announcements

*Closing Hymn ***O Jesus, I Have Promised*** ♪ UMH # 396

1.

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

2.

O let me feel thee near me, the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

3.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control!
O speak, and make me listen, thou Guardian of my soul!

4.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 396
Words: John E. Bode, ca. 1866
Music: ANGEL'S STORY; Arthur H. Mann, 1881

Benediction

Postlude ***Be Thou My Vision*** Young

**Please stand as you are comfortable*

♪UMH ~ *United Methodist Hymnal* (hard cover hymnal)
♫FWS ~ *The Faith We Sing* (soft cover hymnal)

Worship Participants

Preaching: Rev. Karson Collins
Liturgist: Sheila André de la Porte
Media Specialists: John Borer and Denise Smith
Musicians: Jack Roberts and the Chancel Choir
Sound: Neal Hubbard
Ushers and Greeters: Roger and Janice McFrederick, and Mike Zahnke

This service is broadcast live on the radio station WOBL 1320 AM and 107.7 FM. Today's radio broadcast is sponsored with money given for our radio ministry. Thank you to those who donate which allows us to continue our radio ministry as we share God's love with the radio audience and the community.

The altar flowers are sponsored to celebrate God the father of us all.

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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O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing by Carle Glaser. ***Man, be merry*** by Alex Rowley. ***Alles, was dein Gott dir gibt (Everything, Your God Gives You)*** by Benedict Randhartinger. ***Love Bade me Welcome*** by Phillip Le Bas. ***Be Thou My Vision*** by Carlton Young. All songs are performed under license # 673591.

Third Street Review

June 21, 2026

First United Methodist Church
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June Mission focus:

Community Outreach

This month we will collect funds to aid 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 shop in our clothing store, are victims and survivors of everything from Domestic Violence to health challenges. 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 that 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.

Sunday Social

Formerly *Fellowship Time*, Sunday Social is a time to enjoy goodies and wonderful fellowship. Come to the **Parlor today** after worship.

Free Clothing Store

We are accepting clothing, coats, blankets, and linens. Please place items in the box on the main level. The store will be open to the community next **Saturday, June 27th, 10 am-12 pm**.

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 June include:

- **Cleaning Supplies** (glass, bathroom, and toilet bowl cleaners)
- **Laundry & Dish Soap**
- **Shampoo & Conditioner** (dry shampoo too)
- **Women's & Men's Body Wash**

Please place these items in the box located on the main level. The store will be open next **Saturday, June 27th** from **10 am-12 pm!**

New Church Plan

Work continues on planning for future building improvements. Our project manager, Alicia, is currently working with contractors and gathering estimates while developing design concepts for ministry spaces throughout the building. Leadership will review preliminary plans and budget estimates in the coming weeks. While no final renovation decisions have been made, we are excited about the possibilities for creating spaces that better serve children, youth, families, and our broader community.

Next Step: Action!

Back in May we were blessed with folks who came to the *Building Walk Through & Discernment Process.* Now, we need to clear and move items to prepare several spaces for what God will do next.

Mark your calendars to come roll up your sleeves on Tuesday-Thursday, **July 7-9**, to help prepare the way! Meet at the church at **4-7 pm.** Think there's nothing for you to do? Think again! Sure, muscle is needed but so are you! Dinner will be available, set-up/clean-up folks are needed for this, as well as some other tasks you can do!

Our prayer continues that this becomes more than a clean-out process. We hope it becomes a way of telling the story of this church, celebrating what God has done here, and making room for what God will do next.

Many hands make light work!

Questions? Concerns?

Pastor Karson is available **Tuesdays** from **9 am – 4 pm** and **Thursdays**, **11 am – 4 pm**. Please call the church office to set up a time to meet with him.

As long as we think of difference
as that which divides us,
we shall dislike it;
when we think of it as
that which unites us,
we shall cherish it."

~ Mary Parker Follett, 1868-1933

Church Charge Conference

Mark your calendar to attend the Church Charge Conference following worship next **Sunday, June 28th**. We will vote on the new church name and share more of the vision for the future.

Scripture readings for the week:

Sunday, June 21: **Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-18; Romans 6:1*b*-11; Matthew 10:24-39**
Monday, June 22: **Psalm 86:11-17; Genesis 16:1-15; Revelation 2:1-7**
Tuesday, June 23: **Psalm 86:11-17; Genesis 25:12-18; Revelation 2:8-11**
Wednesday, June 24: **Psalm 86:11-17; Jeremiah 42:18-22; Matthew 10:5-23**
Thursday, June 25: **Psalm 13; Micah 7:18-20; Galatians 5:2-6**
Friday, June 26: **Psalm 13; 2 Chronicles 20:5-12; Galatians 5:7-12**
Saturday, June 27: **Psalm 13; Genesis 26:23-25; Luke 17:1-4**
Sunday, June 28: **Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42**

June 21, 2026

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad

- Author Unknown

Donations received will be used to fund our Community Breakfasts and the Free Hygiene/Clothing stores.

Following the service, you may take a carnation for each person whom you have recognized with a tribute. Please take a red carnation for those honored or a white carnation for those memorialized.

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Father's Day Tributes

Gifts in Esteemed Honor

Given by	Honoree
Sheila André de la Porte	Herb, Eric, and Pete André de la Porte Brad France, Bradley Mackaman, Barry Williston
Jim Anderson	James and David Anderson
Kim Foster	Clyde H. Allison
Annette Grobe	Allen Grobe
Paula Hammond	John Hammond
Theresa Knarr	David Knarr, Sr., David Knarr, Jr., Tristan Knarr
Sharon Meadows	Richard Bemiller
Purdey family	Carl Purdey

Gifts in Loving Memory

Given by	Honoree
Sheila André de la Porte	T.J. France, Arnie André de la Porte
Charlotte A. Carlson	George Hutchinson, my father Henry G. Carlson, father-in-law
Rog & Wendy Fleming	Roy O. Fleming, Oscar W. Jalava
Kim Foster	Thomas J. Foster
Allen Grobe	Jim Grobe
John & Paula Hammond	John Hammond, Sr., Cayce Parrish
David & Theresa Knarr	Floyd Knarr, Fred Ruder, Sr.
Ina Mayne	Edward A. Mayne, Carl E. Mayle
Sharon Meadows	Harold Reams
Purdey family	Leslie Wilkinson, Walter Purdey
Denise Smith	My dad, Bob Smith
Debra Wahl & Judy Erdman	Fred Erdman
Claudette Williams	Joe Orndorff

Church Update:

Preparing for August Worship & Chapel adjustments

June 21, 2026

Church Family,

As we continue preparing for the *soft-launch* this August, I wanted to share a few exciting updates about worship and our chapel space.

After prayerful consideration and discussion, we will begin with the following Sunday morning worship schedule:

Early Traditional Worship
Time TBD

Later Contemporary Worship
Time TBD

I will update service times after an appropriate amount of research and discussion.

As we begin this new chapter together, we will continue to evaluate attendance patterns and feedback to ensure our worship schedule best serves our mission and our community.

In preparation for August, you will also begin to notice some changes in and around the chapel area.

Our goal is to create a more welcoming and engaging environment by improving spaces for:

- Fellowship and conversation
- Coffee and refreshments
- Guest hospitality
- Small group interaction
- Community gathering before and after worship

These changes are intended to help us make the chapel area not just a worship space, but a place where relationships can grow and people can connect with one another throughout the week.

As we move through this transition, some furniture and rooms may be rearranged or repurposed to better support ministry needs. We appreciate your flexibility and patience as these improvements take shape.

Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and willingness to embrace new opportunities. Every change we make is aimed at helping more people encounter Jesus, find authentic community, and grow in their faith.

The future is bright, and we are excited to continue building this Church together.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Karson Collins

July Worship Experiences

June 21, 2026

Church family,

As we continue preparing for the future of our church, we want to spend the month of July learning from other churches that are effectively reaching people in our region. One of the best ways to grow is to see ministry through fresh eyes and discover ideas, practices, and experiences that can help us become more effective in our own mission.

During July, we will participate in a series of “Secret Worship Surveys” as part of our Greenhouse church planting process. Rather than holding our regular worship gathering on these Sundays we will visit other churches together and evaluate their guest experience, hospitality, worship environment, communication, discipleship pathways, and overall effectiveness in reaching people.

July Worship

The goal is not simply to visit churches, but to learn together. We want to identify what helps people feel welcomed, connected, discipled, and inspired so that we can faithfully apply those lessons as we continue building our community.

Each participant will receive a survey to complete during their visit. After each service, we will return to our church at **1PM** for discussion, reflection, and a light lunch.

July 5
Visit a church of your choice. This is an opportunity to worship wherever you feel led and practice viewing the experience through the eyes of a first-time guest.

****No organized follow-up this Sunday****

July 12 *service starts at* ***10:45 AM***
The Chapel
https://thechapel.family/sandusky
4444 Galloway Road Sandusky, OH 44870

July 19 *service starts at* ***10 AM***
Harvest Ridge Church
www.harvestridge.net
35600 Lorain Rd. North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039

July 26 *service starts at* ***10:45 AM***
Journey Church
https://journey.church/locations-card/fairview-park/
21220 Lorain Rd. Fairview Park, Ohio 44126

If You Cannot Attend the Visits

We understand that not everyone will be able to travel to these locations. If that is the case, please:

- **Visit another church closer to home and complete the survey on that church.**
- **Or, remain in Elyria for fellowship.**
- **Then, join us at 1 PM for discussion and lunch.**

Thank you for being willing to learn, grow, and dream together. We believe God often teaches us through the experiences and faithfulness of other congregations, and we look forward to discovering what we can bring back to strengthen our own ministry.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Karson Collins