



***Second Sunday after Pentecost***

*June 22, 2025*

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable*  
*† UMH ~ United Methodist Hymnal (hard cover hymnal)*  
*‡ 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 is ready for us to seek what is eternal. God wants us to find the truth beyond ourselves.

Prelude

***Holy, Holy, Holy***

arr. Ham

Call to worship:

Come, let us gather in the presence of God.

**We come to worship God.**

In moments of sheer silence, God is revealed.

**We come in quiet expectation to this holy place.**

All are welcome here as brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Our hope is in God, who gives us life and identity**

Here is a place to find healing and promise.

**Our help is from God, who is in covenant with us.**

1.

**God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;  
crown Thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.**

2.

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.**

3.

**Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

4.

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.**

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 577

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Music: John Hughes, 1907

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Opening Prayer: In Unison

**God, our refuge and our hope, come among us today to give us energy and purpose. Move us beyond the discipline of the law to the discipleship of faith. Free us from shackles of fear and a sense of failure that keep us from stepping bravely into your future. Grant us the sense that we are not alone but are part of a great company of your faithful people of every nation and tongue. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: **1 Kings 19:1-15a**

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

Psalter: **Psalm 42** Responsively with Sung Response

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*Musical Response:*

**God will give you a new heart, a new spirit put within.**

<sup>1</sup> As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

<sup>2</sup> **My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.**

**When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?**

<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while people say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”

<sup>4</sup> **These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I went with the throng  
and led them in procession to the house of God,  
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,  
a multitude keeping festival.**

<sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
**Hope in God whom again I shall praise,**  
<sup>6</sup> **my help and my God.**

*Musical Response*

My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.

<sup>7</sup> **Deep calls to deep  
at the thunder of your cataracts;  
all your waves and your billows  
have gone over me.**

<sup>8</sup> By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.

<sup>9</sup> **I say to God, my rock,  
“Why have you forgotten me?  
Why do I mourn  
because of the oppression of the enemy?”**

<sup>10</sup> Like a deadly wound in my body,  
my adversaries taunt me;  
**they say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”**

<sup>11</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
**Hope in God whom again I shall praise,  
my help and my God.**

*Musical Response*

Special Music

*Jubilate Deo*

arr. Anglea

New Testament Reading: **Galatians 3:23-29**

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

Gospel Reading: **Luke 8:26-39**

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

Hymn of Preparation

***Spirit of the Living God***  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**  
**Melt me, mold, me, fill me, use me.**  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

♫ UMH # 393

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Message

***“Beginning”***

Hymn of Response

***This Is a Day of New Beginnings***

♫ UMH # 383 v. 1-4

1.  
**This is a day of new beginnings, Time to remember and move on,  
Time to believe what love is bringing, Laying to rest the pain that’s gone.**

2.  
**For by the life and death of Jesus, God’s mighty Spirit, now as then,  
Can make for us a world of difference, As faith and hope are born again.**

3.  
**Then let us, with the Spirit’s daring, Step from the past and leave behind  
Our disappointment, guilt and grieving, Seeking new paths, and sure to find.**

4.  
**Christ is alive, and goes before us, To show and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings; Our God is making all things new.**

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: In unison

**Almighty and Sovereign God, we confess that we have broken covenant with you, despise some of your children, and accused you of forgetting us. Our lives do not praise you, our actions deny you, and our work is carried out without reference to your will. We draw lines of distinction among ourselves rather than celebrating our common humanity. When we are zealous for the faith, we trample on others rather than learning to know and appreciate them. O God, forgive us and change us. Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment of quiet confession.

Words of assurance:

God is ready to pardon us and equip us for new life. Wounded spirits are restored to wholeness.  
God puts a song on our lips and confidence in our hearts. Praise 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

***I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

Bonar/Tallis

Offertory Prayer: In Unison

**God of all times and places, may our offering reflect confidence, not cowardice; altruism, not egotism; inclusiveness, not exclusiveness. We devote them to bringing all humanity into harmony with your purpose. May our dedicated offering reflect a consecrated congregation. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

*Living for Jesus*

<sup>♯</sup>FWS # 2149

1.

**Living for Jesus, a life that is true, Striving to please Him in all that I do;  
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free, This is the pathway of blessing for me.**

Refrain:

**O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,  
For Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;  
I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne;  
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.**

2.

**Living for Jesus Who died in my place, Bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace;  
Such love constrains me to answer His call, Follow His leading and give Him my all.**

*Refrain*

3.

**Living for Jesus, wherever I am, Doing each duty in His holy Name;  
Willing to suffer affliction and loss, Deeming each trial a part of my cross.**

*Refrain*

4.

**Living for Jesus through earth's little while, My dearest treasure, the light of His smile;  
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem, Bringing the weary to find rest in Him.**

*Refrain*

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*Please be seated for closing announcements and the Benediction.*

Benediction: Responsively

Now we depart to help others and to listen to them.

**We will witness in God's name to one another.**

God's family includes those outside the church.

**We will carry the grace of God without distinction as God's steadfast love sustains us.**

Moment by moment, God is with us to help us.

**We will look up with hope and confidence.**

Go forth with hope in God and sing God's praises. Amen.

**And amen!**

Postlude

*You Are Crowned with Many Crowns*

arr. Hayes

Worship Participants

Preaching: Rev. Bill McFadden

Liturgist: Pat Skinner

Media: David Wilm

Musicians: Nathan Hensley, Jack Roberts, and the Chancel Choir

Sound room: Neal Hubbard

Ushers and Greeters: John Borer, Bill Buga, 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 continuing our radio ministry.

***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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***Holy, Holy, Holy*** arranged by Marilyn Ham. ***Jubilate Deo*** arranged by Peter Anglea. ***I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*** by Horatius Bonar and Thomas Tallis. ***You Are Crowned with Many Crowns*** arranged by Mark Hayes. All songs are performed under license # 73591.

# Third Street Review



June Mission focus:

June 22, 2025

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## ***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 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 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](http://www.elyriafirstumc.org).

***Faith and doubt both are needed – not as antagonists,  
but working side by side to take us around the unknown curve.***

~ Lillian Smith

## ***Community Breakfast***

We are grateful for our faithful volunteers and those who cheerfully give to this much needed ministry. We are always in need of ***plastic bags and cutlery*** that are used weekly. If you want to donate plastic bags and cutlery, please bring them, and drop them in the donation box located on the main level. **We are in need of volunteers.** Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping us serve in this vital ministry.

## ***Free Clothing Store***

**The Free Clothing Store is a labor of love!** We thank all those who donate to the clothing store! And a special thank you to those who volunteer! Due to the overwhelming generosity of those who donated, the volunteers need time to organize the items for the clothing store. ***We will take June and July to organize what has been received. We will accept clothing donations beginning in August.*** The store will be open next **Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 10 am-12 pm**, please contact the church office at 440.322.6622 with questions or to volunteer.

## ***Pastoral Transition***

Pastor Tennille's official last day in the office will be June 30<sup>th</sup> as her new appointment begins July 1, 2025. Let us pray for her leaving and next appointment.

Let us also pray for the welcoming of our new pastor, Pastor Marcus Atha, as he prepares for his arrival in August.

We thank God for Pastor Tennille and Pastor Marcus and their gifts to the ministry.

Interim pastor is Pastor Jim Szakacs who will be with us in July until Pastor Marcus joins us.

## ***Free Hygiene Store***

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

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

Please place these items in the box located on the main level. Join us next **Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** from **10 am-12 pm!**

## ***Happy Tuesdays***

Tuesdays are our time for fellowship, fun and lunch! Our traditional **Happy Hour** has concluded for the summer. We will resume the lunches in September on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at noon in the Fellowship Hall**. On the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays**, we will continue to gather as **BYOL-Bring Your Own Lunch** with fun and fellowship supplied!

**Happy Hour ~ returns in September**  
**BYOL ~ July 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

## ***Open Sponsorship Dates***

Altar Flower dates: **June 29, July 13, 20, and 27 Cost \$22**

Radio dates: **June 29, July 6, 13, 20, and 27 Cost \$300 (includes advertising!)**

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

## ***Radio Broadcast Update***

We are happy to announce we have launched a partnership with **WOBL**! We are back on the air! Thank you to Garry Gibbs and Neal Hubbard who made the connection with **WOBL1320 AM and 107.7 FM**. Sponsorship remains at \$300, however in addition to the broadcast, we will receive free advertising on **WOBL** station during the week. Contact the church office to reserve your special date!

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

Sunday, June 22: **1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42 and 43; Isaiah 65:1-9; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39**

Monday, June 23: **Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:1-13; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

Tuesday, June 24: **Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:14-26; Ephesians 2:11-22**

Wednesday, June 25: **Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:30-37; Luke 9:37-43a**

Thursday, June 26: **Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 1 Kings 22:29-40, 51-53; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10**

Friday, June 27: **Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 2 Kings 1:1-12; Galatians 4:8-20**

Saturday, June 28: **Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 2 Kings 1:13-18; 2:3-5; Luke 9:21-27**

Sunday, June 29: **2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62**