

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COMMERCE, TEXAS
July 23, 2023**

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!

We Gather

Prelude	<i>"Voluntary in G Major"</i>	W. Boyce
Enter with Acolytes		The Webster Family
Welcome and Opening Prayer		Carolyn Trezevant
<i>[You are invited to sign our attendance register. Fill out your contact information to receive emails about activities going on in the church.]</i>		

We Praise

* Hymn	<i>"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"</i>	UMH 139
* Affirmation of Faith from Romans 8:35, 37-39		UMH 887
* Passing the Peace	Peace be with you. And also with you.	
* Hymn	<i>"To God Be the Glory"</i>	UMH 98

We Proclaim

Children's Time		Rev. Dr. Rita Sims
Scripture	Acts 9:1-9	Carolyn Trezevant
Message	Heroes of the Bible: Paul	Rev. Dr. Rita Sims

We Respond

Prayers of the People		Dr. Sims
The Lord's Prayer		Dr. Sims
Offertory	<i>"Take the Name of Jesus with You"</i>	V. D. Thompson
* Doxology		UMH 95
* Hymn of Invitation	<i>"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"</i>	UMH 402

We Go Forth

* Opportunities to Serve		Dr. Sims
* Sending Forth		G. Gabrieli
Postlude	<i>"Ricercar in D"</i>	
<i>*You are invited to stand.</i>		

Worship Leaders

*Rev. Dr. Rita Sims, Guest Pastor
Gene Lockhart, Choir Director
John Burkett, Organist
John Mark Dempsey, Sound Tech
Claire Floyd, Video Tech*

Prayer List

- Ruth Warren
- Suzanne Kizer Carter
- Michael Sandel, Tiffany Evans' father (cancer diagnosis)
- Wyatt Bourcy (upcoming surgery)
- Mel Fox (stroke)
- Priscilla McFarland
- Michael Vickers, Ginny Haight's father
- Kyle Smith
- The Elwell Family
- Jack Gray
- Richard Stapleton, Al Stapleton's brother (advanced Parkinson's)
- Tom Bailey
- Pete and Ann Chamberlain
- Carlos Rickman
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Bill Heitholt
- Janet & Jim Payne, family of Becky Coker
- Manuel Henderson
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie Cortea
- Judy Cortea

Our Wesleyan Roots class meets today in the Friendship classroom. Children's Sunday School will not meet today.

Giving Statements are now available on the table in the Gathering Area by the South entrance. We will mail those that are not picked up in person.

Our Mission of the Month for July is UMARMY. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "UMARMY" in the memo line) will benefit this mission.

You can also give online. Get started today by visiting the church website at www.fumccommerce.org or by scanning the QR code below and select Mission of the Month. It's easy! Try it today.



Upcoming Activities

- July 25-Men's Breakfast Group at Texas Café Diner at 8am
- July 25-Women's Study Group at 5:15pm
- July 27-Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30am
- July 30-VBS Workers meeting at 5pm
- July 31-August 3 - Hero Hotline VBS from 5:30-8pm

Bread of Life Food Pantry needs drivers for food delivery to clients with disabilities-once a month for a maximum of 2.5 hours. There are other urgently needed volunteer opportunities for a variety of jobs. If you're interested, please contact Jan Helton for more information.

Ministers
Pastor
Office & Communications
Financial Secretary
Children's Director
Youth Director
Little Ark Director
Choir Director
Organist
Custodians

All Members of the Congregation
Rev. Cheryl Murray
Sharon Duncan
Mariann Andrews
Amy Stark
Ashlyn Woods
Jennifer Knight
Gene Lockhart
Dr. John Burkett
Sandra & Fernando Medrano



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



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**July 23, 2023
10:00am Sanctuary**