

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
COMMERCE, TEXAS  
July 30, 2023**

**Welcome to First UMC Commerce!**

*We Gather*

Prelude	<i>"O Thou Faithful God"</i>	S. Karg-Elert
Enter with Acolytes		The Stark Family
Welcome and Opening Prayer		Pastor Cheryl

*[You are invited to sign our attendance register. Fill out your contact information to receive emails about activities going on in the church.]*

*We Praise*

* Hymn	<i>"My Hope is Built"</i>	UMH 368
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\* Words of Worship

Leader: In the midst of strife, God is with us!

**People: Come, O Lord, and pour your word into our hearts.**

Leader: In the anguish and grief of everyday living, God is with us!

**People: Hear our cries, O Lord, and quiet our spirits!**

Leader: We need to see the loving presence of God.

**People: Open your eyes and see God's wondrous love active in your life.**

Leader: Lord, help us to take our focus away from our strife and place it on you. AMEN.

* Pass the Peace	Peace be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>
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* Hymn	<i>"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"</i>	UMH 418
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*We Proclaim*

Children's Time		Amy Stark
Scripture	Genesis 28:10-22	Oliver Roberts
Message	<b>Heroes of the Bible:</b>	Pastor Cheryl
	<b>Dangerous Dreamers, Part 1 - Jacob</b>	

*We Respond*

Prayers of the People		Pastor Cheryl
The Lord's Prayer		
Offertory	<i>"Allegro" from "Sonatina in G"</i>	M. Clementi
* Doxology		UMH 95
* Hymn of Invitation	<i>"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"</i>	UMH 121

*We Go Forth*

\* Opportunities to Serve  
\* Sending Forth  
Postlude

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*  
*\*You are invited to stand.*

Pastor Cheryl  
H. Whitford

**Worship Leaders**

*Cheryl Murray, Pastor  
Gene Lockhart, Choir Director  
John Burkett, Organist  
Dennis Anderson, Sound Tech  
Claire Floyd, Video Tech*



Altar flowers given by Lisa and Monty McGuyer, in memory of Lisa's parents, Drs. Bob and Rosie Steelman.

**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 Family Ministry Center. Children's Sunday School meets today after Children's Time in the Family Ministry Center.*

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](http://www.fumccommerce.org) or by scanning the QR code and select Mission of the Month. It's easy! Try it today.*



### Upcoming Activities

- July 30-VBS Workers meeting at 5pm
- July 31-August 3 - Hero Hotline VBS from 5:30-8pm
- August 1-Men's Breakfast Group meets at Texas Café Diner at 8am
- August 6-VBS & Back to School Sunday, Blessing of the Backpacks during worship followed by hot dog lunch and fun after worship.

*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



## *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*



### **First United Methodist Church**

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July 30, 2023  
10:00am Sanctuary