

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
COMMERCE, TEXAS  
August 27, 2023**

**Welcome to First UMC Commerce!**

*We Gather*

Prelude "Allegro assai" from Sonata VI C. P. E. Bach  
 Enter with Acolytes The Stark Family  
 Choral Call to Worship "Enter Into His Gates"  
 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 "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369  
 \* Words of Worship  
 Leader: Skeptics, new believers, and faithful alike,  
**People: You are welcome in this place!**  
 Leader: Rich, poor, and all who are in between.  
**People: You are welcome in this place!**  
 Leader: Workers, travelers, preachers, and doubters,  
**People: Gather around for you are welcome in this place!**  
**We are the church, so let us worship God!**  
 \* Pass the Peace Peace be with you. **And also with you.**  
 \* Hymn "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" UMH 569

*We Proclaim*

Children's Time Meagan Jones  
 Anthem "O Blessed God" J. Roff  
 Scripture Acts 16:13-15, 40 Jim Patton  
 Message Heroes of the Bible: Lydia Pastor Cheryl

*We Respond*

Choral Call to Prayer "Hear, O Lord"  
 Prayers of the People O Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 Offertory "Lyric Interlude" A. Schreiner  
 \* Doxology UMH 95  
 \* Hymn of Invitation "Take My Life and Let It Be" UMH 399

*We Go Forth*

\* Opportunities to Serve  
 \* Benediction Pastor Cheryl  
 \* Choral Benediction "God Be With You"  
 Postlude "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" E. L. Diemer  
 \*You are invited to stand.

**Worship Leaders**

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

*Prayer List*

- The family of Helen Cole
- Betty Martin
- Rob Lee
- Rita Thompson
- Chris Wilcoxon
- The citizens of Lahaina, Maui County, Hawaii
- Suzanne Kizer Carter
- Michael Sandel, Tiffany Evans' father
- Wyatt Bourcy
- Mel Fox
- Priscilla McFarland
- Michael Vickers, Ginny Haight's father
- Kyle Smith
- The Elwell Family
- Jack Gray
- Richard Stapleton, Al Stapleton's brother
- 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

### Upcoming Activities

- August 28-Ad Council meets at 6pm
- August 29-Men's Breakfast group meets at Texas Diner Café at 8am
- August 30-Country Home Estates worship at 2pm
- August 30-Choir rehearsal at 7pm

### **Heroes of the Faith** **Daily Scripture Readings - Lydia**

Sunday – Acts 16:13-15, 40  
Monday – Acts 16:1-12  
Tuesday – Acts 16:16-24  
Wednesday – Acts 16:25-40  
Thursday – Philippians 1:1-10  
Friday – Philippians 1:12-30  
Saturday – Philippians 2:1-11

*Our Wesleyan Roots class will meet in the Friendship classroom for the remainder of August. Children's Sunday School meets after Children's Time in the Family Ministry Center.*

*Our August Mission of the Month is CISD Family Services. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "Stuff the Bus" in the memo line) will benefit this mission.*

*You can also give online. Get started today by visiting the church website at [www.fumcommerce.org](http://www.fumcommerce.org) or by scanning the QR code and select Mission of the Month. It's easy! Try it today.*



## *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*



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August 27, 2023  
10:00am Sanctuary

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

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