

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 COMMERCE, TEXAS
 September 17, 2023

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!

We Gather

Prelude "Choral" J. Jongen
 Enter with Acolytes Daniel Stark
 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.]

Taking Our Place, Opening to Others

* Words of Worship

Leader: We gather today to listen, to learn, and to love..
People: We are ready to share and to hear what others have to say.

Leader: Though we are all different, we yearn to find mutual understanding.

People: We are standing on common ground.

Leader: We take our seat the Table of Peace

People: We know that God is already here!

* Hymn "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" TFWS 2171

* Pass the Peace Peace be with you. **And also with you.**
 The Children Gather Pastor Cheryl

We Proclaim

Scripture Romans 14:1-12 and John 14:27 *(The Message)*

The Word in Music

Anthem "Sanctus" D. Wagner
 Message The Table of Peace Pastor Cheryl

We Respond

Offertory "Abide with Me" P. Stearns
 * Doxology Be Present at our Table, Lord UMH 621
 * Hymn "Come to the Table of Peace"

Communion

Invitation to the Table
 Confession/Words of Assurance
 Great Thanksgiving
 Receiving the Bread and Cup
 Prayer after Receiving

We Go Forth

* Hymn "I've Got Peace Like a River" TFWS 2145
 * Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl
 * Choral Benediction "Go Now and Live"
 Postlude "Intermezzo #1" H. Schroeder
 *You are invited to stand.

Prayer List

- Residents of Morocco and Libya coping with earthquakes and flooding
- Joe Milligan
- Madonna St. Clair
- Betty Martin
- Rob Lee
- Rita Thompson
- 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
- Judy Cortea

Worship Leaders

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

The Friendship Class meets in the Friendship Classroom after the gathering at the conclusion of worship today. Children's Sunday School meets after Children's Time in the Family Ministry Center.

Upcoming Activities

- September 18-Finance at 6pm
- September 19-Men's Breakfast group meets at Texas Diner Café at 8am
- September 20-Nominating Committee at 5:45pm
- September 20-Choir rehearsal at 7pm
- September 21-Prayer Shawl Crafting meets at 9:30am
- September 21-Serve Team meets at 10:30am re: Fall Festival
- September 21-Music & More meets from 3:45-5:30pm

Our September Mission of the Month is The Wesley at TAMU-C. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "The Wesley" in the memo line) will benefit this mission. Scan the QR code to give online and select Mission of the Month.



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



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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10:00am Sanctuary