

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
COMMERCE, TEXAS  
September 24, 2023**

**Welcome to First UMC Commerce!**

*We Gather*

Prelude "Carillon" L. Vierne  
 Enter with Acolytes  
 Choral Call to Worship "Hail the Power"  
 Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Cheryl Murray, Pastor  
*[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: What is grace? We say it over our meals.  
**People: We know that grace is essential for our salvation.**

Leader: We say "grace," but do we always share grace with others?

**People: We need reminders that we are all human.**

Leader: We thank God for another opportunity to make room at the table for others.

**People: We give thanks for such a large table!**

\* Hymn "Amazing Grace" (vss. 1-4, 6) UMH 378

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

*We Proclaim*

Scripture Philippians 1:21-30 and Matthew 20:1-16 (*The Message*)  
 Anthem "On Eagle's Wings" D. Wagner  
 Message The Table of Grace Pastor Cheryl

*We Respond*

Offertory "Now the Day Is Over" V. D. Thompson  
 \* Doxology Be Present at our Table, Lord UMH 621  
 \* Hymn "Come to the Table of Grace"

*Communion*

Invitation to the Table UMH p. 12  
 Confession/Words of Assurance  
 Great Thanksgiving  
 Receiving the Bread and Cup  
 Prayer after Receiving

*We Go Forth*

\* Hymn "Grace Greater than Our Sin" (vss. 1&4) UMH 365  
 \* Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl  
 \* Choral Benediction "Go Now and Live"  
 Postlude "Solemn Procession" W. L. Webber  
 \*You are invited to stand.



Altar flowers given by Julia, Mac and Maggie Robinson in loving memory of Chester Robinson, beloved husband and father.

*Prayer List*

- Mayra Garcia
- Joe Milligan
- Madonna St. Clair
- Betty Martin
- Rob Lee
- Residents of Morocco and Libya coping with earthquakes and flooding
- 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 Corteaal
- Judy Corteaal

**Worship Leaders**

*Cheryl Murray, Pastor  
Gene Lockhart, Choir Director  
John Burkett, Organist  
Dennis Anderson, 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 26-Men’s Breakfast group meets at Texas Diner Café at 8am
- September 27-Worship at Country Home Estates at 2pm
- September 27-Choir rehearsal at 7pm
- September 28-Prayer Shawl Crafting meets at 9:30am
- September 28-Music & More meets from 3:45-5:30pm
- September 28-Youth meets at 6pm

*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



*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

***The Table of Grace***



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10:00am Sanctuary