

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

July 9, 2023

PRELUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Fairest Lord Jesus”
“It is Well With My Soul”

arr. Larson
arr. Hayes

PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“In God, My Faithful God”
“Trio”
“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

arr. Culti
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad that you are worshipping at Methodist Church this morning. Please SIGN AND PASS the attendance pad at the end of the pew. If you are visiting with us, we would especially appreciate having your name, address, and phone number because we would like to thank you for being with us.

*HYMN No. 419

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Acts 2:42-47

Leader: We come together in worship as believers have done for thousands of years.

People: **Renew our spirits and instill in our hearts a desire for the things of your heart.**

Leader: Help us to learn from your word, accepting correction for our mistakes and being equipped for your good works.

People: **Help us be grateful for this community of believers, loving one another as you have loved us.**

Leader: Help us to be diligent in taking time for you, making time for prayer each day.

People: **May we decrease, that you would increase in us as we worship you today.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“He’s Always Been Faithful”

Sara Groves

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Bud Fickley

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THE LORD’S PRAYER (using sins)

*Our Father; who art in heaven Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power; and the glory, forever.
Amen.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door"

arr. Larson

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 AM only)

*Doxology No. 95

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE

"Acts 2:41-47"

Pew Bible Page 993

MESSAGE

"Practices of the Early Church"

Rev. Bud Fickley

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM)

***HYMN No. 399**

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Messiah

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

"To God Be the Glory"

(8:00 AM)

POSTLUDE

"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

arr. Conti

(10:00 AM)

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

SPECIAL MUSIC today is provided by Hope Punskey, vocalist; Michele Sandberg, organist and Cathy Peterson, pianist. Hope is a member of our Chancel Choir and we thank her for sharing her talent with us this morning.

LITURGIST today is Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht.

ACOLYTE today is Attie Corey.

USHERS today are team 1, Denny Munksgard – Captain

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in memory of Clara Dunham, given by Mr. & Mrs. M. B. Dunham.

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER: God, pour out your Spirit to empower us to listen to new ideas to equip your disciples. As we seek to do your will in this changing world, work through us to seek and to save the lost. AMEN.

JOINING OUR CHURCH TODAY

Shawnda Brofford
Caroline Curren
Scott Curren
Terry Hallock
Kathryn (Kay) Jones
Abigail McCord
Harvey "Bruce" Parker
Lawrence "Larry" Rublee

Maria Cole
Megan Curren
Pauline DeSimone
Sally Hunter
David A. Marquis
Matthew McCord
Sharon Parker
Patricia "Patti" Rublee

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

We welcome you to join us after the 10:00 AM service for a new member reception and luncheon upstairs in Founder's Hall. We hope you will join us in welcoming our new members.

Litany of New Beginnings

Brothers and sisters, it is a new day! A day filled with expectation for what is to come and a day to remember how far God has brought us. We acknowledge that in our baptism we are incorporated into the body of Christ spanning the ages of Christian history from every tribe, language, and nation. As we embark on a new journey we remember that our faith is ancient and has stood the test of time.

TO THOSE JOINING FIRST METHODIST

Do you renounce the devil and all his works, and reject the evil powers of this world?

We renounce them.

Do you repent of your sin, turn to Jesus Christ, and confess Him as your Lord and Savior?

We do.

Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

We do.

Do you accept the responsibility to resist evil, injustice, and oppression by the grace and power of God?

We do.

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life by the grace and power of God?

We will.

TO ALL MEMBERS GATHERED HERE TODAY

Brothers and sisters in Christ as members of a particular expression of the Christian faith, The Global Methodist Church, we recommit ourselves to our Wesleyan heritage in this congregation.

Will you live a life of holiness?

We commit ourselves to a life of personal and social holiness, going onto Christian perfection.

Will you attend to the ordinances of God?

We commit ourselves to remember our baptism and receive holy communion regularly, and practice the means of grace to keep our faith vibrant and growing.

Will you give your life in service to Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit?

We commit ourselves to hold fast to the doctrine, spirit, and discipline of our Wesleyan witness.

We will worship passionately in the spirit of our heritage of faith.

We will love extravagantly with the mercy and compassion of Jesus Christ.

We will witness boldly, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Will you be loyal to Christ through First Methodist Church and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness as Christ's representatives in this world?

We will. We give thanks to God for the foundation that has been laid in the past and look forward to what is to come in this congregation of The Global Methodist Church. We recommit our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of this church through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

Let us pray,

We are no longer ours, but yours.

Put us to what you will, place us with whom you will.

Put us to doing, put us to suffering.

Let us be put to work for you or set aside for you,

Praised for you or criticized for you.

Let us be full, let us be empty.

Let us have all things, let us have nothing.

We freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.

Father God, we humbly lay First Methodist Church, the newly formed Global Methodist Church, and the church universal at your feet, knowing that it is your church, not ours. Lord Jesus, you said that you would be lifted up and would draw all people to you. Transform your church into a community that lifts up your name, proclaiming the coming Kingdom of God where every tribe, language, and nation will worship before the throne. Fill us with the fire and power of the Holy Spirit to serve you faithfully in this world.

May it be so! Glory be to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SYMPATHY ~ We extend our sympathy to the family of Suntok and Dennis Waite in the passing of Suntok's sister.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Mrs. Jack Spencer, 31 N. Park Ave., Apt #131, Meadville, PA 16335. - Please consider sending her a card.

BOOK CLUB ~ The Book Club will meet at the Crone's camp Wednesday, July 12, for lunch. Cars will leave the church parking lot at 11:30 AM and carpool to the camp. Come enjoy the back porch, eat a hot dog, and share all the books you have been reading!

COMMUNITY VBS ~ First United Methodist Church at 200 Market Street will host this year's Community VBS, scheduled for Sunday, July 16th — Wednesday, July 19th, from 6:00 PM—8:15 PM. Sunday, July 16th, VBS will begin at 5:30 PM. We need volunteers for this year's Vacation Bible School. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the office. The VBS online registration is available at www.firstumwarren.com or on the church's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/firstumwarren

NEW MEMBER FELLOWSHIP ~ There will be a reception of new members and a fellowship luncheon today in Founder's Hall after the 10:00 AM worship service.

SENIOR LUNCH VOLUNTEERS ~ We need more volunteers for our Friday Senior Lunch Teams. Areas of need are: help with food preparation, serving, and clean-up. If this is something that you feel called to do, please get in touch with Heidi Ketzko, Deb Anderson, Elsie Giegerich, or the church office. We also welcome volunteers who may only be available in an on-call capacity. Thank you.

HOC (Helping Our Children) ~ While summer is just beginning, we are already looking ahead to student needs for the 2023-2024 school year. The HOC (Helping Our Children) committee met this week and reviewed the needs assessments supplied by the schools. It is always our goal to help children start the school year on a good note and have what they need to focus on learning. The need for sneakers at WAEC (Warren Area Elementary Center) and BWMS (Beaty Warren Middle School) is great again this year. Added to that is the need to replenish the hygiene supplies (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and body wash) at BWMS. We are also asking for socks in sizes 7-8.5 and 9-11 for youth, and the children seem to prefer the no show (low cut) socks. If you are able and interested in helping, please take a paper sneaker off the bulletin board across from the office, sign your name on the line that corresponds to the number on your toe tag, shop, tape your tag on the box or bag, and return to the Covert Room box by July 23rd. If all the shoes are taken, I will be adding additional shoes. We had over 100 students at the two schools ask for help this year! Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF July 9, 2023 – July 15, 2023

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel
8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
9:00 AM Acts 29 Study; Parlors
9:45 Prayer; Crary Chapel
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
11:00 AM New Member Reception & Luncheon; FH

MONDAY

6:45 AM Men's Accountability Group; off-site
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours

TUESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:45 AM Covenant Disciple Group
10:00 AM Praying Makers Group; Covert Room
12:30 PM Book Club; Lunch at the Crone's Camp

THURSDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room

FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder's Hall

SATURDAY

8:00 AM—5:00 PM Free Battling Addiction Conference; FH