

Order of Worship

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

The liturgical color is green symbolizing the time when we remember discipleship.

We lift up prayers for the community, our church family, staff, ministers, and for the work of Christ in the world.

Prelude “Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light” arr. J.S. Bach
(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God. Let the worshipers remain silent and contemplative.)

Welcome Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

First Responders Appreciation Rev. Howle

Call to Worship “Sing! Make a Joyful Sound”
Sing! Make a joyful sound, Sing! Life in Christ is found;
Wages of sin and death He paid it all!
Sing! Make a joyful sound, Sing! Life in Christ is found;
Now in my heart He reigns, Sing! Sing! Sing!

* **The Chiming of the Hour** *(congregation stands)*

* **Opening Hymn** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” UMH #384

* **Affirmation of Faith** Rev. Meredith M. Dark | UMH #881

* **The Gloria Patri** UMH #70

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dark

The Lord’s Prayer
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Celebrating Grace by Returning God’s Tithes and Giving Our Offerings
(Offering Stewards will come forward at this time)

Offertory “All Things Bright and Beautiful” arr. D.S. Ferguson

* **The Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #95

* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. Dark

Children’s Message Rev. Jennifer Hupko **8:30**
Yvonne Brittain **11:00**

*11:00 | Children 3 years old to 1st grade are invited to attend Little Church.
Please pick them up following the service in room 201, Wesley Bldg.*

* **Hymn of Preparation** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” UMH #526

* **Sermon Text** John 15:9-17 Sherrill Allen **8:30**
Rev. Dark **11:00**

Anthem “Seek Ye First” arr. Wagner

Sermon “Thanks For Your Services” Rev. Howle

* **Closing Hymn** “The Gift of Love” UMH #408

* **Benediction** Rev. Howle

Postlude “Voluntary” William Selby

(* Please stand as you are able.)

The Steeple Highlights (The full newsletter may be found on the church website.)

No Monday Night Worship September 6th due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Short-term, weekly **Study** on the **Book of Matthew** led by Rev. Bob Dunn beginning **September 7th** at **11:00AM** in the Chapel. The Study is open to all who are interested.

Ladies Lunch & Devotion—Wednesday, Sept. 8, 11:30AM, at Magnolia's, upstairs.

Welcome Back! Sunday/Monday—**Sept. 12 & 13**—a new start to a new year in church! Sunday and Monday evening dinners and programming. Details in **The Steeple**.

Tennessee Collier Circle is sponsoring a meal **fundraiser** to benefit **First Church Academy** of Taco Soup, Corn Muffins, Cookies. Details in **The Steeple**.

First Academy Book Drive—new or used books—please drop off donations in the church office.

Case for Smiles—Pillowcase fundraiser for children with cancer. Pillowcase Patterns are available in the church office of Sanctuary Narthex. Contact: Linda Dunn, Ldunn58@live.com. Donations welcome.

UMVIM support of Haiti Earthquake Recovery Plan—Please consider donating **tarps** to help with the recovery efforts. **Monetary donations** are also welcome. Details in **The Steeple**.

Advent Readers Needed for all services including Christmas Eve—if interested, please contact Jennifer Hupko, hupko@fumcmb.org

Volunteer Opportunity—Did you know that one responsibility of the Worship Committee is beautifying the worship spaces? These opportunities include new paraments and vestments, decorating for special occasions, making and maintaining banners for the Sanctuary and Chapel, as well as care of Acolyte robes. **Interested volunteers** may contact Rhonda Singleton, rsingle@sccoast.net.

VENMO is an electronic giving option available for use with a cell phone. Open the camera icon on your cell phone and hold it over the QR code (to the right). Tap on the link at the top of the screen to open the **VENMO** app then follow instructions to give electronically.

Another option is to download the **VENMO** app on a cellular device and search **@firstchurchmb** to proceed with giving options.



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Attendance

Members and guests, kindly pass the attendance book along the pew for everyone to register their attendance.

Sunday School

Classes are available for Children age 3 through Adult every Sunday from 9:45-10:45 AM.

*****Ask the ushers for children's Wiggle Bags, hearing devices and large print hymnals*****

Children

First Church invites families to worship together. We offer "Little Church" to children ages 3 through 1st grade following the Children's Message in 11AM worship. Little Church is a child-friendly "mini" worship service in room 201 of the Wesley Building (upstairs). Parents, please pick up your children immediately after worship.

The **Flowers** that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Harriet and Frank Clark by Mary Teaster.

Flowers are needed for the following dates: Oct 31; Nov 21, 28. To place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Julian in the church office, 843-448-7164 or jennifer@fumcmb.org.

We welcome our guests today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in our worship together.

Traditional Worship may be viewed Live on Facebook at 8:30AM, Contemporary Worship at 11AM, on the website (fumcmb.org), on mobile app, or on FOX TV (ch 7) Sundays at 10AM (one week delay).

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE on the Pew Pads. Please use personal discretion for **Masks and Distancing** in all church buildings and be respectful of others. **Masks recommended.**

Assisting in Worship

GREETERS

8:30 Front Entry Martha & Joe Castellano
8:30 Broadway Entry Ann & Ron Anderson

11:00 Front Entry Sherrill & Charlie Allen
11:00 Broadway Entry Naomi & Harris D'Antignac
11:00 Office Entry Ann Anderson

USHERS

8:30 Toby Ward, Harold Branton; Ann Andrews, Ron Andrews, Jerry Champion, Kevin Cribb, Greg Clemmons, Claylene Gore, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Sylvia Harmon, Dennis Neptune, Arne Pedersen, Gene Singleton, Judy Winn, Tom Winn.

11:00 Clark Butler, Gene Butler, Tracey Connor, Alec McMillan, Keith McMillan

VIDEO | Jim Lewis

AUDIO | Melinda Morgan

