

Order of Worship

September 6, 2026

Attendance Cards: Please complete & drop in offering plate.
We're glad you're here!

Welcome/Announcements/Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRELUDE "Blest Be The Tie That Binds Us Together"
Gillman/Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beloved, come, let us worship
our God who is good and kind,

All: Our God who loves us,

One: Our God who bathes us with grace
and feeds us with mercy,

All: Our God who forgives our sins.

One: We can never repay the goodness of God,
so let us come before God, rejoicing.

All: We lift our voices in grateful praise!

***OPENING HYMN** What Gift Can We Bring UMH 87

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
you sustain us with mercy and grace
yet we do not practice this in return.

When conflicts arise,
we find it easy to turn from your teaching.
Instead of pursuing reconciliation we have
harbored grudges, nurtured resentment
and insisted on our way rather than yours.

Forgive us, we pray.

Teach us how to forgive
so that we may not only praise you
but follow you, too.

In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

ANTHEM "Never A Step" Choplin

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION Lord, Speak to Us see screen

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 18:15-20
p. 799 Santa Biblia p. 750

MESSAGE Community Is Important Rev. Kim Armentrout

HYMN OF RESPONSE Make Us Loving see screen

PASTORAL PRAYER

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Choral Amen

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory "Give Thanks"

Henry Smith

***Doxology**

UMH 94

***Prayer of Dedication**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer

***CLOSING HYMN** Blessed Be the Tie That Binds UMH 557

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** You Are the Seed UMH 583 vs. 1

POSTLUDE "This is My Song, O God of All The Nations"

Sibelius/Larson

*Please rise

🎵 Music Notes

The composer of today's anthem ("Never a Step Will You Walk Alone") gives this instruction to the choir: "soulful walking tempo, not too fast". "Soulful" is a bit subjective, but I'm guessing it refers to the gospel music aspects in this piece, such as syncopation and anticipated notes. "Not too fast" is more direct; for me, the unhurried pace emphasizes the constant, almost relentless forward movement.

The title might seem misleading, since the text speaks of "a road that's lonely" and "a road of your own". But nowhere in the text (or the underlying scriptures) is there an indication that another is walking with us. Rather, the help that keeps us from having to walk alone can take many forms: a helpful tailwind or a gentle refreshing breeze on a hot day; a guiding hand on our elbow, or even a lifting of our burden; just a simple umbrella to shelter from the rain or sun.

Let us stay steady (and unhurried!) on our walk of faith. And let us be aware of the myriad ways that the Lord has provided to help us on that walk. Ways which ensure that we'll never take a step alone.

Stephen Garrett



*Altar flowers this morning are given to
the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
Viola Roberts
and in honor of
Larkin Ward
by the Ward Family*

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This Week at First Church

9 am	Sunday School — IN PERSON & ONLINE
10:30 am	Worship — IN PERSON & ONLINE
	Nursery: Sue Faulkner & Maya Fairchild
	Jr. Church: Barb Orth & Betsy Koval
	MONDAY 7 LABOR DAY church office closed
8 am	Breakfast Club
	TUESDAY 8
10 am	Staff
1 pm	SPRC
2 pm	NO Pantry
	WEDNESDAY 9
1 pm	Mary Maurer's Visitation/Funeral — Spaulding Funeral Home
6 pm	NO Choir rehearsal
6 pm	NO Hispanic Bible Study
	THURSDAY 10
2 pm	Elizabeth Circle — Mt. Pleasant
	FRIDAY 11
	SATURDAY 12
9 pm	Hope Circle — Bob Evans
	SUNDAY 13
9 am	Sunday School — IN PERSON & ONLINE
10:30 am	Worship — IN PERSON & ONLINE
	Nursery: Dave & Patty McGraw
	Jr. Church: Belinda Hausman & Sheila Crowe
12 pm	Messy Church Planning Team

Prayer Concerns

Members of the Church Family:

Bob Rogers	Betty Risner	Darryl Fairchild
Gene Goecke	Herman Emmert	Tom Atkinson
Kathy Wright	Bill Schaefer	
Carolyn Tucker	Debbie Ellis	
Karen Walke	Rick Fugett	
Wilma & Bob Mucha	Dee Markle	
All Our Homebound Members	Family of Mary Maurer	

Family & Friends of the Church:

Tracy Snyder, sister of Vickie Frazer	Bill Sears, brother-in-law of Sue Moore
Christopher, friend of Bill & Melanie Alderton	Charles Hankey. Friend of Tim Hezlep
Morgan Rutledge, niece of Becky Rutledge	David Hezlep & Kathy Hezlep brother & sister of Tim H.
Thomas Swank II, nephew of Steve Swank & Melanie Alderton	Family of Mary Beatty, aunt of Rev. Amy Haines & Jen Tucker
Tim Brown, nephew of Mary Maurer	Alice Ring, friend of Tim & Sue Hezlep
Pam Zenefski, aunt of Cory Smarzinski	Darnell Williams, son-in-law of Kerry & Brenda Byrd
Cade & Conner Herring nephews of Patt Gibson	Barbara Lewis, friend of Phil & Sandy Yapple
Clark Williams, friend of Brenda & Kerry Byrd	Kathy Wright's grandson, wife and twin girls born at 6 mos
Mark Taylor, friend of Tom & Nancy Heberling	
Ryan, Alyssa, & Sloane Dole family of Pam & Rick Fugett	

Announcements

CELEBRATING PASTOR DANIEL AND FAMILY

We are celebrating Pastor Daniel's ministry with us on Sunday, October 11, 2026, during worship with a love gift and followed by a traditional American barbecue in Fellowship Hall after worship. Join us this special Sunday to hear Pastor Daniel's message and afterward for the barbeque to celebrate Daniel and his family and send them off with our prayers and best wishes. The SPRC is providing hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and dessert. Church members are asked to bring a side dish of their choice.

If you would like to participate in the love offering, please submit your gift to the church office by the middle of September.

MESSY CHURCH

As mentioned in the Ambassador, after prayer, discernment, and some further training, the team has decided to delay the start of Messy Church until the winter. *This is not connected to Pastor Kim's upcoming sermon series "Messy"*. The Messy Church planning team will be meeting next Sunday, Sept. 13th, following worship.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Do you enjoy the altar flowers each Sunday? Do you notice the dedication each week? Starting Sunday, Sept. 20th, Barb Hoffman will be set up in the North Hallway and will have the sign up sheet for altar flowers for 2027. The cost is \$35. We can have up to 2 arrangements on a Sunday. Barb will be taking orders on Sundays Sept. 20th and Sept. 27th. Order forms are available on the table in the North Foyer if wish to fill one out ahead of time and bring it with you on Sunday, Sept. 20th

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Monday	9 am - Noon
Tuesday	9 am - 5 pm
Wednesday	9 am - 5 pm
Thursday	9 am - 5 pm
Friday	Closed

September 6, 2026
Communion Sunday



Serving in Worship

Senior Pastor	Rev. Kim Armentrout
Associate Pastor	Rev. Daniel Cardenas
Organist	Mary Ellen Clinard
Pianist	Susan Beagle
Scripture Reader	Nita Driscoll
Media Team:	Communion Servers:
Johnny Schmitt	Barb Balsmeyer
Brent Alexander	Phil Yapple
Reece Edgren	Sandy Yapple
Rachel Hurley	

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