

CREATED FOR

CONNECTION



August 2, 2026

Traditional Worship

8:15 am Sanctuary

**Please stand or lift your heart*

WELCOME

Rev. Sarah Slack



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OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love
arr. Anne Marie Cotter David
Dr. Jenny Anderson, piano

*HYMN No. 545/546

The Church's One Foundation
AURELIA

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Dwight Dockery

LEADER: United in the Spirit,

ALL: we gather to worship our one true God.

LEADER: Celebrating our diversity and differences,

ALL: we become one body in Christ.

LEADER: We worship and praise God,

ALL: who is over all and through all and in all! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

Glory Be to the Father
MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:1-6 (NRSV)
Bernice Howard

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SERMON Created for Connection: Connection Among Christians
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ANTHEM *Christian Hearts in Love United*
Beethoven, arr. Dockery
Morning Glory Chorus

Christian hearts, in love united, seek alone in Jesus rest;
has he not your love excited? Then let love inspire each breast.
Members on our Head depending, lights reflecting him, our Sun,
Christians, his commands attending, we in him, our Lord, are one.

Grant, Lord, that with thy direction, "Love each other," we comply,
aiming with unfeigned affection thy love to exemplify;
Let our mutual love be glowing, so that all will plainly see
that we, as on one stem growing, living branches are in thee.

O that such may be our union as thine with the Father is,
and not one of our communion e'er forsake the path of bliss;
may our light shine forth with brightness,
from thy light reflected, shine;
thus the world will bear us witness, that we, Lord, are truly thine!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881** The Apostles' Creed
Rev. Lisa Blackwood

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he arose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

TIME OF PRAYER

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

OFFERING MOMENT

OFFERTORY

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
arr. Jeremy Bankson

***DOXOLOGY No. 94** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts.
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
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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.

***HYMN No. 566** *Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love*
EVAN

*BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** *With High Delight Let Us Unite*
arr. Jonathan Kohrs

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Aubade (A Song to Greet the Morning)

Brenda Portman

Dr. Jenny Anderson, organ

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CENTERING HYMN

There's a Spirit of Love in This Place

Mark Miller

Chancel Choir; Dr. Dwight Dockery, conductor

There's a spirit of love in this place, there's a spirit of love in this place.

You can't see it, but it's there just as precious as the air.

There's a spirit of love in this place.

O alleluia, sing alleluia! We bless your holy name.

O alleluia, sing alleluia! There's a spirit of love in this place.

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TIME OF PRAYER Rev. Don Jones

OFFERING MOMENT

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Let Us Build a House*
arr. Lloyd Larson

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.
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Let us build a house where hands
will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.
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Come build a church with soul and spirit,
come build a church of flesh and bone.
We need no tower rising skyward; no house of wood, or glass, or stone.
Come build a church with human frailty.
Come build a church of flesh and blood.
Jesus shall be its sure foundation. It shall be build by the hand of God.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
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***HYMN No. 566** *Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love*
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***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Father, We Thank You*
attr. Louis Bourgeois

Watch o'er your church, O Lord,
in mercy, save it from evil, guard it still;
perfect it in your love, unite it, cleansed
and conformed unto your will.
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
was in the broken bread made one,
so from all lands your church be gathered
into your kingdom by your Son.

***POSTLUDE** *Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love*
arr. Anne Marie Cotter David

Contemporary Worship

10:30 am | Asbury Hall

WELCOME MUSIC

Worship Band

One
U2

WELCOME

Ralph Jeffers



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Make Us One
Jesus Culture

People Need People
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OFFERING

Rev. Teanna Black

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Ephesians 4:1-6 (NLT)

SERMON

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CLOSING WORSHIP

By Our Love
Christy Nockels

BENEDICTION



RETURNS THIS WEEK!



1stchurch.org/wednesdays

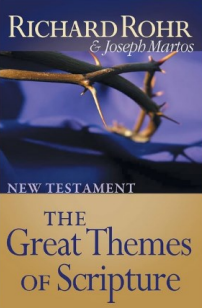
Wednesdays
@ 1st

1st Kids & 1st Youth Bible Studies

1st Kids Music
1st Youth Music
(sign ups open!)

Dinner together

Beyond the Sermon
NEW Adult Bible Study
with Rev. Teanna Black



Book Study

led by Bernice Howard

Thursdays starting August 13th
10:00 to 11:30 am

Sign up at:
1stchurch.org/themes

NEW THIS YEAR!

For Children of all ages!

FOAMTASTIC PARTY



August 16th 12:00-2:00 PM
1stchurch.org/foamtastic

NAME WITH A FACE



Connect with other people in the 1st UMC family in a fun way!

MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH @ 5:00 PM
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH @ 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH @ 10:00 AM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND 10:00 AM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD @ 3:00 PM

All events in Wesley Hall (upper level)



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