

CREATED FOR

CONNECTION



August 16th, 2026

Traditional Worship

8:15 am Sanctuary

**Please stand or lift your heart*

WELCOME

Rev. Sarah Slack



Please use either this QR code or a card in the pew for attendance and prayer requests that you would like shared with staff. You may place cards in the offering plate.

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

Jesus, United By Thy Grace
arr. Ellen Coman
Dr. Jenny Anderson, piano

*HYMN No. 547

O Church of God, United
ELLACOMBE

*UNISON PRAYER

God, you know our hearts, you know our innermost secrets. You know we have faith and trust, until we don't. Keep us in community even when our lives are filled with doubt. You know we have hope and joy, until we don't. Keep us near to you and one another even when our lives are filled with despair. Keep us on the journey with one another for we know you have created us to be in connection. We pray all of this with thanksgiving. 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

Hebrews 10:23-25 (NRSV)
Bruce Kerr

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SERMON

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ANTHEM

We Serve the Prince of Peace
C. David Bolin

Morning Glory Chorus; Dr. Dwight Dockery, conductor

Jesus said, "Blest are the meek,"
he calls us to "turn the cheek,"
"Go," he said, "the second mile."
We serve the Prince of Peace.
These, the words the Master spoke; the Prince of Peace.

"Give your coat" and "share your bread,"
these are things the Savior said.
"Love your enemies," as well.
We serve the Prince of Peace.

"Lend, expecting nothing back,"
"Share your wealth so none will lack,"
"Do as you'd have done to you."
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Jesus said, "You are the light,"
place your lamp upon the height."
We're to shine so all will see.
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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 883**

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

TIME OF PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

OFFERTORY *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*
arr. Mark Hayes

***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!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***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.

***HYMN No. 549**

Where Charity and Love Prevail
ST. PETER

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Song of Praise
Gerald Peterson

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OPENING PRAYER

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Gwen Green, acolyte
Rachel Sparks, acolyte

PRELUDE

Variations on "St. Peter"
arr. James Pethel
Dr. Jenny Anderson, organ

INTROIT

All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord
attr. William Croft
Chancel Choir; Dr. Dwight Dockery, conductor

He bids us build each other up; and gathered into one,
to our high calling's glorious hope we hand in hand go on.

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TIME WITH CHILDREN

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO KIDS OWN WORSHIP

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CENTERING HYMN

There's a Spirit of Love in This Place
Mark Miller
Chancel Choir

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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Charles West

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ANTHEM

You Do Not Walk Alone
Elaine Hagenberg

May you see God's light on the path ahead
when the road you walk is dark.
May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow,
the gentle singing of the lark.
When times are hard, may hardness never turn your heart to stone.
May you always remember when the shadows fall –
you do not walk alone.

TIME OF PRAYER

Rev. Don Jones

OFFERING MOMENT**OFFERTORY**

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forever. Amen.

***HYMN No. 549** *Where Charity and Love Prevail*
ST. PETER

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Lord, Make Us More Loving*
African American spiritual

Lord, make us more loving until we meet again:
loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.

***POSTLUDE** *Song of Praise*
Gerald Peterson

Contemporary Worship

10:30 am | Asbury Hall

WELCOME MUSIC

Worship Band

Connection
One Republic

WELCOME

Ralph Jeffers



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WORSHIP

Waking Up
We the Kingdom

Holy is the Lord
Chris Tomlin

Goodness of God
Bethel

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OFFERING

Rev. Teanna Black

TIME OF PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

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SERMON

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CLOSING WORSHIP

People Need People
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BENEDICTION

NAME WITH A FACE



Connect the names and stories to the people you see here at 1st UMC.

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)



Have you ever considered how to be helpful to another disciple in need?

If God is calling you to answer this question, you may be ready to participate in a new Caring Congregation program here at 1st UMC.

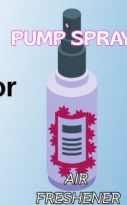
Join us tomorrow, **August 17th at 6:30 pm in room 202** to learn how you can serve joyfully in this new ministry.

COLLECTING ITEMS
AUGUST 18TH & 25TH
8:00 am to 5:00 pm



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FLOOD BUCKET SUPPLIES

- Pump Spray Air Freshener (4 to 8 oz.)
- Pump Spray Insect Repellent (6 to 14 oz.) or 10 to 20 count wipes
- Flat, rectangular scouring pads (no soap added)



COMING SOON!



LABOR DAY WEEKEND!



1stchurch.org/students

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Youth Fellowship

Sunday evenings 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Rise and Shine

Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:00 am

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday evenings 6:50 to 7:30 pm



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