

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

June 15, 2025 – 11:00 a.m.

Trinity Sunday



Christ Taking Leave of the Apostles by Duccio di Buoninsegna, 1308 -1311

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***United in the Spirit, First United Methodist Church of Belmont exists
to be more like Jesus Christ for our community and beyond***
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Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Belmont! Today is Trinity Sunday, a day set aside to honor the mystery of our belief in the Triune God: one God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Today, we do not come to explain or fully comprehend this mystery, but to acknowledge our limits and open ourselves to God's ongoing revelation. May this time of worship deepen our humility, renew our trust, and attune us to the Holy Spirit who still speaks and guides us today.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

arr. Robert Hughes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doreen Collins

The Lord is holy and beyond all knowing.

Yet God has made Himself known.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

One God in three.

Let us approach with humility and wonder.

And worship with joy and reverence.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 61

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Three in One, we confess that we often come seeking answers more than your presence. We long to be masters of your grace rather than disciples transformed by it. We speak when we should listen, and presume when we should pause. Forgive our pride, our certainties, and our fear of what we cannot control. By your Holy Spirit, lead us in the humility of Christ, that we may walk more faithfully in your truth. Following him, may we find joy, freedom, and the fullness of life in you. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Jennifer Martin

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 16:12-15

Claire Dunigan

SERMON

The Rev. George Ragsdale

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

INVITATION TO PRAYER

***Lord, hear us when we pray;
in every troubled day we seek your face.
Your name be glorified, your greatness magnified;
matchless your works abide, O Lord our God!***

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

After each petition we enter into the prayer together with these words: Lord, in your mercy.
hear our prayer.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Anthem to the Trinity"
Small Ensemble

Howard Helvey

THANKSGIVING

*ACT OF PRAISE

"Doxology"

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal No. 895)

GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Come Great God of All the Ages"

***Come, great God of all the ages, make Your earthly mission known;
Speak through every deed and person, let Your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment, give direction now, we ask;
Fit us for the work of building, dedicate us to the task.***

***Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone,
Help us form the church eternal, may Your vision be our own.
Send a message to each follower, lead all people to Your way;
Urge us to strong faith and action as we build the church today.***

***Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear Your call;
Through the moving of Your presence, let redeeming love recall
Ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds,
Challenge us to do Your bidding, see Your purpose, fill all needs.***

***Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God,
In commitment and rejoicing, let us go where Christ has trod;
As we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see;
Place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.***

*POSTLUDE

"All Glory Be to God on High"

Joseph Prentiss

**Those who are able please stand.*

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Belmont! We're glad that you've chosen to worship with us this morning. We invite you to explore all the opportunities we have for children, youth and adults of all ages and stages of life. We seek to be a community of faith that welcomes all as we grow to be more like Jesus Christ for our community, loving and serving God and one another in all that we do.

If you are a guest, we are honored to have you with us. Please stop by the information center as you leave this morning to receive a small gift and more information about our church. We look forward to getting to know you in the days to come! Welcome!

Today's Bulletin Cover features *Christ Taking Leave of the Apostles* (1308–1311) by Duccio di Buoninsegna, a panel from his monumental Maestà altarpiece for Siena Cathedral in Italy. In this quiet scene, Jesus speaks his final words to the eleven disciples—Judas already absent—preparing them for a future they do not yet understand. Duccio leaves out halos to avoid crowding the space, allowing the soft drapery and gentle gestures to carry the emotional weight. The half-open door behind Christ casts a dark, uncertain void, a powerful symbol of absence, transition, and possibility. What will they do without him? The scene invites humility—not just from the disciples, but from us—as we acknowledge that understanding often comes slowly, and only by the Spirit's patient, guiding grace.

Prayer after each worship service is available in the prayer room off of the Narthex. Our Congregational Care Ministers and retired clergy are available to pray with you.

Welcome, New Member! This morning we are blessed to welcome a new member into our church family. Joining today by Transfer of Membership from North Olmsted United Methodist Church in Olmsted, Ohio is Sal Fragapane. If you would like more information about joining our church family, please call or email Pastor George (704-249-0645 or george@fumcbelmont.org) or speak with him after the service today.

Pray for our team going to serve
near Asheville for recovery work
from hurricane Helene

Sarah Melendez Kelly
Keith Moore
Ann Marie Rogers

Tina Moore
Lisa Millspaw
Quanna McAlister



FUMC Belmont
Sunday, June 29th
3-6pm

AMERICAN COUP
WILMINGTON 1898

Join us
for film viewing
& discussion.
Refreshments &
childcare provided.

Discover the
little-known story
of a deadly insurrection
to overthrow the multiracial
government of Wilmington, NC in 1898

GATHERINGS FOR ADULTS

Sunday School

Disciple: Bible Project videos and class questions to start conversations about what we believe as Methodists and how we respond to people who think differently.

Route 66: Studying "Simon Peter" by Adam Hamilton.

Salt & Light Fellowship (new class): A place to have real conversations and build relationships.

Wanderers: Studying "The Lord's Prayer" by Adam Hamilton.

Summer Study on the Psalms

- Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
- June 17 through July 29 (no class the week of July 1st)

Sign up at:
fumcbelmont.org/signup

Learn how to relate to God through your doubt, fears and anger. Coincides with George's sermon series

Possible evening study if enough interest.

This summer when there is more time to think; spend time with a small group of 3-4 people, who can support you in your spiritual growth.

All are welcome no matter where you are on your spiritual journey.

Sign up for Engage and find more information at fumcbelmont.org/signup

GATHERINGS FOR YOUTH

July 1 - Summer Night Youth Hangout - All youth are invited to a night of fellowship and fun at the Youth House. This event is for rising 7th through 12th graders. We will enjoy pizza, ice cream, Gaga Pit, and board games. Let's spend time together.

September 19-21 - Youth Fall Retreat at Mt. Shepherd - All rising sixth through twelfth graders are invited to gather with other United Methodist Churches in our district for a fun-filled weekend with lots of recreation, fellowship, worship, and small group sessions. Recreation will include the zip line, ropes course, climbing tower, and much more. You are welcome to sign up today online. *Please sign up and pay by Friday, August 1st.*

Email Quanna at quanna@fumcbelmont.org for more details or to sign up for our youth events.

GATHERINGS FOR CHILDREN

Summer Bible Bingo packets are ready for pick up on the children's shelf in the Narthex. Kids are encouraged to use the Bingo cards to spend time in the Bible every day over the summer. Bring your card back each week to earn a prize.

Vacation Bible School is July 13-17, and we invite all 4-year-olds through completed 5th grade to join us for our *True North adventure*! VBS is 5:30-8:00 and includes supper each night. Visit www.fumcbelmont.org/vbs for more details and to register.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 15

- Disaster Relief Mission Trip
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Combined Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, June 16

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, June 17

- 1:00 p.m. Small Group Study on the Psalms

Wednesday, June 18

Thursday, June 19

Friday, June 20

Saturday, June 21

Sunday, June 22

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The Karr family upon the death of Beverly Karr

Judy Harris

The family of Bill Fogerty, Lisa Millspaw's father
who has passed away

Anne Hinkle's sister, Paula

Ginger Feimster

Erin Carver, Renee and Tim Painter's daughter

Frances Wilson, Denise Andrews' mother

John and Susan, Jim Griffin's brother and sister in-law

Nicole Stanforth's family after the passing of her
grandmother, Sue Ananda

Jennifer Stiver, Elizabeth Boney's friend

Anne Haxton, Dottie Moore's mother

Rita Wilson's brother

Jamie Washam

Murphy Clark and family

*You can submit prayer requests to
prayers@fumcbelmont.org*

*Prayers remain on this list for 4 weeks. If your loved
one needs continued prayers, please resubmit a
new request.*

Father's Day 2025

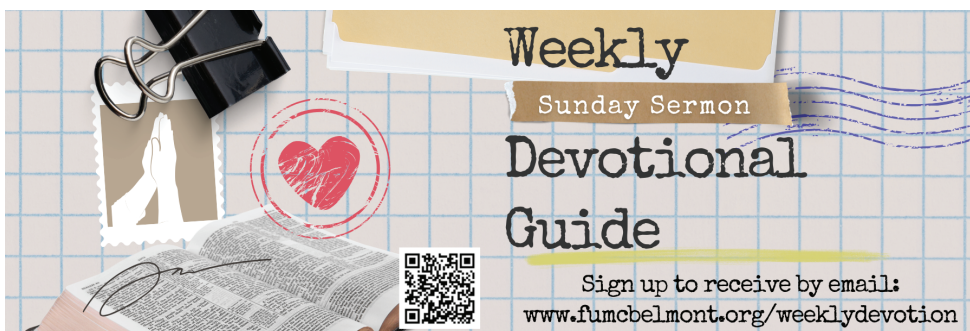
Supporting Global Missionaries
Michelle Kunce and Eric Kalumba

Gifts have been given to honor and remember these loved ones

Lefty Harris, Tom Fortenberry,
Josh Fortenberry, Jason Rowland,
and Chuck Clark
Given by Becky Fortenberry

Our fathers, John and Bob
Given by Arthur and Margie Ligon

Charles Burnette and Milton Allen
Given by Bob and Susan Burnette



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