

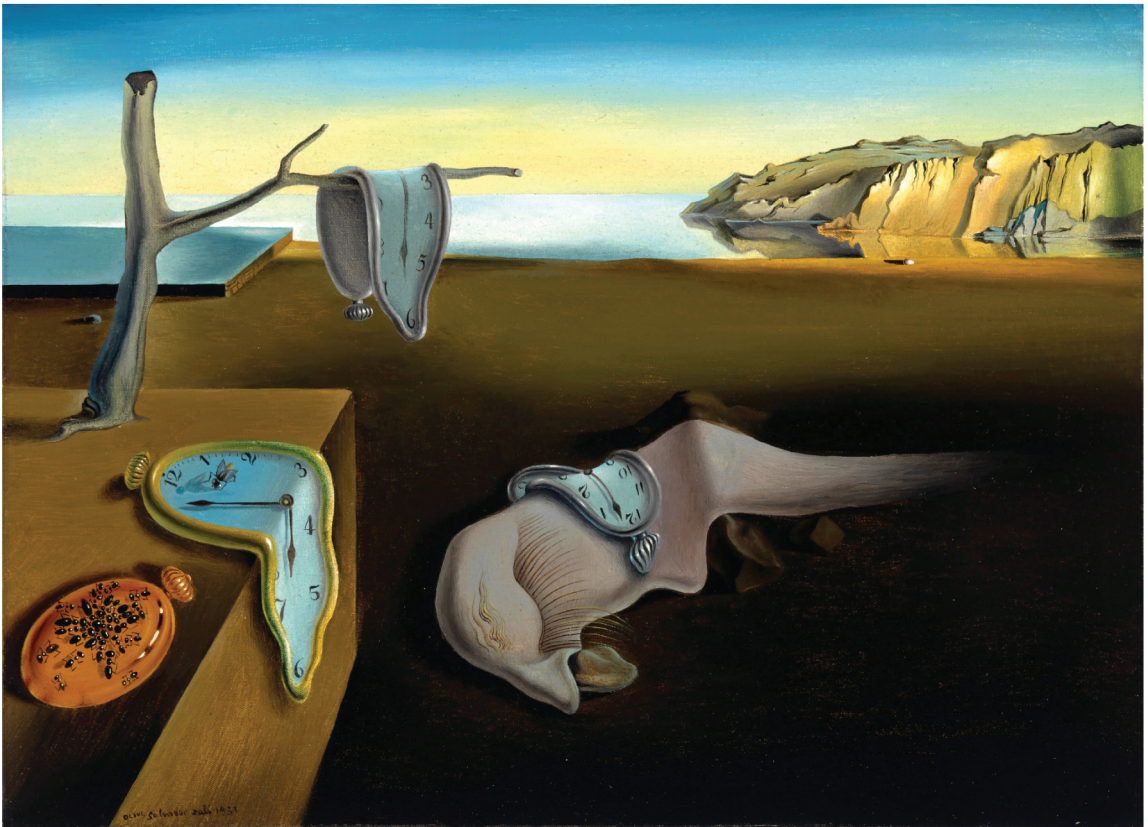
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 13, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.

The Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost



The Persistence of Memory by Salvador Dalí

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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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Good morning and welcome to First United Methodist Church of Belmont! We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us! This morning, we're continuing a worship series exploring Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. In this week's reading, Paul encourages us to "Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time." We'll explore the meaning of time, both chronos and Kairos and what it might mean to us to "redeem the time" we have been given.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. Joel Raney

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doreen Collins

God has set this day before us,

A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

God has set our lives before us,

A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.

God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

So that we might live fully in deep love.

Let us worship God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 117

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we are so scattered, O God: we flit from cause to cause; we are easily distracted by the next important thing; we think about yesterday and tomorrow but not today. Help us to be mindful of the grace and beauty that surround us right now. Help us commit to the need that is before us right now. Help us to think deeply, and respond generously, as you have loved us deeply and forgiven us generously. Teach us to count our days so that we might gain a heart of wisdom. This we pray in Jesus' name. 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

Tresca McSwain

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 5:15-20

John Tria

This is the Word of God for the People of God. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

The Rev. Ellen Robison

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole"

Mark Friedman

In your love, make us whole, may we rest in your compassion.

Calm the lost weary soul in the warmth of your love.

May your peace fill our hearts. May we know the love of Jesus.

By your grace, you console. Make us holy, make us whole.

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

"Like a River in My Soul"

Tim Osick

I've got peace like a river in my soul, soothing river, calmly flow.

When the world closes in, feel the stillness within.

I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full.

When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home.

I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again

You shall rise!

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

"Eternal God Transcending Time"

***Eternal God transcending time, yet mindful of the fears,
the hopes, the questions raised for us by ever changing years:
so guide us through our pilgrim days that we may find a home
where justice, truth, and mercy meet, fulfilled in your shalom.***

***Incarnate God revealed in time, true Word in flesh retold,
who marked the years from birth to death, then rose to break death's hold;
by your becoming one with us, help us to know and claim
the unity of all baptized in your redeeming name.***

***Life breathing God enlivening time, a waking heart and tongue,
inspiring prophets, bringing hope, consoling old and young:
draw us to those denied your gifts by bias, want, or strife,
convert our wills and form through us new channels of your life.***

***Great Triune God, so bless the time entrusted to our care,
that all our varied ministries may form a common prayer;
then when time ceases, bring us where divisions are undone,
that in your presence, joined in praise, at last we may be one.***

*POSTLUDE

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

arr. Charles Callahan

**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 *"The Persistence of Memory"* by Salvador Dali, also known as *Soft Watches* or *Melting Clocks*, is one of Dali's most famous pieces. The piece is small, measuring just 9.5 × 13 inches. Several of Dali's favorite recurring images are present in this work. The setting is one he often used: the seashore of northernmost Catalonia at Cape Creus, with a favorite landmark, Mount Pani, casting its shadow upon the beach. His melting-clock imagery mocks the rigidity of chronometric time. The painting was completed in 1931 and first exhibited in New York in 1932 where it sold for \$250. The buyer donated the painting to the Museum of Modern Art two years later, and it has been a centerpiece of the museum's collection ever since.

Prayer after each
worship service in
the prayer room
off of the Narthex.



Our Congregational Care
Ministers and retired clergy
are available to pray with
you.



**Meet
in the
Middle**

Please sign up to help serve
or clean up at
fumcbelmont.org/meetmiddle

Midweek Fellowship Meals
Wednesday - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Oct. 16 meal: Fried chicken, bean medley,
roasted vegetables, fresh green salad, and
dessert.**

Meals cost FUMC \$10 per adult, \$5 for children. We
ask those who join us to contribute what they can.

Dahlia Grove Community Cafe' Every Thursday from 11:45 to 1:15pm. Dining at the cafe provides financial support and training for women recovering from human trafficking, domestic violence and drug addiction.

Blessing of the Animals

October 20 at 5:00pm
Outdoor Pavilion



Bring your pets to be
blessed; to remember
those pets who have
died, and to celebrate
the gift God has given
us in all God's
Creatures, especially
those who are our
companions.

**JOIN THE LADIES OF
SQUARE TWO**

TRUNK OR TREAT WITH
HOOD MEMORIAL AME CHURCH
(COWGIRL THEME - JEANS/BOOTS)
REID PARK - OCTOBER 27
OUT TO DINNER AFTERWARDS

All ladies
welcome! RSVP ALICE FARRIS:
AWFARRIS@ME.COM



**Please donate candy and/or small prizes
for our Community Fall Festival
youth-led games.**





Community FALL FESTIVAL



We are taking a beloved tradition (Trunk or Treat), partnering with friends and making something new, and we need your help! On **October 27** from **4:00-6:30**, FUMC Belmont and Hood Memorial AME Zion will provide a **Community Fall Festival** at **Reid Park**. We will have trunk or treat, games, hot dog supper, and more. This is an exciting way for us to live into our mission, and we have jobs for everyone. Please use the link below to sign up.

www.fumcbelmont.org/fallfestival



BCO

Drop off
by

Nov 3

Collecting
monthly
non-perishable
food to
help those without
adequate food
resources



TOP 20

- Rice
- Jelly
- Pop tarts
- Grits
- Oatmeal
- Soup
- Peanut Butter
- Instant Potatoes
- Crackers
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Dried Beans
- Corn Muffin
- Mix
- Cookies
- Canned: Meat
- Tomatoes
- Vegetables
- Pasta
- Fruit



MISSIONS NIGHT Nov 13 6:30

HELP FROM ALL AGES ARE
NEEDED TO ASSEMBLE

*500 total
SANDWICHES

*200 Bagged LUNCHES
for the unhoused

*72 FLOOD BUCKETS

* CARDS to military
in active duty



YOUTH



FIRST KIDS

Bible Art CREATING WITH GOD - Wednesdays nights - 6:30-7:30 - 3 years to 5th grade

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 13

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. Connect

6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Small Groups
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 17

11:45 a.m. Community Cafe'

Monday, October 14

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Service and Missions Mtg.
6:30 p.m. Racial Healing and
Reconciliation Mtg.

Friday, October 18

Saturday, October 19

Tuesday, October 15

7:00 p.m. Finance Mtg.

Sunday, October 20

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals
5:30 p.m. Connect
5:30 p.m. Crossroads
6:00 p.m. Stories to Live By

Wednesday, October 16

5:30 p.m. Meet in the Middle
5:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Joann Leathers (John Butler)

Roy Norwood, Jane Herstine's friend

The Ragsdale Family

Maggie Moore

The Giang family after the passing of Sam Giang, Mike's father

Arthur Ligon

The family of Luc Albee upon her passing (Adrian Lunsford's cousin)

Cordell Shirlen (Teri Wilson)

Brian Nixon (Teri Wilson)

Jim and Cindy Griffin

Kenneth Harris

Meredith Dayton's nephew, Jacob, her sister, Kristen, and their family

Erin Carver, Renee and Tim Painter's daughter

Murphy Clark and family

You can submit prayer requests to prayers@fumcbelmont.org or by clicking this QR code:





Dear FUMC Family,

A fire at the Parsonage has caused significant damage to the home of Pastor George and his family. Not only have they been displaced from their home, they will have many unexpected expenses as a result of the fire.

If you would like to contribute to a Love Offering for the Ragsdale family to help them through this difficult time, you can make your donation directly to FUMC Belmont and just note "Love Offering" on the memo line.

Ways to Help Hurricane Victims

- Pray for those impacted by Hurricane Helene.
- Drop off supplies at the Park Street UMC office from 9-3:30 (M-Thurs) or anytime the pumpkin patch is open.

Water
Food that does not
have to be cooked &
cans with pop-tops
Manual can openers
Paper plates, napkins,
cups, plasticware
Diapers - adult & baby
Baby formula - premade

Ensure supplement
Feminine hygiene
products
First aid supplies
Over-the-counter meds
(i.e. Tylenol,
Benadryl, Imodium)
Gas cans



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