

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 6, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

World Communion Sunday



The Best Supper by Jan Richardson

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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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Ephesians

Christ Is Our Peace

Good morning and welcome to First United Methodist Church of Belmont! We are so glad you've 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 continues to encourage the practice of habits and behaviors that will help us to be more like Jesus. Among his chief concerns is our speech: the ways we talk to and about one another. As we celebrate World Communion Sunday, we remember the power of words to build up and share grace with others in the family of faith, including our brothers and sister in Christ all around the globe.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

"For the Healing of the Nations"

arr. Janet Linker

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jennifer Martin

People will come from east and west,

from north and south,

and will eat in the kingdom of God.

Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"One People, Here, We Gather"

One people, here, we gather; One gospel here uplifts

A Pentecost of nations, Varieties of gifts.

When Babel tongues confound us or differences divide,

We break one loaf together of Christ the crucified.

***One Teacher calls disciples to Mary's "better part":
To listen to Christ's lessons; To learn with open heart;
To live with honest questions; To knock, to seek, to find;
To love the God of Wisdom with soul and strength and mind.***

***One world invites our nurture, A stewardship of care
For oceans, fields, and forests - One habitat we share.
We tend one sacred garden, as God's own breath implores,
From coastal bays to mountains, from east to western shores.***

***One Spirit sends us onward in witness to the earth,
As ministers of justice and midwives for rebirth:
To lead the church with courage on ventures new begun,
Reformed yet still reforming, till God's whole will is done.***

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***O God of compassion, we come before you with our brokenness and our
wounds for all to see. We bring our anger, our bitterness, our
unwholesome talk, and our deceitfulness. We try to do good, but sometimes
fail. We choose to do evil, and sometimes succeed. Keep your promise
to forgive us when we confess to you completely. Without you, we have no
hope. 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

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Ed Hanigan

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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Ubi Caritas"

Ola Gjeilo

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart
let us love one another. Amen.
Small Ensemble

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

*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!***

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Hymnal No. 17-18)

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

*BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
Amy Dominov, soprano

arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EXTENDING THE TABLE

This morning, lay communion servers come forward to receive consecrated bread and juice from worship to share with homebound members who cannot be present today. We pray for them, remembering God's grace unites us as one within Christ's holy church. If you are aware of someone who would like to receive but cannot be present, speak with Pastor George after service.

GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN No. 463

"Lord, Speak to Me"

*POSTLUDE

"In Christ There is No East or West"

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 Best Supper" by United Methodist pastor and artist Jan Richardson. She writes: *"This piece evokes the myriad meals that have fed me in body and soul. As I created this image, I was visited by memories of so many of the tables where I have found hospitality. Those memories are embedded among the pieces of this collage. Circling the table once again, I capture glimpses of those with whom I shared those sacred meals. I remember how we savored every scrap, how we lingered long after the last bite was consumed."*

Special Offering - Bishop Carter and the Western North Carolina Conference have asked that all churches in our conference collect a special offering today, Sunday October 6th, to help with the Relief and Recovery of Churches and Communities in Western North Carolina. If you would like to contribute, please make a check payable to FUMC Belmont and note *"Western NC Offering"* on the memo line.

Hurricane Helene Response Update

Western North Carolina Conference
The United Methodist Church



1. Pray for those impacted by Hurricane Helene.
2. Attend training to be on a Response team to assist in recovery efforts. Training in the Asheville area on Monday, October 7.
3. Prepare UMCOR Cleaning Buckets.
4. Donate to conference recovery efforts directly by writing a check and put Hurricane Relief on the memo line.

Prayer after each worship service will be offered beginning Sept. 29th 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. 9 meal: Breakfast for dinner 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.

Join the Primetimers for a
trip to Bush and Vine Orchard
in York SC

Thursday October 10th -
10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lunch in York
(only cost is lunch)
Transportation provided

RSVP to Doreen:
doreen@fumcbelmont.org

Blessing of the Animals

RESCHEDULED

NEW date is Oct. 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



YOUTH

Inviting Teens into the Disruptive Joy with Jesus

Grades 6-12
Sundays at Connect
5:30-7:30
Sept 15-Nov 17

Our Youth will focus on how a deeper relationship with Jesus can offer us greater joy in our lives.

COME EXPLORE WHAT
“WELCOME ALL”
MEANS

*Engage Sunday
School*

OCTOBER 6, 13, 20, AND 27
AT THE YOUTH HOUSE

FIRST KIDS

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 6

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
5:30 p.m. Crossroads
5:30 p.m. Pack Flood Buckets

Monday, October 7

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 8

Wednesday, October 9

5:30 p.m. Meet in the Middle
5:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir
6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Small Groups
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 10

8:30 a.m. Primetimers
11:45 a.m. Community Cafe'

Friday, October 11

Saturday, October 12

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

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 Shirten (Teri Wilson)
Brian Nixon (Teri Wilson)
Jim and Cindy Griffin
Kenneth Harris
Meredith Dayton's nephew, Jacob, her sister, Kristen, and their family
Peg Pinkerton
Amanda Currier's mother, Karen Fuller
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.

HELP WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA



The Missions

committee is prepared to make flood buckets on October 6 in response to the immediate need due to Hurricane Helene. Everyone in the church is welcome to come pack these buckets. You can also help by donating to our Buy a Bucket campaign. Typically, \$75 is the cost of a flood bucket and all contents.

October 6th 5:30-6:30

Any amount donated by check, cash or online will help.

www.fumcbelmont.org/floodbuckets

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