



## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

June 21, 2026 at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

CHIMES *At the sound of the chimes, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection preparing for today's service.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Trumpet Gigue"

Phil Lehenbauer

GREETING

† HYMN 127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

† ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 107:1-9, 33-43

Response

Give thanks to the Lord for \_\_\_

stead - fast love, for \_\_\_ all God's won - der - ful works.

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose steadfast love endures for ever!  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom the Lord has redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in the desert wastes, finding no way to a city in which to dwell;  
hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.  
Then in their trouble, they cried to the Lord, who delivered them from their distress,  
and led them by a straight way, till they reached a city in which to dwell.  
Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.  
For the Lord satisfies those who are thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things. R

The Lord turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground,  
a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.  
The Lord turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.  
The Lord lets the hungry dwell there, and they establish a city in which to live;  
they sow fields, and plant vineyards, and get a fruitful yield.  
They multiply greatly by the blessing of the Lord who does not let their cattle decrease. R

When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, trouble, and sorrow,  
the Lord pours contempt upon princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes;  
but the Lord raises up the needy out of affliction, and makes their families like flocks.  
The upright see it and are glad; and all wickedness stops its mouth.  
Whoever is wise, give heed to these things; consider the steadfast love of the Lord. R

## OUR SHARED LIFE

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Gordon Jones.

The votive candles are in memory of Dan Talbot and Stuart Duke.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

## 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.**

*Children are invited to come forward for the children's sermon during the last verse of the hymn.*

† HYMN 142 "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

† PASSING OF THE PEACE *As a forgiven people, we greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

An offering is collected to support the work of First United Methodist Church sharing God's love with the world. Please take a moment and record your attendance on a card located in the blue folders in the pews. Place the card in the offering plate when passed to you. Make a secure gift by scanning the QR Code or visit [fumcbr.org/give](http://fumcbr.org/give) to give online.



## OFFERTORY "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Setting by Jack Schrader

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not, as thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## † DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 1:1-14; 3:1-3, 7-8a

These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: <sup>2</sup>Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, <sup>3</sup>Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, <sup>4</sup>Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. <sup>5</sup>The total number of people born to Jacob was seventy. (Joseph was already in Egypt.) <sup>6</sup>Then Joseph died, and all his brothers, and that whole generation. <sup>7</sup>But the Israelites were fruitful and prolific; they multiplied and grew exceedingly

strong, so that the land was filled with them. <sup>8</sup> Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup> He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. <sup>10</sup> Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." <sup>11</sup> Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup> But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. <sup>13</sup> The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude <sup>14</sup> and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Bible Jesus Knew: The Exodus"

Reverend Whitton

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

† HYMN 724 "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

† BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Setting by Paul Manz

#### MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Children's Sermon	Sheri Loy
Lay Reader	Dan Reed (8:30 a.m.); Missy Graves (11:00 a.m.)
Liturgist	Cherri Johnson, <i>Director of Spiritual Formation, Emerita</i>
Musicians	Richard Hobson, <i>Bass</i> (8:30 a.m.); The Chancel Choir (11:00 a.m.) Holden Miller, <i>Associate Director of Music and Organist</i> Lamar Drummonds, <i>Director of Music and Worship</i>
Preaching	Reverend Brady Whitton, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Soundboard	Rebecca Mitchell (8:30 a.m.); Joseph Kayuha (11:00 a.m.)

### Welcome to First United Methodist Church

**Café 930** - Enjoy fellowship and a cup of hot coffee or tea from 8:00-11:00 a.m. (Ory Parish Hall) every Sunday morning. An assortment of teas, flavored syrups, and sweeteners are available. All are welcome.

**Families with Children** – Children are always welcome in worship! Childcare is available during all services for children ages 6 weeks through Kindergarten. FUMC also offers Sunday morning groups for children and youth from 9:45-10:45 a.m. To find a group, visit the check-in table located across from the welcome desk in the Conference Center lobby.

If you are new to First United Methodist and are ready to learn more or have questions, we invite you to join us for a **Newcomer Coffee** on July 12 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Ory Parish Hall. Registration is helpful (scan the QR code) but not required. For information, contact Shan Schatzle, at [shan@firstmethodist.org](mailto:shan@firstmethodist.org).



## Announcements

**Youth volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School** the week of July 13-17 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Volunteers must have completed 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Youth earn points and service hours for their time. Sign up on the Youth website at [www.firstmethodistyouth.org](http://www.firstmethodistyouth.org).

The **Vacation Bible School Hospitality Room** is accepting monetary contributions and finger-food dessert donations for the week of July 13-17. Scan the QR code or go to [www.fumcbr.org/vbshosp](http://www.fumcbr.org/vbshosp) to donate and access the sign up. If you have questions, please contact Robin Reed at [robinreed@bellsouth.net](mailto:robinreed@bellsouth.net).



**REVIVE 225 is in full swing!** Last week, we welcomed a mission team from First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, TX. The team served our community through a variety of projects, including repairing siding on two homes, building and painting wheelchair ramps, and volunteering with The Parole Project and Front Yard Bikes. This week, we host Winchester Methodist Church from Winchester, TN, with a team of 40 volunteers.

**Calling all knitters and crocheters: Knitting the Threads of God's Love needs you!** This dedicated group of needlecrafters meets each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. for prayer, fellowship, and needlecraft. They make prayer shawls that offer comfort to those who are experiencing health crises, baptismal blankets to cuddle babies, and baby blankets for the Bella Bowman Foundation. The group recently began crafting beanies and gaiters (face/neck warmers) which are distributed by the *Love Your Neighbor Van* to our homeless friends when cold weather arrives. You can participate in this ministry even if you cannot attend the Tuesday morning meetings. Instructions and project dimensions will be provided so you can craft these projects at home. If you are not an experienced knitter, come join the group and they will teach you! For project instructions or other information, contact Nan DeFoe, *Director of Care*, at [NDeFoe@firstmethodist.org](mailto:NDeFoe@firstmethodist.org).

Join us at the next **Summer Senior Luncheon** on Wednesday, July 8 at 10:30 a.m. — featuring a classical vocal and piano performance by LSU Professor Emeritus Robert Grayson and guest. Lunch (\$20 per person) is provided and activities designed for conversation and connection. To register, email [cgeeting@firstmethodist.org](mailto:cgeeting@firstmethodist.org) or call (225) 383-4777, ext. 225.

FUMC member and certified yoga instructor Mary Byo continues leading **Strong and Steady: Movement for Seniors** every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in Ory Parish Hall. This gentle class focuses on strength, stability, and mind-body-spirit integration and welcomes all - including those using mobility aids. For more information, email [cgeeting@firstmethodist.org](mailto:cgeeting@firstmethodist.org) or call (225) 383-4777, ext. 225.

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