



BIRMINGHAM FIRST
A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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PRELUDE

O Day of Peace (Jerusalem)

Hubert Parry

*HYMN #545

The Church's One Foundation

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come in, friends - there is room for you here.

People: We come as we are, and we are welcome.

Leader: Every meeting is a holy meeting; in every face, the face of Christ.

People: So we open our doors, and we open our hands.

Leader: Whatever is given in love is never lost - giving and receiving are one.

People: No kindness is too small. No giver is too ordinary.

Leader: Where fear builds walls, love sets a table.

People: For perfect love casts out fear.

All: Come, let us worship the God whose welcome has no end.

*RESPONSE #432

Jesu, Jesu - vs. 1

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you. *Fine*

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them. *D.C.*
 white, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
 feet, this is the way we should live with you.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 10: 40-42

MESSAGE *What is God Up to Here?* Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.

***HYMN #571** *Go, Make of All Disciples*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *This Is My Song (Finlandia)* Sibelius



The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of World Refugee Day and in thanksgiving for the refugee families welcomed and supported through the Church and Society Committee.

The Mission Candle is lit to the glory of God and in celebration of Rev. Elizabeth Hurd as she begins her ministry at Birmingham and Berkley First.



Gratitude for Care

Thank you to the ministerial staff and many friends for your visits and cards during my recuperation. I am feeling better every day. I am so blessed with family, friends and church family. I am grateful.

Nancy Keesee

FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Art as Liberation, Art as Reflection in Thomas Parlor

This special exhibit features artwork donated by incarcerated artists in Michigan through the University of Michigan Prison Creative Arts Project (PCAP). Through creativity and artistic expression, these works offer reflection, humanity, and insight into lived experiences often unseen. Be sure to stop by Thomas Parlor June 25-28 to view this meaningful collection of art and storytelling.

Walk Indoors This July

Beat the heat and stay active on the CLC Walking Track! Enjoy a comfortable, air-conditioned space with a smooth, level walking surface - no uneven sidewalks, traffic, or weather to worry about. Whether you're looking for a daily walk, a place to keep moving during the summer, or a comfortable environment to exercise, the track is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The CLC will be closed on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4.

Independence Day Weekend Schedule

In observance of Independence Day, the Birmingham First building and Christian Life Center will be closed on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4. We will worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 5.

Welcome, Pastor Elizabeth Hurd

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Rev. Elizabeth Hurd, who begins her ministry with Birmingham and Berkley First on July 1 as an Associate Pastor, and Lead Pastor of Berkley First. Please keep her in your prayers as she begins this new chapter of ministry and be sure to introduce yourself and welcome her in the weeks ahead. You can reach Pastor Elizabeth at ehurd@berkleyfirst.org.

Blood Drive – July 7

Join us on Tuesday, July 7, from 12:30 - 6:30 p.m. and help save lives through the gift of blood donation. Our goal is to collect at least 41 units of blood, with 75 appointment slots available. Filling the schedule is critical to maintaining a reliable blood supply for local hospitals, helping prevent delays in care, and ensuring patients in our community receive lifesaving treatment when they need it most. Sign up by going to www.gatheredhereforgood.org

Harvest Produce Table

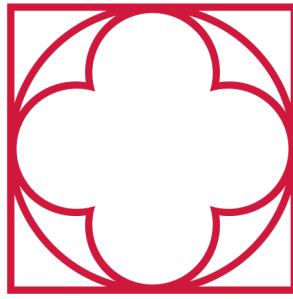
Help support local hunger ministries this summer by volunteering at the Harvest Produce Table in Fellowship Hall on Sundays. Donate flowers or garden produce, shop for fresh items, or sign up to help staff the table. All proceeds benefit local food banks and soup kitchens. To volunteer, visit www.gatheredhereforgood.org

Celebrating Refugees

Ten years ago, Birmingham First welcomed two refugee families from Syria, surrounding them with housing, financial support, healthcare, and friendship. Since then, our congregation has also helped furnish homes for more than 100 Afghan refugees. Today, our partnership continues through the Samaritas New Americans Mission Project, supporting ESL classes, a Refugee Youth Career Fair, and donation drives. To learn more, email FUMCSamaritas@gmail.com

Looking to start a Book Club or Study Group this summer?

A Disciples Path – A Guide for United Methodists by Justin Larosa and James A. Harnish. Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness...this is what we commit to when we become members of The United Methodist Church, and it's a big step. But *A Disciple's Path* helps us look beyond membership, presenting an engaging approach to discipleship from a distinctly Wesleyan perspective. Discipleship is ongoing, so the 6-week study is perfect for new-member groups, but also works well in small groups of long-time members. It helps you develop spiritual practices, discover your unique gifts, and engage in ministry that brings transformation to your own life and to the lives of others and the world. The Daily Workbook offers six weeks of daily readings (five per week), Scripture, a message for the day, and prompts for personal reflection.



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BULLETIN COVER

This week's stained-glass window represents one of the Eight Acts of Mercy: providing water for those who thirst. As described in Matthew 10:42 *“And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward”*. Little ones refers to Jesus’ followers, those who are vulnerable, those new in faith, or those otherwise unnoticed. The cup of cold water represents a simple act of generosity and care, as well as extending an invitation to receive the living water found in Jesus Christ.

(located in the East wall, North Sanctuary window, left center tracery)

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