



BIRMINGHAM FIRST
A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
...gathered here for good.™

Prelude

O God Beyond All Praising
(tune: Thaxted)

Gustav Holst

*Hymn #57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing - vs. 1-5, 7

*Call To Worship

Leader: Everything we need this morning is already here.

People: Everything we need is Christ.

Leader: Not a little of him. All of him.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Lift your heads and your voices and begin.

All: Let us worship God with glad hearts!

*Response #176

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty.

Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority

Flow from His throne unto his own; his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty;

Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Welcome and Announcements

Beth Torrey

Mission Moment

Hilary Kristal

Anthem

A Lord-Built House
Chancel Choir

Roger Lentz

Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

I wanna live in a Lord-built house. I wanna live in a Lord-built house. I wanna live in a Lord-built house,
unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

Don't wanna live in a man-built house with a structure built on sin, brightly painted shutters and doors
and all decayed within! I wanna live in a Lord-built house, wanna live in a Lord-built house.

I wanna live in a Lord-built house. I wanna live in a Lord-built house. I wanna live in a Lord-built house,
unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

Don't wanna live in a man-built house with a man-made light inside. The storm blows in and the power
goes out and the man in fear must hide! I wanna live in a Lord-built house, wanna live in a Lord-built house!

I wanna live in a Lord-built house. I wanna live in a Lord-built house. I wanna live in a Lord-built house,
unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

Pastoral Prayer

The 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.

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

The Church's One Foundation
Chancel Choir

arr: Dan Forrest

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one or all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Amen, Amen!

*Doxology #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #154

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Scripture

Colossians 2: 9-15 NIV

Message

The Magnificent Sufficiency of Jesus Christ

Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.

*Hymn #733

We're Marching to Zion

Blessing of Students and Teachers (9:30)

*Benediction

*Postlude

Allegro

Benedetto Marcello



The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Theodoshia Burnside by Sara Burnside and Sylvia Hagenlocker and family.

The Mission Candle is lit to the glory of God and in gratitude for a new season of worship, fellowship, and ministry together. May all who enter our doors find a place of welcome, belonging, and grace.



FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Sunday, September 13 – Fall Worship Schedule Returns

Worship returns to 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour on the Lawn

Monday, September 14 – CLC Walking Track Fall Hours Begin

Monday: 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. & 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. & 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. & 6:00–8:00 p.m.*

*No evening hours on the first Wednesday of each month

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. & 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Sunday: CLC closed

Sunday, September 20 – All-Church BBQ

On the Lawn 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Sunday Night Dinners Are Back!

Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for Sunday Night Dinner. Take the night off and enjoy an easy meal with friends. Everyone is welcome. Tonight's menu includes pizza, salad and dessert.

Confirmation 2026-2027

Confirmation is a special opportunity for students to explore their faith, ask big questions, learn more about the church, and grow in their relationship with God alongside their peers. We look forward to walking with students and families through this important milestone in their faith journey. Register online at our website. We can't wait to welcome this Fall's Confirmation class on September 15! Questions? Contact Mary Deal at

mdeal@fumbirmingham.org.

Preschool Traffic Reminder

Preschool is now in session September through May. Monday–Friday from 8:30–9:30 a.m., please do not enter the east parking lot from Maple Road. All CLC and church visitors should use the Pleasant Street entrance during this time, as preschool curbside drop-off traffic will be traveling against the usual signs and directional arrows.

Donate. Volunteer. Shop.

Fall Rummage Sale for Missions is October 4–9! Donate with easy curbside drop-off on October 4 from 1:00–8:00 p.m. and October 5 from 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. Volunteers of all ages are needed throughout the week, and volunteers receive special early shopping privileges. Sign up at the kiosk between services today! Then come shop October 7 from noon–8:00 p.m. at regular price and October 8 from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at regular price, and 3:00–8:00 p.m. for 50% off and the \$10 Bag Sale. More information is available on our website.

Help Us Offer a Warm Welcome on Sunday Mornings

Sunday morning greeters are always needed at several key locations throughout the church for both the 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. worship services. Stop by the kiosk between services each Sunday to sign up to greet. While you're there, order an official Birmingham First name badge if you don't have one.

First Nurses Blood Pressure Checks Today

Your health matters! First Nurses will be available to check your blood pressure. Track and compare your monthly results to be sure you're staying on top of your health! This free and friendly service is open to all—no appointments needed!

Give Blood. Give Hope.

Our next Versiti Blood Drive is Tuesday, September 15, from 12:30–6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Local hospitals rely on a steady supply every day for patients facing cancer treatments, surgeries, traumatic injuries, medical emergencies, and other serious health needs. Visit our website to schedule your time to give.

Merry Mates Opens a New Season

Merry Mates kicks off the season on September 18 with Rev. Elizabeth Hurd, Lead Pastor of Berkley First, sharing her Jeopardy! inspired story, "Methodist Pastors for \$1,000, Ken." Gather and socialize at 5:30 p.m., enjoy dinner catered by Chef Hollie at 6:00 p.m., followed by the program at 6:45 p.m. Singles, couples, guests, and newcomers are all welcome. RSVP to Carol and Jim Rillema at crillema@gmail.com or 248-851-6438 by this evening. Cost is \$25 per person, payable at the door.

Church BBQ on the Lawn is Sunday, September 20

Make plans to be part of our Church BBQ on the Lawn, Sunday, September 20 at 5:30 p.m. Contact Sharon Ulep at sulep@hotmail.com to sign up to host a table or reserve a seat. Reservations will also be available in Fellowship Hall on September 13 and September 20. Enjoy an evening of good food, conversation, and fun on the lawn. Church will provide the main course, and each guest is asked to bring a side dish to share.

Pick Up a Book, Join the Conversation with Pastor Chad

Theo of Golden is a moving Christian novel about a mysterious stranger whose simple acts of generosity transform the lives of people in a small Southern town. Pastor Chad will lead a book discussion on Sunday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Circuit Rider Bookstore.

Pickleball with a Purpose

Serve Kindness. Smash Hunger. Register now for the Hunger Ministry Pickleball Mixer Fundraiser on Saturday, September 26, from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Join us for a fun day of pickleball, fellowship, and friendly competition, all while raising funds to support the Hunger Ministry and its work serving our neighbors. Go to www.gatheredhereforgood.org/clc.

College Care Packets: Get One or Help Make One

As a new school year begins, so does a Birmingham First tradition that has been caring for our college students for at least 28 years. Please send a current mailing address to cschulte@fumcbirmingham.org by October 4, even if it hasn't changed. Volunteers are needed to donate small items or help assemble packets on October 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Martin Room. To help, contact Sue Smith at sue.smith@beachcom.net or 248-730-3040.

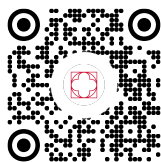
Sock-It-to-Me September

Throughout September, help support those experiencing homelessness through NOAH at Central UMC. We are collecting new men's socks in white, black, or gray, men's and women's underwear in sizes M–3XL, and T-shirts in sizes M–3XL. Please prioritize quality over quantity when donating. Items may be dropped off throughout the month in the collection bin near the Welcome Desk or in the CLC.

BULLETIN COVER

This week's window celebrates our faith in this way: "The history and significance of the Cross and Flame emblem are as rich and diverse as our church itself. The insignia's birth quickly followed the union of two denominations in 1968: The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church, unifying to become the United Methodist Church. A traditional symbol - the cross - was linked to a single flame with dual tongues of fire (understood to represent the union of two denominations). The resulting insignia relates The United Methodist Church to both God through Christ (cross) and through the Holy Spirit (flame)." - the United Methodist Communication Agency

[located in the North Entrance (Maple Road) Door]



For more information about Birmingham First, or to make an online donation, please visit our website at www.gatheredhereforgood.org, or scan the QR code with your cell phone's camera.

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