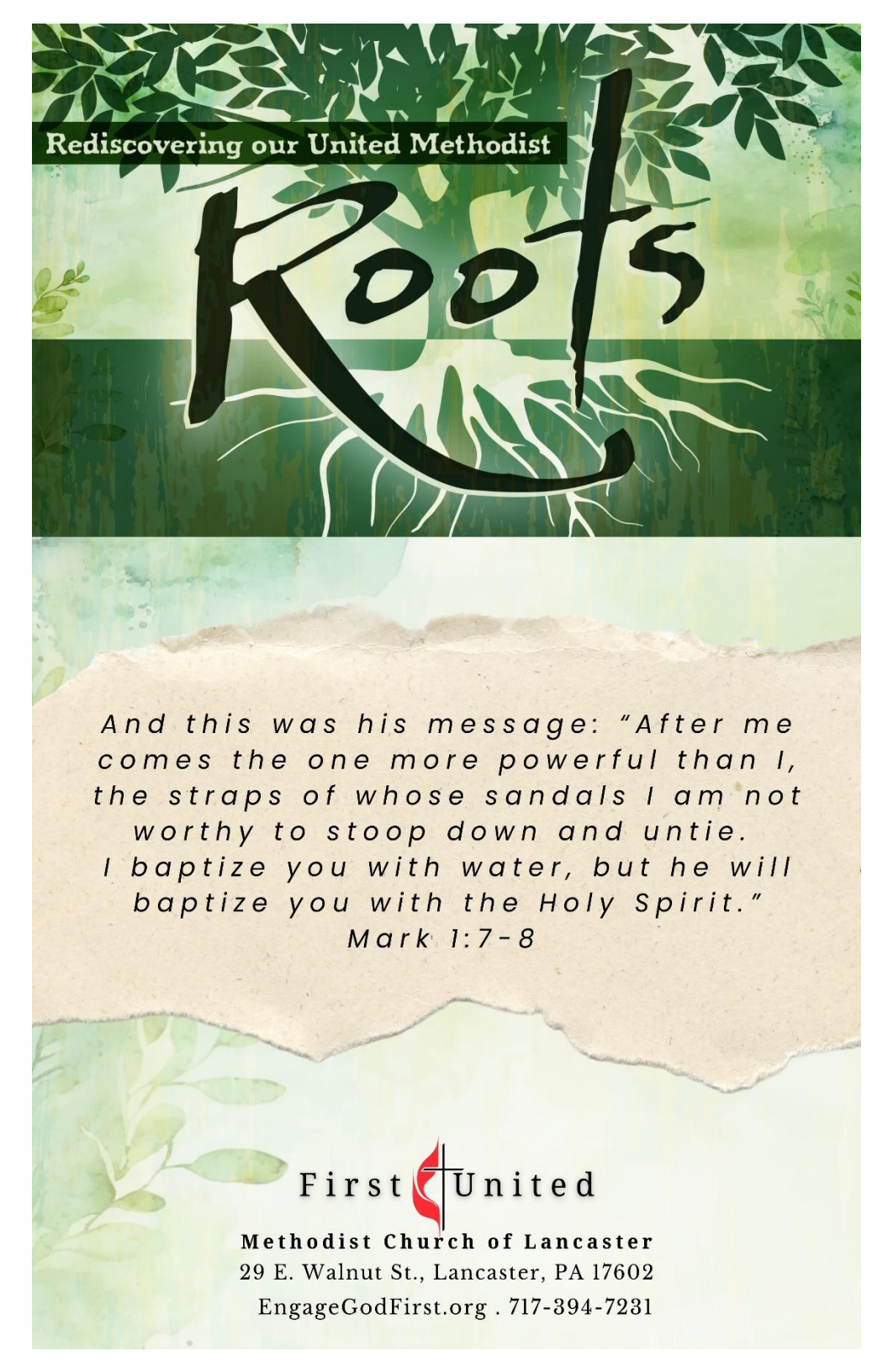


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Rediscovering our United Methodist

Roots

And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:7-8

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**First United
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Our Vision
To be a central hub of Christian
ministry in Lancaster County & beyond

Our Mission:
Connect people to Jesus Christ
& the church, grow Christian disciples,
& relieve suffering

**September 6, 2026
8:15 & 10:45 AM**

Prelude "My Jesus, I Love Thee" (arr. Diane Bish)
Allen Popjoy, organ

Announcements & Greeting Pastors Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We come to the water -

People: to celebrate God's goodness!

Leader: We come to the water -

People: to celebrate God's love!

Leader: We come to the water to remember -

All: that we are beloved, cherished, and forgiven!

*Hymn No. 140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Common Prayer

Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table: in times of disagreement, teach us to listen, loosen us from prejudice, and bind us to your way of forgiving grace; through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering. Amen.

Scripture Reading Psalm 149:1-6a *pew Bibles, OT, p. 550*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(8:15 AM) Anthem "There is a Balm in Gilead" Traditional Spiritual
Jan Betty, soprano: Allen Popjoy, accompanist

(10:45 AM) Anthem "Majesty and Glory of Your Name" (Thomas Fettke)
Summer Choir— Jeff Guy, conductor

Preparation for Prayer, No.700 "Abide With Me" (stanza 1)

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord,
with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the
helpless, O abide with me.**

Pastoral Prayer

* * *Children ages 3-5th grade are dismissed to Jr. Church* * *

*Hymn No. 252

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

Scripture

Mark 1:4-12

(pew Bibles, NT, p. 32)

Message

Series: Roots
Week 1: “Baptism”

Pastor Jason Rios

*Affirmation of Faith

*Song of Praise, No. 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.

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Sharing the Sacrament

*You may bring your gifts of tithes and offerings
to the Lord as you move forward for Communion*

Congregational Prayer

Holy God, we thank you today for the gift of baptism and how it unites us as one by the Holy Spirit. We thank you that before we do anything, you claim us as beloved, surround us in community, and nurture us to be your people. Help us remember that we all belong to the body of Christ; that we each have a special role in your family; and that we are sent out into the world to do good and resist evil in your name. Amen.

*Hymn No. 332 “Spirit of Faith, Come Down”

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Response, No. 664 “Sent Forth by God's Blessing” (stanza 1)

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

Postlude “Trumpet Voluntary” (Gordon Young)
Allen Popjoy, organ

8:15 AM Worship

Usher– Bill Henry
Liturgist – Marc Russo
Sound Tech – Adam VanWyk
Projector- Christian Faux

10:45 AM Worship

Usher Chief – Sue Kepner
Acolyte – Jeff Fisher
Liturgist – Correen Russo
Sound Tech – Adam VanWyk
Projector/Livestream– Christian Faux

Pastors– Jason Rios & Laura Sambrick
Ministers– First Church Congregation