

Rediscovering our United Methodist

Roots

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 4:8-10

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**First United
Methodist Church**

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 13, 2026
10:45 AM**

Prelude

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”
(arr. Kevin McChesney)

Wesley Handbell Choir- Peter Omundsen, Director

Announcements & Greeting

Pastors Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick

Introit

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Chancel Choir: Brian Norcross, Director

*Call to Worship

Leader: It all begins with God’s grace –

People: a gift of God’s love.

Leader: Grace cannot be put in a box.

People: We receive God’s grace even before we know it’s there.

Leader: God shows us grace, not because of what we do,

All: But because we are beloved, cherished, and forgiven!

*Hymn No. 145

“Morning Has Broken”

*Affirmation of Faith, No. 882

Apostles’ Creed (Ecumenical Version)

Common Prayer

Liberating God, we worship you. We praise and adore you for opening up a new future for us when your love and compassion, your mercy and grace became enfleshed in Jesus Christ. We pray that this time of worship will be a true offering of our wonder and praise that you should care for us so deeply and so faithfully. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Anthem

“Amazing Grace” (by Craig Courtney)
Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

Preparation for Prayer, No. 361

“Rock of Ages Cleft for Me” (stanza 1)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Moment & Backpack Blessing

Jan Betty

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

*Hymn No. 365

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

Scripture

Ephesians 2:4-10
(*pew Bible, NT, p 181*)

Message

Sermon Series: "Roots"
Week 2: "Grace"
Pastor Jason Ríos

Hymn Response, No. 378

"Amazing Grace" (vs. 1 & 2)

Receiving the Offering

"Amazing Grace"
(by Newton/Silver, Wood & Ivory
Jeff Guy-alto recorder; Judy Williams-piano)

*Doxology, No.160

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (stanza 5)

**Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore, the Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give
thanks and sing.**

*Congregational Prayer

**Loving God, you surround us in your grace so fully that sometimes we
don't even know it's there. It goes before us, with us, and behind us- our
very breath and life. Thank you for this unending gift that calls us into life
and love, makes our relationship with you right, and transforms us to
become more and more like Jesus. Thank you for your bountiful
blessings. Use our gifts to expand your kingdom in our city. In Jesus'
name we pray. Amen.**

*Hymn No. 385

"Let Us Plead for Faith Alone"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Response, No. 385

"Let Us Plead for Faith Alone" (stanza 1)

**Let us plead for faith alone, faith which by our works is shown; God it is
who justifies, only faith the grace applies.**

Postlude

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
(arr. Marianne Kim)
Peter Omundsen, organ



The white carnation on the altar remembers Edwina Coder who passed into the arms of Jesus on September 9, 2026. Edwina was a member of First Church for 75 years. She is preceded in death by her husband George, and survived by her four sons, Robert, Darren, Brian & Christopher.

SERMON NOTES (or worshipful doodling!)

10:45 AM Worship

Usher Chief – Lynn Freeland

Liturgist – Mark Stoner

Sound Tech - Amayah DiBiasi

Projector/Livestream– Amanda Neumann

Pastors– Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick

Ministers– First Church Congregation