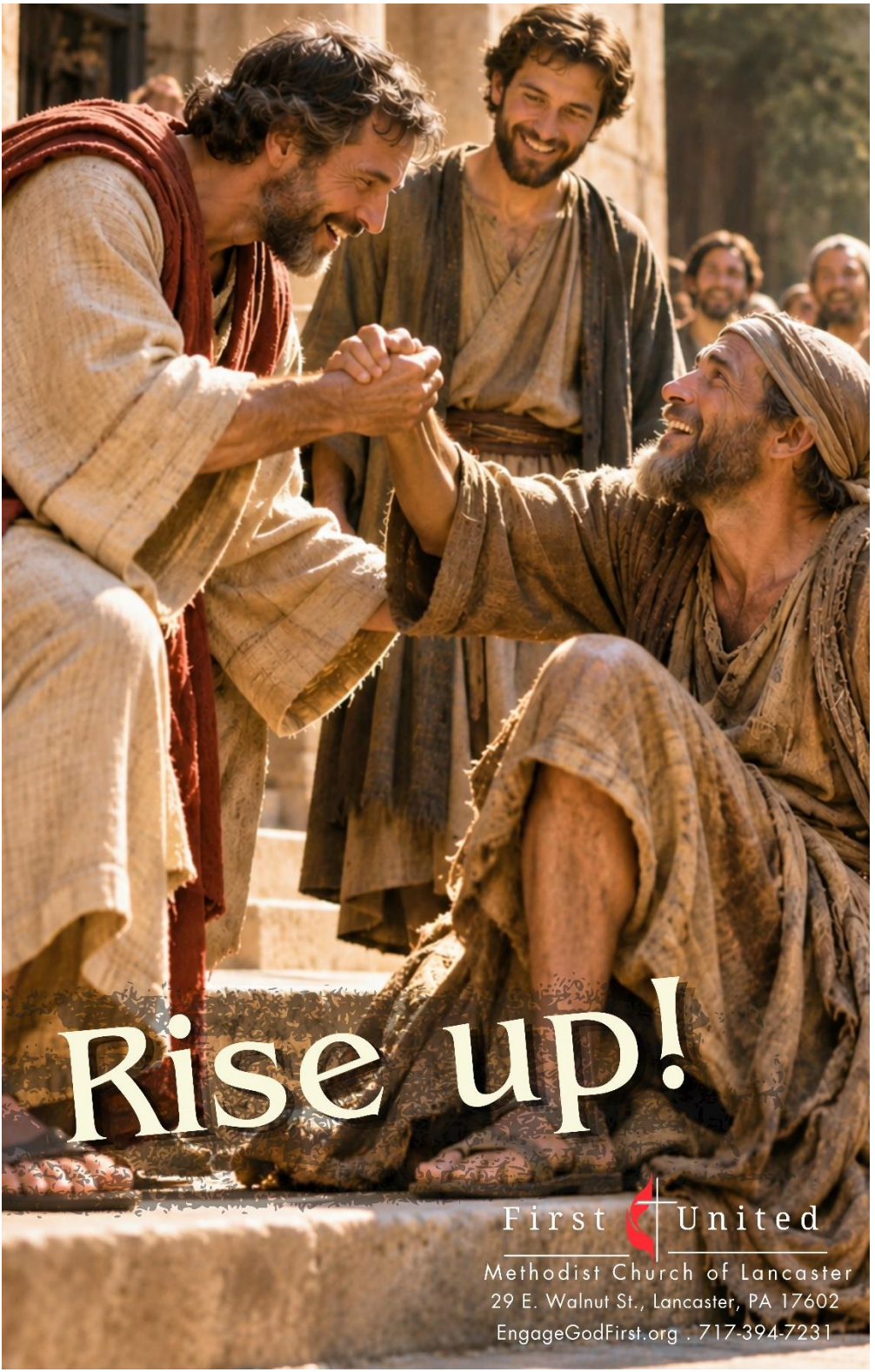

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First United Methodist Church

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

November 8, 2026
Ministry Sunday
10:45 AM

Prelude

Commissioned to honor Peter Omundsen's 40 years at First Church

"Contemplations on BLAENWERN (Love Divine, All Loves Excelling)" by Jason Krug
Wesley Handbell Choir- Peter Omundsen, Director

Announcements & Greeting — Pastor Jason Ríos

Introit — "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (Richard Dirksen)
Chancel Choir: Marlin Houck, conductor

*Call to Worship

Leader: God gives us grace, often in unusual ways.
People: Let us be more aware of the ways God's grace comes to us.
Leader: May we always show gratitude and praise God, especially for the ultimate gift of grace, Jesus!
People: We praise God for all the gifts God has given, especially God's gift of Jesus.
Leader: The man who was lame from birth received something unexpected and praised God!
People: Like him, help us to rise up and testify to the goodness of God.
All: United, let us share God's love and grace with others.

*Hymn No. 160 — "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

*Affirmation of Faith, No. 881 — Apostles' Creed

Common Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, we come before you today with grateful hearts, trusting in your power to heal, restore, and transform lives. Fill us with your Spirit, strengthen our faith, and help us become instruments of your grace. May this time of worship lift our hearts, renew our spirits, and inspire us to rise, walk, and praise you with joy. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

Anthem — "Have Ye Not Known" (K. Lee Scott)
Chancel Choir: Marlin Houck, conductor

Preparation for Prayer, No. 454 — "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (refrain)

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Moment — Pastor Correen Russo

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

*Hymn No. 192 — "There's a Spirit in the Air"

Scripture — Acts 3:1-10 *(pew Bible, NT, p. 112)*

Message — "Rise Up and Testify to God's Grace"
Pastor Jason Ríos

*Hymn Response, No. 98 (vs.1 & 3) — "To God Be the Glory"

Receiving the Offering — "Abiding Love" (Gloria Roe)
Kathy Seaber, soprano; Judy Williams, piano

*Doxology, No. 95 — "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Congregational Prayer

Almighty God, we are so grateful that you often surprise us with your grace. Help us to be like the lame man, who walked, leaped, and praised you! Help us rise up, testify, and praise your glory as we witness to and share the grace of Jesus with all we meet. Thank you for the gifts received this day. May those gifts help the church continue to witness to your love in the community and the world. We ask this in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn No. 421 — "Make Me a Captive Lord"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Response, No. 672 "God Be With You till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude "Toccata No. 9: DIADAMATA" (Joel Raney)
Peter Omundsen, organ

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10:45 AM Worship

Ushers – David & Lois Greene
Acolyte – Barbara Greiner
Liturgist – Doug Friant
Sound Tech – Adam VanWyk
Projector/Livestream– Christian Faux

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

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