

First United Methodist Church

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October 18, 2026

**“The Unnatural Act
of Forgiveness”**
The Route (490) of Forgiving Others.



Matthew 18:21-35
Ephesians 4:31-32

Pastor Rich Edwards

Our Vision & Mission

“Shining the Light of God’s Love”

Through

Inspiring Worship ~ Personal Growth ~ Intentional Outreach

Senior Pastor, Rev. Armando Rodríguez
Associate Pastor, Rev. Rich Edwards
Assistant Pastor, Rev. Barbara Martinez

“Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost”

8:00 & 11:00 am Traditional Worship

GATHERING

WELCOME, COMMUNITY LIFE & INVOCATION

PRELUDE

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Julie Propst

(Please be in an attitude of prayer as you prepare yourself for worship.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! Let us worship!

Congregation: The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

Leader: Come! Let us worship!

Congregation: God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

Leader: Come! Let us worship!

Congregation: So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ.

All: Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

UMH 57

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all of the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: Carl G. Glaser; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839; CCLI License #1229420

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

UMH 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

“Glory Be to the Father”

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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MORNING PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER

MUSICAL PRAYER RESPONSE

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” (vs. 2)

UMH 496

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!

With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Words: William Walford, 1845; Music: William B. Bradbury, 1861; CCLI License #1229420

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked”

Bob Preston

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Words: Thomas Ken 1674, Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge 1623; CCLI License #1229420

*PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” (vv. 1, 3, 4)

UMH 430

O Master, let me walk with thee

in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,

in lowly paths of service free;

in trust that triumphs over wrong;

tell me thy secret; help me bear

In hope that sends a shining ray

the strain of toil, the fret of care.

far down the future's broadening way,

Teach me thy patience; still with thee

in peace that only thou canst give,

in closer, dearer company,

with thee, O Master, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden, 1879, Music: H. Percy Smith, 1874; CCLI License #1229420

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 18:21-35; Ephesians 4:31-32 (NLT)

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*HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds” (vv. 1, 3, 4)

UMH 557

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;

the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;

and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;

but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

Words: John Fawcett, 1782; Music: Johann G. Nageli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845; CCLI License # 1229420

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Go Forth and Let Your Light Shine

**Indicates that we are to stand to praise God.*

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Chris Bogley in memory of Bill's birthday
(would have been 100 years old).

“Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost”

9:30 am Contemporary Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

SONGS OF PRAISE

“I Thank God”

“Made for More”

“Great Are You Lord”

CHILDREN’S CHAT

Rita Etherington

PRAYER TIME

OFFERING

“Holy Water”

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ALTAR CALL / CLOSING

“Holy Water” Reprise

BENEDICTION

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Matthew 18:21-35 (NLT)

²¹Then Peter came to him and asked, “Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?”

²²“No, not seven times,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven!”

²³“Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. ²⁴In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. ²⁵He couldn’t pay, so his master ordered that he be sold—along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned—to pay the debt.

²⁶“But the man fell down before his master and begged him, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.’ ²⁷Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt.

²⁸“But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment.

²⁹“His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it,’ he pleaded. ³⁰But his creditor wouldn’t wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full.

³¹“When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. They went to the king and told him everything that had happened. ³²Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, ‘You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Shouldn’t you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’

³⁴Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt.

³⁵“That’s what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.”

Ephesians 4:31-32 (NLT)

³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³²Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Every Member Prayer List – Please pray for the following this week: Amanda & Rose Rawdon, David, April & Heart Raymond, Robert & Barbara Raymond, Randy Redmon, George & Elaine Reed, Mark & Geraldine Reichenbach, Delores Reinke Ryan.

Job Opening – Church Administrator - We are deeply grateful for Phil Raiford’s faithful service as our Church Administrator and for the many ways he has served our church family. As Phil leaves this role, we are beginning the search for our next Church Administrator, and we are thankful that Phil will help with the transition. For more information, email Phil@pslfumc.com.

Trunk or Treat – October 24th 5-7:30 pm. Invite your friends and family! We still need bottled water and candy to pass out. Please bring to the church office.

Food Pantry – We serve families in need on Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 pm in the Outreach Center. Please bring your donations of non-perishable foods. Special needs: tuna fish, peanut butter, rice, canned vegetables, cereal, toilet paper and empty bags (reusable & plastic).

Hope’s Corner - We offer clothing to those in need on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 am in the Outreach Center. Clean, gently used clothing donations are accepted. Special Needs: Women’s clothes and shoes of all sizes.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting – We meet together to pray on Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm, Room 101. Join us as we seek God together.

Name Tags – We will be ordering magnetic name tags. \$10.00, forms available in the lobby, narthex and church office. Deadline: November 2nd.

Upper Room Devotionals – the November-December edition is now available in the Narthex. The regular size is \$2.00, while the large print is \$2.50. Please deposit your donation in the box provided to help defray the cost.

Pumpkin Delivery – We are expecting our last truckload of pumpkins on October 22nd @ 4 pm. We need all available hands to help us unload the truck. The Pumpkin Patch Sale sign up board is available in the worship spaces and the church office. Please come out and help our youth with their only fundraiser for the year. We appreciate your support.

Youth Group – Grades 6-12, Thursdays & Sundays, 6-7:30 pm. We meet at the Pumpkin Patch through the month of October.

Lighthouse Kids –for children in K-5th grade, Thursdays, 6-7:30 pm in the Ark.

Presence in Worship for 10/11: 349 Sunday School: 49

Financial Update – Last week we received \$11,856.80 toward our weekly need of \$19,784.25. So far in the month of October we received \$35,833.30 toward our monthly need of \$79,137. Your financial dedication is appreciated.



Online/Mobile Giving – You can make your donation at pslfumc.com by clicking on the easyTithe link, use the easyTithe app or scan the QR code.

Meetings This Week

BLC – Beacon Life Center OC – Outreach Center

Sunday

10/18 8:00a Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
10/18 9:30a Contemporary Worship/100, BLC
10/18 9:30a Searchers Adult Sunday School/101, BLC
10/18 9:30a Children's Sunday School/meet at Oasis
10/18 9:30a Mid High Sunday School/2, OC
10/18 9:30a High School Sunday School/103, BLC
10/18 10:00a Haitian Church/1, OC
10/18 10:00a Hispanic Disciple Class/102, BLC
10/18 11:00a Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
10/18 11:30a Hispanic Worship/100, BLC
10/18 6:00p Youth/Pumpkin Patch

Monday

10/19 10:00a Bell Ensemble/Sanctuary
10/19 1:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry/102, BLC

Tuesday

10/20 9:30a Hispanic Prayer Group/105, BLC
10/20 10:00p Food Pantry/2, OC
10/20 10:30a Alanon/101, BLC
10/20 6:15p NA/1, OC
10/20 6:30p Disciple IV/101, BLC
10/20 6:30p Disciple II/103, BLC
10/20 7:00p Hispanic Discipleship/105, BLC

Wednesday

10/21 6:45a Men's Prayer Group/Conference Room, BLC
10/21 6:30p AA/1, OC
10/21 6:30p Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/101, BLC
10/21 7:00p Praise Team/100, BLC
10/21 7:00p Haitian Bible Study/2, OC

Thursday

10/22 9:00a Lighthouse Quilters/101, BLC
10/22 9:30a Women's Prayer Group/Conference Room, BLC
10/22 10:00a Disciple III/105, BLC
10/22 5:00p Safe Space/1, OC
10/22 6:00p Lighthouse Kids/Ark
10/22 6:00p Youth/Pumpkin Patch
10/22 6:00p Alpha Class/105, BLC
10/22 6:30p Disciple I/101, BLC
10/22 7:00p Choir Practice/Sanctuary
10/22 7:00p Nar-Anon/2, OC
10/22 7:00p Hispanic Prayer Service/100, BLC

Friday

10/23 7:00p Hispanic Youth/4, BLC

Saturday

10/24 5:00p Trunk or Treat/Church Grounds

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30a–4:30p