

*Order of Worship*  
*Sixth Sunday After Pentecost*

*July 27, 2025—11 a.m.*

“Enter to worship. Depart to serve.”

Our worship service is broadcast on the radio each Sunday morning at  
8:00 AM on KELB, 100.5 FM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Weldon Bares

**CHIMES**

PRELUDE “This Little Light of Mine” Mark Hayes  
Piano Duet: Michelle Mercer & Marlene Mullenix

CHORAL INTROIT **This Little Light of Mine**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.”  
**Response: Whoever follows Jesus will not walk in darkness.**  
Pastor: Whoever follows Jesus will have the light of life.  
**Response: Let us follow and worship the Lord.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Thank You, Father, for giving us the Light of Jesus. We pray that we will focus on Him every day so that we may live, move, walk and pray in a manner that is well-pleasing to You. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” No. 679

**BAPTISM** Ahmorian True McGruder  
**With God’s help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Ahmorian, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Ann Courville

HYMN “This Little Light of Mine” No. 585

**\*PSALTER** Psalm 89—Response 2 No. 807  
Verses 1-4 Rev. Steffanie Pace

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER **440 vs.1&2**

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Weldon Bares

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE SCRIPTURE

John 8: 12-19  
*Pew Bible Page 101- New Testament*  
Lily Leger

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC “You Light Up My Life” Debby Boone

SERMON “You Light Up My Life” Rev. Weldon Bares  
“Soundtrack of Our Lives and The Gospel” Sermon Series

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles’ Creed No. 881  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; 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 Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** No. 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.**

OFFERING (Please scan QR code to give online)



ANTHEM “You Raise Me Up” Kennedy Anderson, alto

**\*DOXOLOGY** “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow” No. 95

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “Christ Is the World’s Light” No. 188

**\*CHORAL AMEN**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHIMES**

**\*POSTLUDE** “We Are Marching in the Light of God” John Carter  
Piano Duet: Michelle Mercer & Marlene Mullenix

\*Please stand if able.

*Sunday, July 20, 2025 Attendance – 496*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Listening Devices** If you are having difficulty hearing any part of the service, we have listening devices available for you to use. They are located in the Narthex and are sanitized between each use.
- Baptism** Ahmorian True McGruder is being baptized today. Parents are Antonio and Kiara McGruder; siblings are Antonio, Jr., Ahmahjay, Ahleasia and Ar'Maneigh.
- Lemonade & Cookies** in July Stay a little longer after this service! We'll have refreshing lemonade and delicious cookies waiting for you after every worship service throughout July. Come share some fellowship and a treat!
- Weldon's Summer Sunday School Tour** Rev. Weldon's Summer Sunday School Tour will conclude next Sunday, August 3rd at 10am in Room 109 (Growing in Grace classroom). There will be a time for questions & answers, then Rev. Weldon will present a lesson on, "Susanna Wesley - The Mother of Methodism."
- Abraham's Tent Workday** is Monday, July 28. Food Preparation begins at 9:30 and serving at 11:15.
- First Methodist Women FMW Evening Group** will meet Tuesday, July 29, in Room 110 (Fellowship's Sunday School Classroom), Linda Pettaway will be giving the program on Miracles. All women are invited.
- Back to School Blessing** On Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, kids will receive a special blessing during both the 9am Contemporary Service and 11am Traditional service, as they enter the new school year!
- First United Methodist Church Block Party** - we will be having a Summer Block Party on Sunday, August 24th at 4pm! Join us in Paxton Hall and our newly improved prayer garden for great music by Swampland String Band, yummy food, and outdoor fun!
- Our Heaven: A Collaborative Music & Art Experience** On Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm, the Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church will present "Our Heaven", a concert that focuses on the beauty of heaven and our longing to be there. The concert will feature soloists and a string quartet, as well as a collaborative art project, and is free to the public.
- "A Pastor's Reflection"** Rev. Weldon has published 140 of his favorite columns for "A Pastor's Reflection." The book is available for purchase in the church office and on Amazon.
- Collection Corner** We have many opportunities for donations at our church. Our collection table outside Paxton Hall is now accepting Community Coffee labels, baby wipes and Clorox wipes for Kaufman Elementary, peanut butter, jelly, bread, and cereal for Faith and Friends Food Pantry, mosquito spray, wipes, and blessing bags for our Homeless Ministry. Thank you for supporting our local community!

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FIRST UNITED  
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9am Contemporary Service  
11am Traditional Service

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