

Summer Vibes

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

First
Church



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WE GATHER

Welcome

Pastor Duane Carlisle

Prelude

"Morning Has Broken"

Arr. by Cindy Blevins

Michael Budd, Brendon Boyer, Drew Ferguson

Centering Words

L: Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: God's never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God's love, all things will work together for God's good purposes.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: God's never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God's good creation.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain, Love will carry us through.

P: Thanks be to God who forms, connects, and guides us through Love. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2026.

Opening Song

Praise to the Lord

Opening Prayer

God, Your extravagant love has called us together. Long before we even knew You, You already knew us, and had chosen us to be part of Your own family— sisters and brothers with our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. What amazing love You have shown toward us! And so we come before You with praise and thanksgiving, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives, and opening ourselves to the prompting and leading of Your Holy Spirit. Receive our worship—our praise and prayers and offerings— through the intercession of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. May the time we spend here in Your presence bring honour and glory to Your Name. Amen.

Posted on the re:Worship blog at
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/07/opening-prayer-romans-826-34.html>.

WE PROCLAIM

The Message to Young Disciples

The Scripture Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: The Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

P: Thanks be to God.

The Message

Pastor Duane Carlisle

Message in Music

Trombone Trio

"Amazing Grace"

Arr. by Cindy Blevins

Michael Budd, Brendon Boyer, Drew Ferguson

WE RESPOND

The Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kory Pritchett

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Sharing the Peace of Christ

WE GO FORTH

Closing Song

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

The Benediction

Pastor Duane Carlisle

Go now in the blessing and assurance that nothing can separate us from the love of God. May this good news inspire us all to take up the hard work of building community and acting for the flourishing of all our neighbors, because we do not act on our own—we act on the power of God's never-ending love. Amen.

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The Postlude

Scott Hines, Piano

Prayers

Concerns Shared

All in need of prayer

Those In Memory Care

Pat Staver

Active Military

As we update our list of active military personnel, we invite First Church families to share the names of any immediate family members currently serving. Please contact the church office at info@fumcwl.org and include each military member's name and rank.

AWR1 Isaiah Hale
CDR James Beaty

LCDR Alex Turco
PFC Christopher Kuney

Worship Team

Worship Leaders

Bell Choir Director:
Kathy Lind

Director of Music and Arts:
Charis Vander Plaats

First Up Band Director:
Kory Pritchett

Audio/Visual

Livestream:
Todd Pickard

Slides:
Tom Dienhart

Musicians

Piano:
Scott Hines

Pastors

Lead Pastor:
Duane Carlisle

Assistant Pastor:
Kory Pritchett

Vocals

Alto:
Amanda Rowe

Soprano:
Karen Hull

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GET INVOLVED

Help needed

Pitch in for brunch 10 AM next Sunday. Carry in, set up or clean up.

Join our planning & volunteer team for Lafayette Pride OUTfest! Aug. 15.
Contact our pastors.

FUMC will again welcome international graduate students with a meal on Sunday, Aug. 16. We need help setting up, cooking, driving, serving and welcoming the students. Contact John Norberg, jbnorberg@purdue.edu.



We are glad to see you! Our team of greeters is growing. Can you take a Sunday? Contact John Norberg, jbnorberg@purdue.edu to join the team. Or how about taking a shift setting up or cleaning up in the hospitality area? Contact: Jeanne Norberg, jnorberg@purdue.edu.

You are invited

Join the FirstChurch choir party 6 p.m. Aug. 12. To RSVP and receive the address, contact cplaats@fumcwl.org.



Methodist Churches Pool Party, postponed from July, is reset for Saturday, Aug. 22, from 6:15-8:15 PM, at Tropicane Cove, Columbian Park. Admission is FREE with a coupon.

We All Belong meets 6:30-8 July 30 at FUMC.



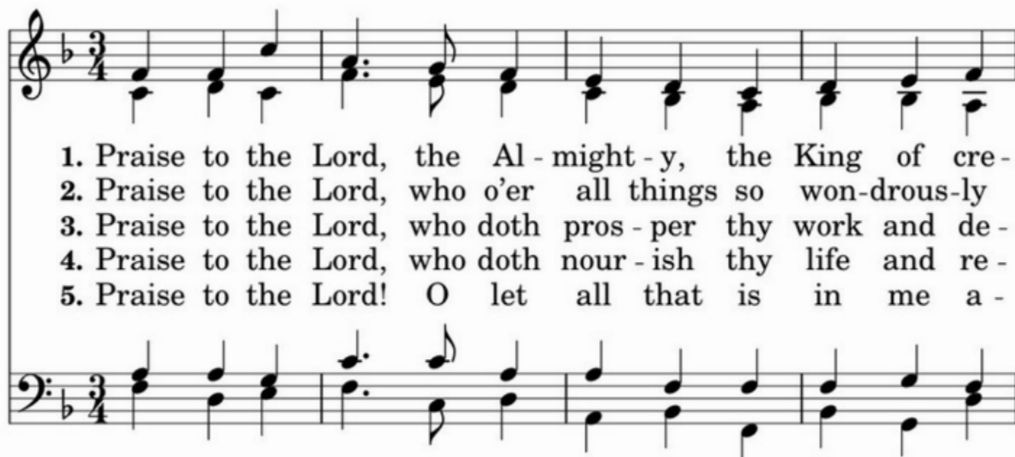
One of our frequent partners, Temple Israel, plans a garage sale Aug. 2. Drop off donated items on Wednesdays from 9-noon and 1-3 PM at the Temple, 620 Cumberland Ave., WL.

Join our campus ministry at the Wesley Foundation Aug. 29 for its building consecration, 122 Waldron St., WL.

- 3:30 PM doors open; 4 PM ribbon cutting
- 4:30 PM consecration and worship
- 5:30 PM celebration dinner (RSVP required)

Our Foundation gave the \$250,000 for an elevator in its new student center, supporting ministries to the Purdue campus. Of that, \$150,000 came from a designated bequest received in 2025.

The First United Methodist Church Foundation Board on Tuesday voted positively on the Governance Board request to provide funding for the solar panel project. Work is expected to begin in the fall. Financial gains from the use of solar will be designated for additional church programming.

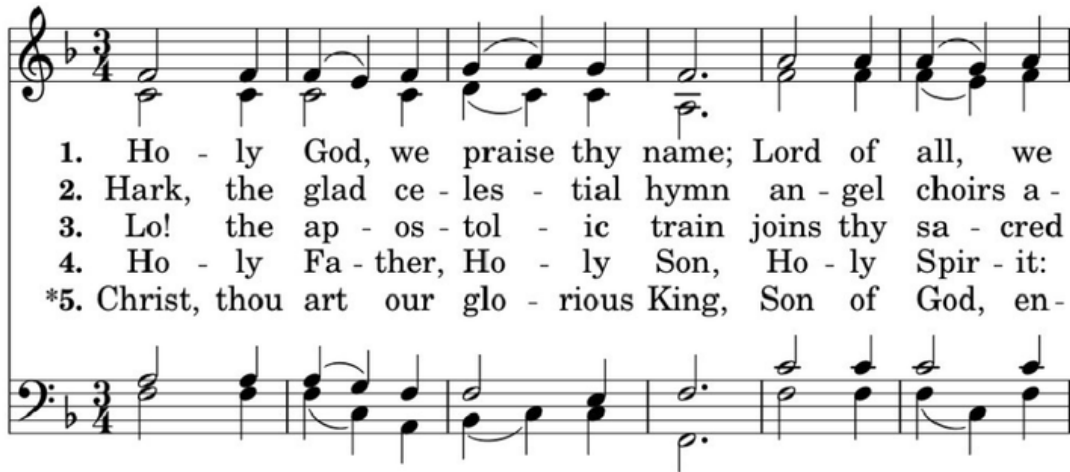


1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour - ish thy life and re -
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

5 a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - ing bears thee on ea - gle's wings, e'er in his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 store thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

10 health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 keep - ing maintain - ing. God's care en - folds all, whose true
 dai - ly at - tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 ev - er be - fore thee. Then to thy need God as a
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

16 tem-ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 good he up - holds. Hast thou not known his sus - tain - ing?
 mighty can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.



1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we
 2. Hark, the glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3. Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train joins thy sa - cred
 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:
 *5. Christ, thou art our glo - rious King, Son of God, en -

7
 bow be - fore thee; all on earth thy scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name thee, though in es - sence on - ly one;
 throned in splen - dor; but de - liv - er - ance to bring

13
 all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee. In - fi - nite thy
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the whiterobed mar - tyrs fol - low. And from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee, and a - dor - ing
 thou all hon - ors didst sur - ren - der, and wast of a

19
 vast do - main; ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.
 vir - gin born hum - bly on that bless - ed morn.