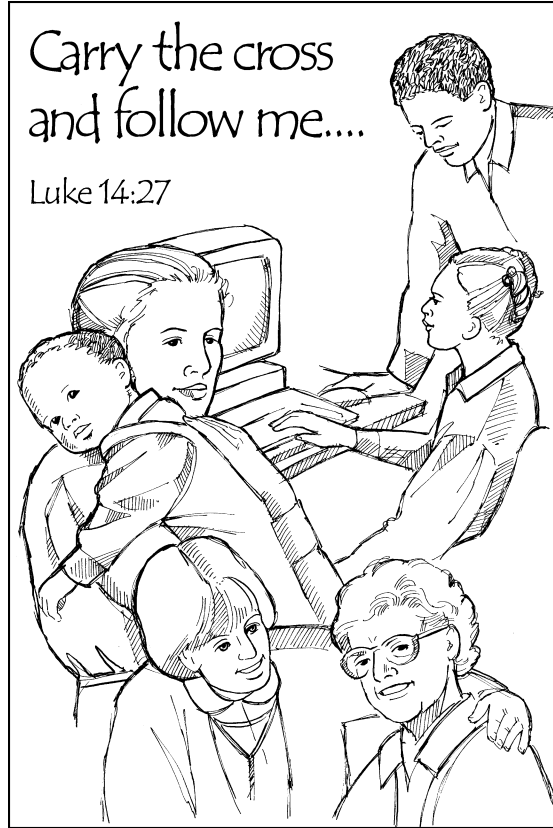


Welcome to The First United Methodist Church of Lockport

God as revealed to us in Jesus Christ, welcomes all. So do we. All God's people in all life's situations are welcome here. This is a special invitation for you to make this church your church home and family.



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September 5, 2010 • 9:30 a.m.

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

September 5, 2010 • 9:30 a.m. • Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



“As we enter this holy place, we come in awe and silence.”

Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We hope your worship experience here this morning is a truly meaningful one for you. If you are visiting with us and are looking for a church home, we hope you will worship with us again. A nursery is provided for infants and toddlers. If you are a guest, please sign our guestbook in the Narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please speak to Pastor Noah following this service. Thank you.

* Invites those who are able to stand.

Church Chimes

Greetings & Announcements *(Please sign the attendance pad found at the pew near the center aisle, and pass it on down the row, noting the names of those worshipping near you as it is returned to the center aisle.)*

Prelude

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

Broughton

(Making the transition from getting to worship to being in worship, we use the music of the Prelude to draw us into God’s abiding presence.)

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Acolytes

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist

Leader: Hear the choices God sets before us:
life and prosperity or death and adversity.

People: **O God, you have searched us and known us.
You know our thoughts and every move we make.**

Leader: Happy are those who delight in God’s law;
blessed are all who meditate on God’s Word.

People: **Wonderful are all your works, O God.
We are your creation; we are in your hands.**

***Hymn of Praise**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

UMH 158

***Lighting of the Peace Candle and Prayer for Peace**

Liturgist

Leader: O God, hear us as we pray:

People: **O Gracious God, we hunger and long for peace for all people and our faith brings us to You, the lover of all humanity. We ask for courage to be faithful to all Your Son has taught us. We pray for peace in the world and in our words and actions. We pray for the safety of our men and women serving in the military, fire-fighters, law enforcement officers and for all people affected by conflict and strife throughout the world. O great God of Abraham, Sarah, Paul and Mary, confirm in our hearts the ways of peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

Call to Confession

Liturgist

Leader: Come, all who have plugged your ears or averted your eyes when God’s commands intrude on your idolatry. God calls individuals and nations to

account. God expects our complete devotion and faithful obedience. How will we respond?

Silent Prayers of Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

All: Awesome God, we confess that we have become slaves to our own narrow self-interest. We pay more attention to our possessions than to you. We try to hide from your all-seeing eye, for we are guilty of devotion to false gods. We are attracted to wicked advice and sinful pursuits that direct our steps away from you. We act without thinking or planning or consulting with you. O God, show us the way to a better life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor Noah

Prayer Response

"Change My Heart, O God"

FWS 2152

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O god, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

****Passing of the Peace***

Pastor Noah

Children's Message - FISH Food Pantry Collection

Pastor Noah

(Please sing verse one of "Jesus Loves Me" - UMH 191 while the children come forward)

Prayer for the Reading and Proclamation of the Word

Liturgist

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 18:1-11, OT pg. 677

Liturgist

****Gospel Lesson***

Luke 14:25-33, NT pg. 73

Liturgist

Leader: This is the good news of Jesus Christ.

All: Praise be to You O Christ, for this Your Holy Gospel.

****Praise Song***

"I Will Call upon the Lord"

FWS 2002

Meditation

"Requirement for Discipleship"

Rev. Dr. Noah R. Panlilio

****Affirmation of Faith***

UMH 882

****Gloria Patri***

UMH 70

Remembering Rella Sutton

The Prayers of the Church

The Offering of Our Gifts to God

Offertory Invitation

Pastor: When we perceive all the good we may do for Jesus Christ, we are eager to share. Jesus welcomes into discipleship those willing to give up all their possessions. What we give today is a symbol of our fuller devotion of all we have and all we are toward the realization of God's reign among us.

Offertory Music

"For Communion"

Eliot

Praise to God (Doxology)**Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: Loving God, there is no way we can settle accounts with you. We have no way to repay you for all we have received from your hands. Yet we want to give our best to the work you call us to do through this community of seekers. We enter, with renewed commitment and confidence, the costly venture of spreading love through your world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn of Preparation** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" (v. 1 & 2) UMH 430

***Sacrament of Holy Communion** UMH pg. 15, Pastor Noah
(We do have gluten free wafers available for communion)

***The Lord's Prayer (to be sung)**

Communion Hymns - "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" - UMH 526; "How Firm a Foundation" - UMH 529; "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" - UMH 540

***Thanksgiving Prayer After Receiving** Pastor Noah

***Hymn of Commitment** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" (v. 3 & 4) UMH 430

***The Benediction** Pastor Noah

***Congregational Response** "God Be with You till We Meet Again" UMH 672

First verse & refrain only: God be with you will 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** "Rigaudon" Lau

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal FWS - Faith We Sing Supplement



TODAY — FISH Food Pantry Collection; Sacrament of Holy Communion; Coffee Hour
LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS are available — please ask an usher.

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY: Liturgist: Gary Marinellie

Greeters: Committee on Lay Leadership

Acolytes: Ushers

Communion Ministers: Kay Rothlisberger & Gary Marinellie

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