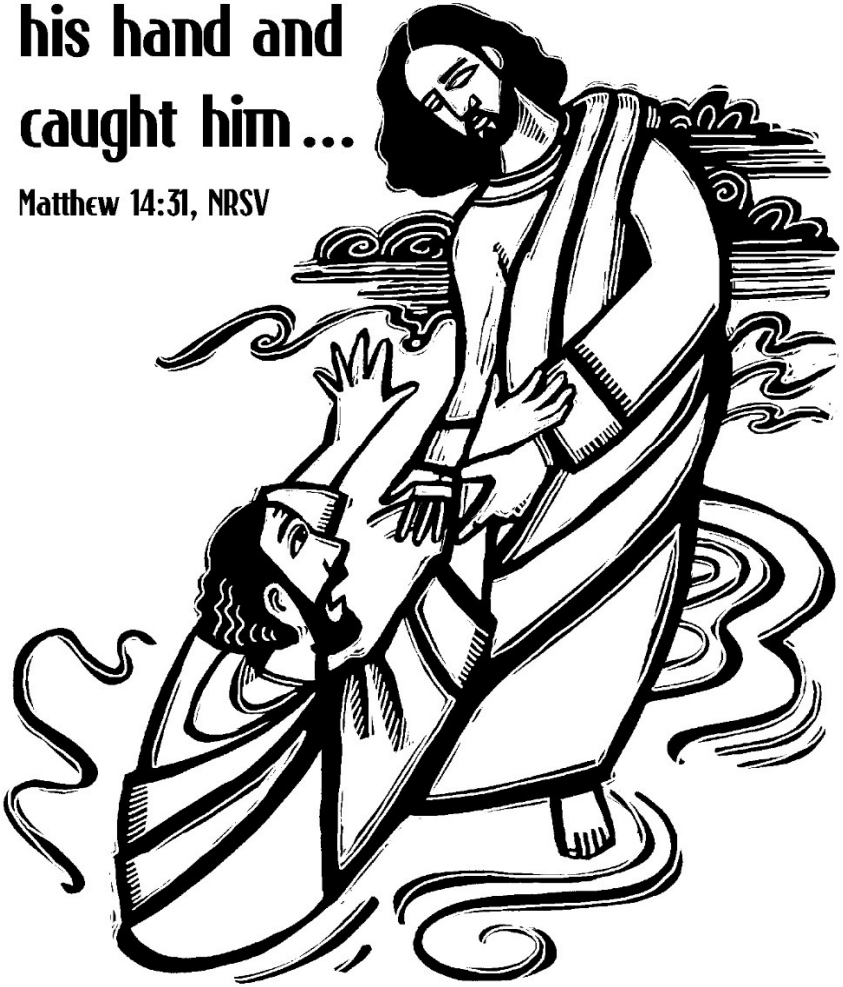


**Jesus immediately reached out
his hand and
caught him ...**

Matthew 14:31, NRSV



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9th, 2026



PRELUDE	"I Would Be True"	(Everson)
INTROIT	"We Are the Family of God"	(Byron)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to our cries; give ear to prayers from lips free of deceit.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.

Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek
refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

**As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake,
I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

You do hear the prayers of your people, O God, and give heed to their supplications. Your faithfulness spans generations and nations, as a cloak of protection sewn with benevolent care. You promise your presence as your spirit abides in our midst. We bow down before you, as our ancestors have done before us, in praise and adoration of your gracious name. Amen.

✠ HYMN “When Morning Gilds the Skies” #215

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you teach us compassion, and we practice bigotry. You implore us to trust you, while we create idols. You send Christ as a witness that you will not forsake us; yet we fret over matters as though you cared not at all. Forgive our compulsion to control our own destiny. Look kindly upon us when we fear for our future.

Have mercy upon us when we mismanage your grace. We are your people; help us to dwell in your promise. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 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.” Therein lies our assurance of pardon.

✠ GLORIA PATRI

“Glory Be to the Father”

#812

*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.*

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

Greet one another in Peace.

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
Congregational Life

CHILDREN’S SERMON

ANTHEM

“Alleluia, Praise the Lord”

(Schram/Walker)

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING	<u>Test.</u>	<u>Blk pg.</u>	<u>Red pg.</u>
Genesis 37: 1-28	Old	31	42
Romans 10: 5-15	New	140	194
Matthew 14: 22-33	New	14	19

SERMON

“Stumbling Blocks”

✠ HYMN

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

#665

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe.

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended to 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection
of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

OFFERTORY "Contemplation"

(Ritter)

✠ DOXOLOGY "O Bless the Gifts"

#817

***O Bless the gifts our hands have brought; And bless the work our
hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; The
rest, O God, is in Your hand.***

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, your compassion brings wholeness, and your
forgiveness brings promise of new life. Through Christ the gifts of
your grace are available to all. We place ourselves before you as
recipients of your mercy; we make our offerings to you in response
to Christ's call. Accept them as tributes to your glory as we
dedicate ourselves anew to Christ's service. Amen.**

✠ HYMN "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

#639

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE "Praise Ye the Lord"

(Moorpark)

WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you. Jesus welcomed everyone; that is our aim, too. Whether you're here for the first time or the thousandth, we count ourselves blessed by your presence. Persons interested in more information about the First United Presbyterian Church, or in joining this congregation, are invited to fill out a 'Welcome' card found in the Book near the entrance to the Sanctuary. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ✦ Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM
The nursery is available for your use during the worship service.
- ✦ A Celtic cross (✦) preceding a service element indicates the congregation should stand.
- ✦ **Bold** indicates congregation participation.
- ✦ If you need the Pastor after office hours, please call the church and leave a message on the Pastor's voicemail. If you call during office hours and he is not available, the staff may be able to provide his cell #.
- ✦ Pre-service refreshments are available each Sunday in the Westminster Room.

FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

Hearing assistance devices are available. If you would like to use a receiver, please ask an Usher for assistance.



The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:
Invite people to know and glorify God
Grow together as followers of Christ
Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit

***We ask that you remember these people in your prayer
throughout the coming week:***



Ronan Mouw, Dr. Pat Newhouse,
Audrey Zane, Marge Simpkins,
Geraldine Carnahan,
all those who are sick,
all those who are traveling,
all missionaries, and all members of the
U.S. Armed Forces.

Please keep us up to date on your prayer request.

Unless we are informed otherwise, names are listed for 2 weeks.

FUPC Meetings/Groups—standard gathering times / or as noted

Choir Practice—Every Wednesday at 5:30pm / Every Sunday at 9:15am

Circle 3—2nd Thursday at 9:30am (WR)

Deacons—2nd Sunday at 11:15am (WR)

Men's Study Group—Every Friday at 9:00am (WR)

Presbyterian Women—3rd Tuesday at Noon (SH)

Session—3rd Monday at 5:30pm (WR)

Textile Social Group—1st, 3rd & 4th Thursdays at 9:30am (SH)

Trustees—3rd Monday at 5:30pm (LB)

Women's Bible Study --- 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30am (WR)

Minister: Rev. Mark D. Gabbard / pastor@soopresbyterian.org

Commissioned Ruling Elder: Brenda Ransom

Clerk of Session: Julie Walsh

President of Trustees: Ron Meister

Chairman of Deacons: Jeanne Shibley

Music Director/Organist: Kay Boyne / *Guitarist: David Blackburn*

Administrative Assistant: Maria Price / office@soopresbyterian.org

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PW WOULD LIKE TO THANK everyone who donated items for the rummage sale, all who helped set up the items, all who donated food, all who helped at the sale on Saturday, and all who purchased items. As a result, the proceeds of \$2049.00 went to missions. A big thank you to each of you!

THE CHIMES NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE is August 21st for the September issue.

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN OPEN HOUSE for Presbytery Point Camp! Come tour the grounds, meet the new camp director, learn about our mission and taste some yummy camp food! **Please join us on August 22nd from 1:00 to 7:00PM at 211 Brown Rd, Michigamme, MI.**

RALLY SUNDAY will be held on September 13th. This will kick start our new year of Sunday School which will be held each Sunday following at 10:15am on the lower level of the church. If you are a new member of our congregation, please see Melissa Gabbard or Jeanne Shibley for more details about our wonderful Sunday School Program.

ATTENDANCE FROM 8/2/26: 65

OFFERING FROM 8/2/26: \$3,083.00

Friendly Reminders

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **8/11 – FUPC Food Pantry 3:30 – 5:00 PM**
- **8/17 – Session & Trustees Meetings 5:30 PM**
- **8/18 – PW Meeting 12:00 PM**
- **8/21 – Chimes Submission Deadline**
- **8/22 – Presbytery Point Open House**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY 8/9

9:00am - Social Hour (WR)
9:00am - Choir Practice (S)
10:00am - Worship Service (S)
11:15am – Deacons Meeting (L)

MONDAY 8/10

7:00pm - Scout Troop #105 (SH)

TUESDAY 8/11

3:30pm – Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY 8/12

Visit a park or a beach

THURSDAY 8/13

9:30am – Textile Social

FRIDAY 8/14

9:00am - Men's Study Group (WR)

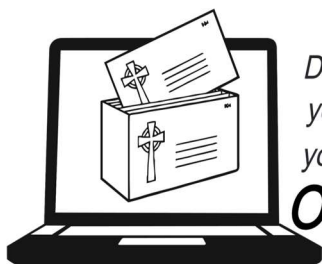
SATURDAY 8/15

7:00pm - AA (WR)

SUNDAY 8/16

9:00am - Social Hour (WR)
9:00am - Choir Practice (S)
10:00am - Worship Service (S)

WR-Westminster Room, MR-Music Room, S-Sanctuary, LB-Library, SH-Social Hall



*Did you know
you can give
your offerings*

ONLINE ?

