



Welcome to the Prayer Garden for our Summer Communion Services. This space welcomes all visitors at any time to sit or walk the brick labyrinth for solitude, prayer, and meditation.

On the first Sundays of July, August, and September, we gather for meditation and communion. We pray this service offers you an opportunity to engage with the Divine and with the community. If you are looking for a church to call home, please consider joining us as we gather every Sunday year-round in our sanctuary for worship. Join us for any and all of our ministries where we hope to help each other grow in faith, love, and service. If we can be of service to you in any way, please let us know.



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Prayer Garden Communion Service

Please note that this service is being recorded and viewed on social media.

September 6, 2026

8:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Prelude in D

Handel

WELCOME

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come friends in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

People: To lift each other up, humbly, gently, and patiently.

Leader: Here we share hope in one God.

All: In the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

In Christ There Is No East or West

**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.**

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart and have not loved our neighbors as we ought. You have told us to promote unity, and we make divisions in our families, with our friends and with our neighbors. Forgive our humanness and help us to be promoters of love and unit like you were on this earth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers by the faith and example of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 4: 1-7

MEDITATION

The Communion Reunion

Rev. Fran Noll

PRAYERS FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
steams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by the good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CONSECRATING THE ELEMENTS

LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD OF LIFE AND CUP OF SALVATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Eternal God, as we give, let us remember that we have an opportunity to reach out far beyond ourselves, and to touch the lives of people we will never meet. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.**

REFRAIN:

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.**

REFRAIN:

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in G

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An offering basket is available on the center cornerstone if you would like to bring an offering to God through the ministry of First UMC.

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***Our Service of Worship Has Ended
Our Worship Through Service Begins***