Our Christian Worship of God
August 2, 2026
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

10th Sunday after Pentecost — Liturgical Color: Green

The Prelude — "Lord Jesus Christ, Turn Thou to Us" — -Walther
The Chiming of the Hour
The Call to Worship — "All Creatures of Our God and King" vs. 1 — congregational

The Welcome and Announcements
Children's Moment — "Jesus Can Use What We Bring"
Blessing of the Backpacks

*The Hymn UMH 462 — "'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus"

*The Invocation

Pastor: The kingdom of heaven is like a tiny mustard seed—small in the beginning, yet growing beyond what anyone could imagine.

People: Open our eyes, O God, to see Your kingdom growing among us and within us.

Pastor: The kingdom of heaven is like a hidden treasure, a priceless pearl, and yeast quietly transforming the whole loaf.

People: Open our hearts, O Christ, to receive Your grace, seek Your truth, and surrender everything for the joy of following You.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, and awaken our faith. Surprise us with Your presence, transform us by Your love, and lead us into the abundant life of Your kingdom—more beautiful, more powerful, and more glorious than we ever imagined. Amen.

Special Music: "In Remembrance" — Chancel Choir

*The Affirmation of Christian Faith — The Apostles' Creed

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. *universal

*The Gloria Patri — "**Glory be to the Father and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen."**

The Offering

Offertory — "Olivet" — -Young

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Offertory Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer and 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

*The Scripture Lesson — Matthew 14: 13-21 — see insert

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

The Sermon — "More Than Enough" — Rev. Scott Gilmer
Prayer of Christian Discipleship
The Sacrament of Holy Communion — UMH 12-15
*The Hymn UMH 620 — "One Bread, One Body"
*The Benediction
*The Choral Response and Recessional

May the road rise to meet you; May the wind blow at your back.
May the sunshine warmly on your face;
May the rain fall softly on your field,
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen

*The Chiming of the Trinity
*The Postlude — "The Son of God Triumphs" — J.S. Bach

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS July 30, 2026

Note: please contact Shirley Davis in the church office to add to the joys and prayer concerns. 222-3496 or sdavis@cloverfumc.com.

Recent Concerns: Ted Bartee, Wade Shores, Gloria Baysinger, Jackie Brown, Tommy Crawford, Pat Bono, Melva Jones, Sandy King, Judy Hench & family, Renee Gallien, Jane Turpin, Our Homebound Angels, Dick & Kirkie Gibson, Mary Jean Dowling

Military: Major Virginia Stanton, USMC; Petty Officer Second Class William Shearer; Petty Officer Andrew Beaty; Lt. Col. Leeann Hidle Chavers, Air Force; Lieutenant Colonel Thad Wilson; Lt. Col. Nicholas S. Hare; Lt. Col. Blair Preston.

The AEDs, with an alarm system, are located downstairs near the nursery and outside the sanctuary. A list of those who are CPR trained is also included in the boxes.

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Reverend Scott Gilmer's telephone number is 864-554-8676. Feel free to call if you have need of him.

Invitation to New Worshippers: Those desiring to unite with our congregation through Baptism, Profession of Faith or Transfer of Membership are encouraged to signify this on the attendance pad, on a visitor card and/or contact our Pastor. We are thankful to have new worshippers. Welcome to the First UMC family.

Weekly Scripture Readings: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45; Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33

Words of Wisdom: "When we place our seemingly small gifts, limited resources, and uncertain hopes into the hands of Jesus, God can accomplish far more than we imagine. Christ still meets hungry hearts with compassion, transforms scarcity into abundance, and reminds us that His grace is always sufficient. May we come to worship ready to receive what only Christ can provide—and willing to share His love with a hungry world."

Forever Young & Friends: The Forever Young & Friends Steering Team and Food (Dinners/Lunches) Team will meet on Friday, August 7th at 10:00 in Room 104.

Christmas in July: Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
Remember to pick up your boxes and return filled boxes along with your check by **TODAY,** August 2 in Room 104. Thank you in advance. The Evangelism Committee

Thank you
Thank you, thank you too my church family for all the calls, texts, cards, visits, and especially the thoughts and prayers when I fell and during my recuperation. I am thankful to be feeling better every day, so obviously they helped! Much love to you all.
Hope Long

Thank you all for the cards, calls, texts and visits during my time away recuperating. And I thank you for your care, concern and prayers. I appreciate Christine Payseur and all the work she did to keep things running smoothly in my absence. I am so glad to be back at my desk and really appreciate your words welcoming me back. It means so much to me.
Love, Shirley Davis

Worship Bulletin Submission Reminder: To help us prepare our weekly worship bulletin with care and accuracy, please submit all announcements and bulletin information to Shirley by **Thursday at Noon** each week. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us communicate effectively as we worship and serve together.

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This Week

Budget Receipts ……	$ .7,068.00	Week ……..31	
Other …… ….$	168.00	% of Budget receive ...57	
Total Budget for 2026… . $	484,517	Church School …….	
Amount needed weekly…$	9,318	Morning Worship…..... 78	
		Youth……..	

1/1/26 Bank Balance	$ 57,059.69
Total giving to date	$ 273,978.05
Total spending to date	$ 282,808.59
Current Bank Balance	$ 48,229.15

7/30/26 Local Operating Balance $ 60,919.41

If you want your offering to go to the new Local Operating Fund, please be sure to mark your check clearly.

Stewardship ~ Ways to Give
Regular Tithes and Offerings through the **Sunday Morning Offering.**

Giving On-Line: Giving to FUMC is available online through our website: www.firstumcclover.org **Thanks for your support of the mission and ministry of FUMC. If you decide to give electronically, please feel free to drop an "Electronic Giver" card in the offering plate on Sundays as an act of worship.**

Wonderful Wednesday Meal, August 12 hosted by Nurture Committee
Menu: Chicken Legs, Potatoes, Salad & Ice Cream Social

Name_____#____

United Women in Faith: All women of the church are invited to join us for our United Women in Faith meeting. It will be held on August 9th after church in the sanctuary. We look forward to seeing you there!

Notes on Missions

Matthew 25:40 "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." These powerful words of Jesus give us a living model to live by. The Food Project provides an opportunity to put those words into action.

Thank you for your continued support!

This week's suggested donations: spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese, canned meats and apple juice.

Nothing But Nurture:

*Join us on August 12th as the Nurture Team hosts the first Wonderful Wednesday Meal!

We will enjoy a yummy meal of Chicken, potatoes and a salad. Then we will celebrate the start of a new school year with an Ice Cream Sunday Bar!

*Let's Do Lunch: Join us for a Picnic Lunch on August 27th after the Forever Young & Friends meeting in the Missions & Fellowship Center.

*Nurture Team Meeting: The next Nurture Team meeting will be held in the kitchen on August 12th before the meal around 5:00pm. (We will go back to our regular time and place in September.)

*Please continue to pray for our Homebound Angels!

Matthew 14: 13-21

13 When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities.

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

15 And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.

16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.

17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.

18 He said, Bring them hither to me.

19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.