

Our Christian Worship of God
August 16, 2026
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

12th Sunday after Pentecost Liturgical Color: Green

The Prelude “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” -Hudson
The Chiming of the Hour
The Call to Worship “All Creatures of Our God and King” (verse 3) congregational

The Welcome and Announcements

*The Hymn UMH 64 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

*The Invocation
Leader: Lord, God, maker of sea and sky, we gather in your presence today.

People: Enter our lives when the storms of fear and doubt surround us. When the winds of life blow hard and the waves of doubt rise high, remind us that we do not sail alone.

Leader: Speak Your powerful word – Peace, be still – into our troubled hearts.

People: Forgive us for the littleness of our faith. When we feel overwhelmed, help us to choose faith over fear.

All: Replace our fears with holy comfort, knowing that even the wind and the waves obey Your voice, Amen.

The Anthem “Soon and Very Soon” 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 Son 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 “I’m Gonna Sing, Ain’t that Good News” -Shackley
*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

They Hymn UMH 400 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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 Mark 4: 35-41 see insert
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God. Amen

The Sermon “Faith Over Fear” Anna Livingston
Prayer of Christian Discipleship

*The Hymn TFWS 2146 “His Eye Is On the Sparrow”
*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 “Improvisation 3” -Oldroyd

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS August 13, 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: Jane Turpin, Tommy Crawford, Ted Bartee, Wade Shores, Gloria Baysinger, Jackie Brown, Pat Bono, Melva Jones, Sandy King, Judy Hench & family, Renee Gallien, Dick & Kirkie Gibson, Mary Jean Dowling, Our Homebound Angels.

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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Anna Livingston – Lay Leader

Renee Gallien, Jason King, Judy Falls

Lay Members to Annual Conference

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

Invitation to New Worshipers: 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.

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.

The Nominating Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 18th, at 6:00pm in the Steve Camp Classroom.

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank everyone in our church family for all the prayers, cards, meals, and other acts of kindness you have given us over the past 4 ½ years.

We have been very blessed to be a part of this church, and we will truly miss our friends here. We are moving to Vancouver, WA to be near our children and many other family members. We hope you will keep in touch and let us know if you are in Washington or Oregon.

With love and blessings to all, Jackie and Kelly Brown

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: canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned soup, and apple juice

Nothing But Nurture:

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

*Please continue to pray for our Homebound Angels

Attendance	Church School	Morning Worship	Youth
8/2/2026	19	92	0
Annual Operating Budget	\$ 484,517		
	Operating/Local*	Designated Fds.	Total
Weekly Giving (08/14/26)	\$7,865	\$4,512.	\$12,377
Needed Weekly Giving	\$9,318		
Financial Summary			
Year-to-Date 8/14/26			
	Operating/Local*	Designated Fds.	Total
Giving	\$296,427	\$56,748	\$353,175
Expenses	\$275,770	\$60,802	\$336,572
<i>Net</i>	\$20,657	-\$ 4,054	\$ 16,603

**Local Operating funds are only used for local Clover FUMC Church Operations*

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 19 hosted by Moped to Memphis

Menu: Hot dogs with baked beans, homemade chili, homemade slaw & desserts

Name_____#

Mark 4: 35-41

³⁵ And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

³⁶ And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

³⁷ And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

³⁸ And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

³⁹ And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

⁴⁰ And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

⁴¹ And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?