

Our Christian Worship of God
August 9, 2026
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

11th Sunday after Pentecost Liturgical Color: Green

The Prelude “In Our Time of Deepest Need” J.S. Bach
The Chiming of the Hour
The Call to Worship “All Creatures of Our God and King” (verse 2) congregational

The Welcome and Announcements

*The Hymn UMH 398 “Jesus Calls Us”

*The Invocation
Pastor: In the storms of life, Christ comes to us, saying “Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid.
People: Lord Jesus, calm our fears and teach us to trust Your presence.
Pastor: When You call us beyond the safety of the boat, give us courage to step forward in faith.
People: Fix our eyes upon You, and strengthen us when doubt begins to rise.
All: Gracious God, meet us in worship at First Clover UMC. Lead us beyond fear, deepen our faith, and help us follow Jesus wherever He calls. Amen.

The Anthem “Just a Closer Walk” Tom and Suzanne Robinson

*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 “The Gift of Love” -Carter
*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 509 “Jesus, Pilot Me”

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: 22-33 see insert
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God. Amen

The Sermon “Faith Beyond The Boat” Rev. Scott Gilmer
Prayer of Christian Discipleship

*The Hymn UMH 474 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
*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 “Prelude in C Major” -Buxtehude

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS August 7, 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, Ted Bartee, Wade Shores, Gloria Baysinger, Jackie Brown, Tommy Crawford, Pat Bono, Melva Jones, Sandy King, Judy Hench & family, Renee Gallien, 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 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.

Weekly Scripture Readings: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11: 1-2, 29-32; Matthew 15: 10-28.

Words of Wisdom: “Faith does not always keep the storms from coming, but it reminds us that Jesus is present in the middle of them. Like Peter, we are called to step beyond the safety of the boat, fix our eyes on Christ, and trust that His grace is stronger than the wind and waves. Even when fear causes us to falter, Jesus reaches out His hand and lifts us again. **Faith beyond the boat is not the absence of fear—it is the courage to keep moving toward Jesus.**”

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.

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 **TODAY** after church in the sanctuary. We look forward to seeing you there!

Matthew 14: 22-33

²² And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

²³ And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

²⁴ But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

²⁶ And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

²⁷ But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

²⁸ And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

²⁹ And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

³⁰ But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

³² And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

³³ Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.