

# First United Methodist Church

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Pastor: Randy Thomas

19th Sunday after Pentecost - Green

October 11, 2020



## HERE TO SERVE

District Superintendent.....Eduardo Rivera  
Today's pianist.....Victor Gene Robbins  
Technical Support.....Vic Ivy & Ray Griffith  
Secretary / Bookkeeper.....Christina Duarte  
Children's Service Leader.....  
Nursery Attendant.....Antonia Terrazas  
Custodian.....Alexis Duarte & Delia Dutchover

# **BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE**

October 11, 2020

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit #334

**PRAYER**

**HYMN**

Love Devine, All Love's Excelling #384

**PRAYER & PRAISE CARD/MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Ephesians 4:1-6

**MESSAGE**

UNITY IN THE SPIRIT

By Pastor Randy Thomas

**INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST AND ALTAR TIME / JOIN**

**THE CHURCH**

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Please let us pray for you and help you any way we can.  
Please fill out your prayer/praise card in you bulletin, and  
place it in the offering.

## UNITY IN THE SPIRIT

### **Ephesians 4:1-6 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, <sup>2</sup> with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

### **James 4:1 (NLT2)**

What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you?

## **I. UNITY IN THE SPIRIT**

### **Ephesians 2:19-21 (NLT2)**

<sup>19</sup> So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. <sup>21</sup> We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.

### **Ephesians 4:1-5 (NLT2)**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. <sup>2</sup> Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

\*Walk in humility.

\*Be gentle or meek.

\*Be patient with one another.

\*Love others in spite of their faults.

\*Strive for the unity in the Spirit.

## **II. MAINTAINING UNITY IN THE CHURCH**

### **Ephesians 4:4-6 (NLT2)**

<sup>4</sup> For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. <sup>5</sup> There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all.

\*One body refers to the whole universal church, every believer.

\*One Spirit is the Holy Spirit.

\*We have a common hope and confident about eternity with God.

\*One Lord is Jesus, the Head of the church.

\*One faith is our faith in Him that saved us.

\*One baptism refers to water baptism and it identifies us with Jesus Christ.

\*One God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

### **John 17:21-23 (NLT2)**

<sup>21</sup> I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. <sup>22</sup> “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. <sup>23</sup> I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

\*Unity isn't uniformity.

\*Unity honors Christ and His mission.

\*Unity of believers brings glory to God.

### III. THE UNITY OF THE MISSION

#### **Ephesians 4:11-13 (NLT2)**

<sup>11</sup> Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. <sup>12</sup> Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup> This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

1. Unity and maturity come with praying together.
2. Unity and evangelism.
3. Unity and serving.

#### **James 3:13-18 (NLT2)**

<sup>13</sup> If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. <sup>15</sup> For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. <sup>16</sup> For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. <sup>18</sup> And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

#### NOTES:

**\*Please notice the next steps for your card.**

#### NEXT STEPS

- ☐ I just accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.
- ☐ I just recommitted my life to Jesus Christ.
- ☐ I will support our church by focusing outward.
- ☐ I will memorize the memory verse this week.

Please mark your next step on your Prayer Card and place it in the offering. Then, keep the next step above as a reminder for the upcoming week.

#### MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

#### **Ephesians 4:3 (NLT2)**

Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.



⇒ Happy Birthday:  
Joyce Childs October 12th  
Rosie Hopkins October 12th  
Shad Schoenfeldt October 15th  
James Schoenfeldt October 20th  
Carla Vazquez October 23rd  
Zachary Munoz (AT) October 23rd  
Beth Ivy October 29th  
Happy Anniversary  
Chel & Viola Duarte October 28th

- ⇒ If you would like to submit your "Upper Room" type devotionals for distribution to our members in December, please do so before October 28th.
- ⇒ The annual charge conference is Monday, October 19th at noon. The following committees will meet to prepare:
  - ◇ Administrative Board to meet today after Service
- ⇒ Join us Monday for a Prayer Meeting at 7pm in the parlor.
- ⇒ Needed: A temporary volunteer to prepare children's story/lesson (on paper) for use during services.
- ⇒ All sermons and bulletins can be found on our website: **fsfumc.com**, as well as other updates and important information.
- ⇒ El Buen Vecino at 401 S. Valentine is now open for those who need their services. Tuesday and Thursday 2-5, Wednesday 1-5
- ⇒ We have a Food Bank. If you or someone you know can use that service, the office is ready to help Mondays through Thursdays: 9-12 noon and 1-3 pm

## WITH OUR GIFTS

Received last Sunday:.....Tithes & Offerings.....\$1,920.00

## WITH OUR PRESENCE

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....23  
Online Views (as of Wednesday).....50

## FUMC MISSION STATEMENT

New. Life. Now.

## WITH OUR PRAYERS

Ruth & Emily Neyland who  
have continuing health  
issues,  
Johnnie & Olga Rivera.  
Kay Magee.  
Denna Sadler.  
Rosie Hopkins & Susie  
Vestal, her mom.  
Sara Borden.  
Melba Ward.  
Sylvia Thomas.  
Eva Gail Abington.  
Kate Finley, Jessica  
McGuire Harral's niece.

Adrienne & Jim Horton.  
Dr. and Mrs. Cecil George.  
Shawn Bealls who has  
melanoma behind an eye.  
Arcillia Garza is seeing a  
specialist in Dallas for an  
unknown mass.  
Ray Ortiz who has cancer.  
Sondra Bynum who has a  
tumor in her thyroid.  
Kendra Armstrong who has  
cancer in the uterus.  
Brett Magee has upcoming  
knee surgery.

# GOD BLESS!

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK!