



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Worship

September 13, 2020

** Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

Ein' feste Burg is unser Gott (Choral from Cantata No. 80)

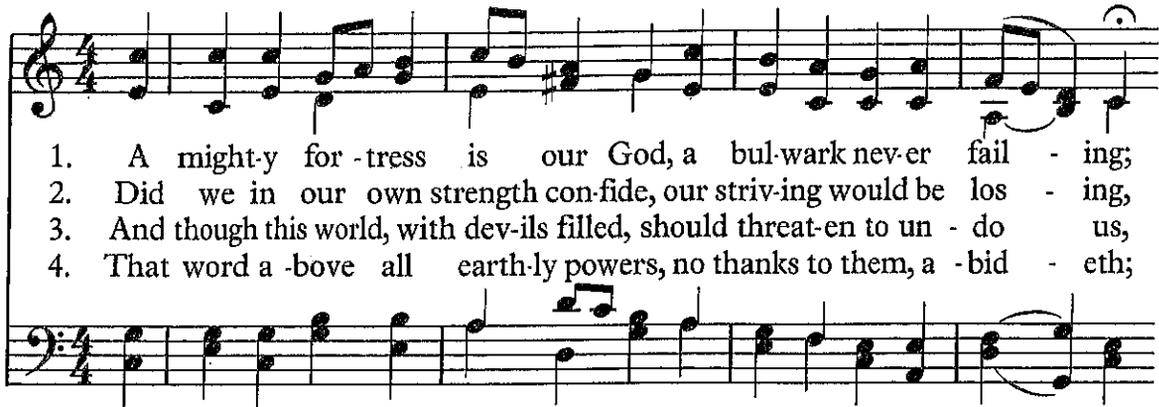
Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

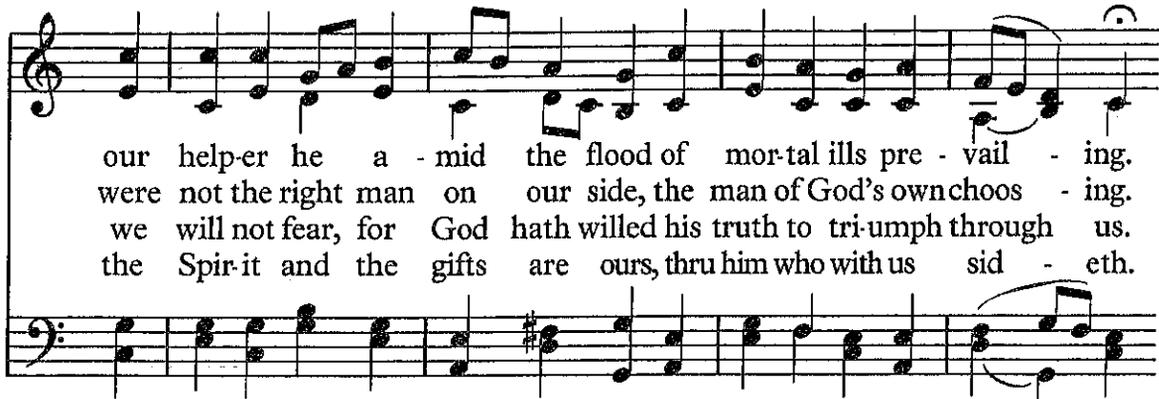
***OPENING HYMN #110**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

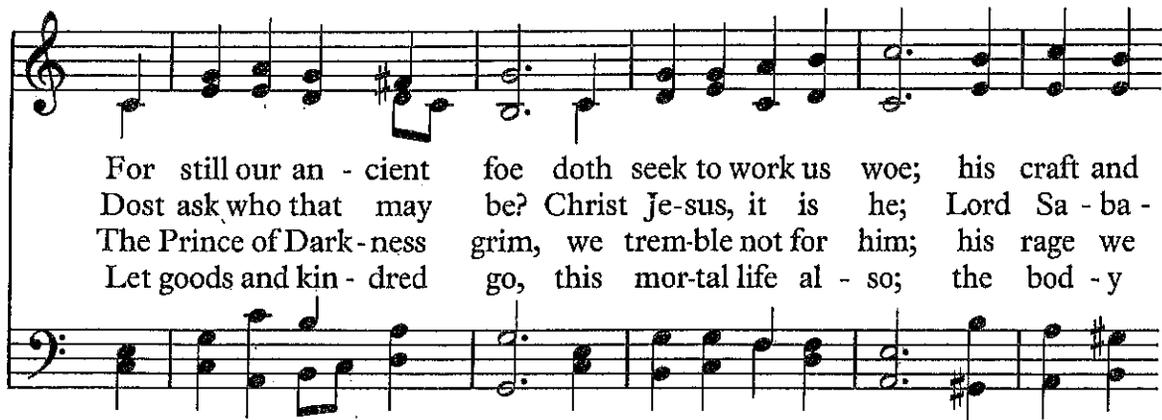
EIN' FESTE BURG



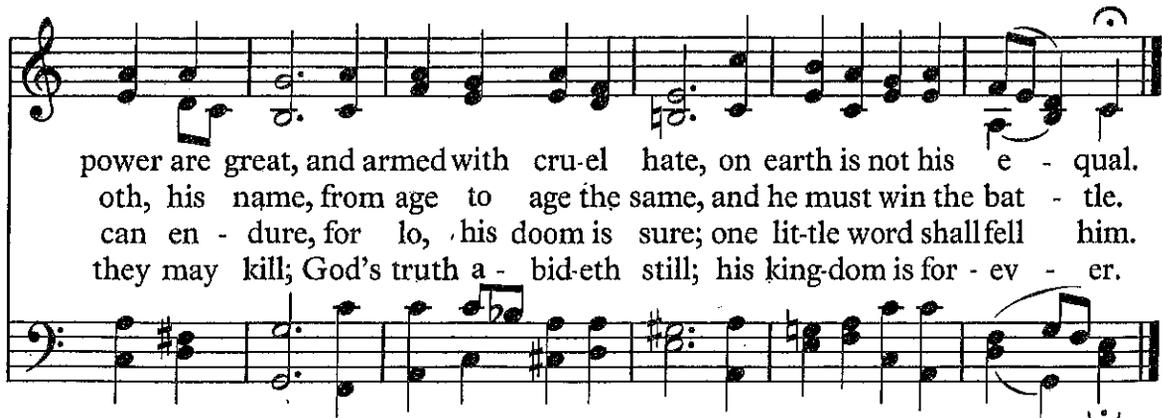
1. A might-y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail - ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los - ing,
 3. And though this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un - do us,
 4. That word a - bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



our help-er he a - mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri-umph through us.
 the Spir-it and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sid - eth.



For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba -
 The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor-tal life al - so; the bod - y



power are great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 oth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 can en - dure, for lo, his doom is sure; one lit-tle word shall fell him.
 they may kill; God's truth a - bid-eth still; his king-dom is for - ev - er.

WORDS: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; trans. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853 (Ps. 46)
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; harm. from *The New Hymnal for American Youth*, 1930

EIN' FESTE BURG
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I Need Thee Every Hour

1. I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2. I need thee ev - ery hour; stay thou near - by;
 3. I need thee ev - ery hour, in joy or pain;
 4. I need thee ev - ery hour; teach me thy will;
 5. I need thee ev - ery hour, most Ho - ly One;

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.
 come quick - ly and a - bide, or life is vain.
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.
 O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

Refrain

I need thee, O I need thee; ev - ery hour I need thee;

O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to

make the wound-ed whole; there is a balm in

Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul. *Fine*

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and
2. Don't ev - er feel dis - cour - aged, for
3. If you can't preach like Pe - ter, if

think my work's in vain. But then the Ho - ly
Je - sus is your friend, and if you look for
you can't pray like Paul, just tell the love of

Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
knowl - edge he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.
Je - sus, and say he died for all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY

SPECIAL MUSIC

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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.

*Congregational Hymn #397

I Need Thee Every Hour

NEED

*Children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to attend Kids Fellowship.
Look for leaders to usher them out.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2: 1-12

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³ Then some people^[a] came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic,

‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk?’ ¹⁰ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ “I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.” ¹² And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

SPECIAL MUSIC

Down to the River to Pray

Mary McDonald

SERMON

The Grand Referral

***CLOSING HYMN #375**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

CLOSING PRAYER

POSTLUDE

Marche Solennelle, from the First Suite

Felix Borowski

Dismissal: In order to help our church family stay safely distanced, Ushers will dismiss us a few pews at a time during this morning’s Postlude.

Offering: In order to minimize the sharing and handling of common objects, we are not passing offering plates during the service. You are invited to place your offering in one of the plates on the tables in the front of the Sanctuary as you leave the Sanctuary this morning.

September Loose Coin Offering will support the **Cooper Schroeder scholarship for our First Preschool**. We offer a quality preschool program in a Christian atmosphere here at First United Methodist Church. There are children in our neighborhood and in our congregation who would not be able to attend a Christian Preschool, were it not for the help of scholarships. This month, your loose coin offering and any designated gifts will help a child get a head start on not only their “ABC’s”, but their “God Loves Me.” *Let God change the world through you, and your change.*



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**Thank you to Don and Sharon Pullen for sponsoring today's Altar Flowers
in memory of loved ones.**



Discipleship Groups

Have you heard about the **Discipleship Groups** and now you wonder how you can get involved? If someone asked you, "Are you a Christian?" you would say, "Yes!" But what if someone asked you, "Are you a disciple?" Would you say "Yes!" as readily and as confidently? We have a marvelous opportunity in place to help our church members become real disciples of Jesus. Our year-long Discipleship Groups will teach you, train you, and equip you to live your life with Jesus, to live your life like Jesus, and to live your life for Jesus. It is a life-changing experience! We are looking to start some new groups soon. Would be interested in a group that meets on a weekday, in the evening during the week or on Sunday morning? Email Lina (lgreen@fumcgb.org) to let her know you are interested, to ask questions or to give her your preference of times. It is truly an amazing experience!

Calling all Third Graders!

The Third Grade Bible Workshop will be on Friday, November 6, from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. We will have a pizza dinner before we have our sessions with Logan and Pastor David. Parents, there are sessions for you and we can provide child care and supper for siblings. The Bible presentation will be on Sunday, November 8, during the 8:45 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service. Please sign-up with Logan (lpourchot@fumcgb.org). The event is always a wonderful and memorable time for everyone.

Beginning today, Nursery care and all Children's Sunday School events will be on the 2nd floor!

Join us on Zoom

Stay together while apart! Zoom technology allows us to be in touch with our church family. Here are some opportunities to be together...

Sunday mornings at 12:00 PM - Following the 10:45 AM in-person worship services in the Garden, we'll have a virtual Coffee Fellowship via Zoom. We invite you to join us at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84988995597>

Wednesdays at 4:00 PM - We gather with Geri Lewis-Nytes for a time of prayer that we are calling zPray. Spend 30 minutes via mobile device or computer praying over those in need and sharing joys with God. Email Lina at lgreen@fumcgb.org for the link to join this group.

Nursery Staff Needed

We are in need of positive, wonderful people who will love our nursery age children. We want to attract families to our services, therefore, we need loving, consistent continuous coverage. Please consider helping out in our Nursery. It can be a volunteer or a paid position (\$12.00/hr). Prayerfully consider your involvement and investment in the children of our church or let others know about this opportunity. Please contact Angela Vanden Heuvel (angelavandenheuvel32@gmail.com) or Craig Berken (cberken@fumcgb.org) to talk about this opportunity.

How Firm a Foundation

The old hymn declares, “How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent word.”

This fall, we will be launching the first in an annual series of programs designed to help Christians – as well as skeptics – come to understand the reliability of Scripture and the reasonableness of faith. “How firm a Foundation” will be our theme. You will find it a faith-strengthening experience for yourself. Moreover, you may have some friend that would benefit from participating, as well.

This year’s program will be a video study produced by Dr. Hugh Ross. “Navigating Genesis” records Ross’ experience as a scientist reading and wrestling with the first 11 chapters of Genesis. Does “the big bang” contradict the Bible? Does the Bible contradict science? Does the fossil record prove evolution? These are some of the fundamental questions that we’ll explore together with the help of Dr. Ross’ expertise.

Set aside these eight Wednesday nights (**September 16 – November 4**) as we navigate Genesis together, and as we discover how very firm a foundation has been laid for our faith in God’s excellent word!

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

September 13: Sunday school begins for all ages

September 16: Wednesday evening activities begin for all ages

October 23-24: WI UMC Annual Conference

Fall 2020 @ a Glance

SUNDAYS	8:45 AM	Worship Service Nursery Care Kids' Fellowship	Sanctuary 209 (upstairs) 204 (upstairs)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School of all ages Sermon Café (adults) Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Preschool Sunday School Nursery Care	Wesley Hall (main level) Gathering Area (main level) 204 (upstairs) 201 (upstairs) 209 (upstairs)
	10:45 AM	Garden Worship Service (through Sept. 27) Nursery Care (up to 3 years old)	209 (upstairs)
	12:00 PM	Virtual Coffee Fellowship https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84988995597	Zoom
MONDAYS	10:00 AM	WOW (begins Sept. 14)	Z120 (Ziemer Building)
TUESDAYS	9:00 AM	Good Will Place Pantry	518 Doty St. (in our parking lot)
	5:30 PM	Tuesdays with Lina (begins Sept. 22)	Side Chapel (Sanctuary)
WEDNESDAYS			
	12:00 PM	Books Between Bites (begins Sept. 23)	108 (main level)
	4:00-4:30 PM	zPray https://us02web.zoom.us/j/406082550	Zoom
	6:00-7:30 PM	How Firm a Foundation https://us02web.zoom.us/j/655339081 Youth Children Nursery Care	Gathering Area and Zoom Youth House (Ziemer Building) 204 (upstairs) 209 (upstairs)
FRIDAYS	6:30 AM	BOB	108 (main level)



The printed last name option is only available to individuals who are requesting a prayer for him or herself and/or immediate family.

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER:

All those who are working to heal and provide services

Family and friends of Reverend Norm Stephenson

(Condolences for Norm's family can be sent to: Melody Stephenson, 319 W. Third St, Frankfort, KY 40601)

Family and friends of Ernest Harvey

Students, Teachers, and Families

FOR HEALING:

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