



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

oxford

September 17, 2023
16th Sunday after Pentecost



Every Knee Shall Bow

Romans 14:1-12

First United Methodist Church of Oxford

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MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude & Lighting of Candles

“Take the Name of Jesus With You”

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Delaney Holloway

Call To Worship

Rev. Delaney Holloway

Leader:

Our Lord Jesus spoke to the storm, saying “Peace be still.”
As we gather in worship, Jesus speaks to our hearts and spirits now,
saying “Peace be still.” As we rest in your presence, Lord,
may all our storms grow quiet within us.
Bring rest to our hearts, Oh Lord; may we feel like a leaf after a storm,
when the wind is still.

All:

**May we know both your presence and your peace;
may you receive both our praise and our thanksgiving. Amen.**

*Songs of Praise

“I Speak Jesus”

Integrity Music

1. I just wanna speak the name of Jesus over every heart and every mind
I know there is peace within your presence I speak Jesus
2. I just wanna speak the name of Jesus ‘til every dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom I speak Jesus

Chorus: Your name is power, your name is healing Your name is life
Break every stronghold, shine through the shadows burn like a fire

- 3: I just wanna speak the name of Jesus over fear and all anxiety
To every soul held captive by depression I speak Jesus. **Repeat Chorus**

Bridge: Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy
Jesus for my family speak the holy name, Jesus. **Repeat Bridge**

Repeat Chorus 2x. Repeat Verse 1.

“Jesus, United By Thy Grace”

UMH No. 561

1. Jesus, united by thy grace and each to each endeared,
with confidence we seek thy face and know our prayer is heard.
2. Help us to help each other, Lord, each other’s cross to bear;
let all their friendly aid afford, and feel each other’s care.
4. Touched by the lodestone of thy love, let all our hearts agree,
and ever toward each other move, and ever move toward thee.

Apostle’s Creed

UMH NO. 881

Offertory & Individual Prayer Time

“Out of My Bondage, Sorrow and Night”

Augustine of Hippo said, “The love of God is the first and great commandment.

But love of our neighbor is how we obey it.” You are invited to pray this — “Father, teach me the ways I can be better at loving those around me, especially the following people...”

*Doxology

UMH NO. 95

Anthem

Sanchez, Baloche, Shackley

“I Exalt Thee, Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Pastoral Prayer with The Lord’s Prayer

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Sermon

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“Who Are You? Why Do You?”

Romans 14:1-12

*Sending Song

“Freely, Freely”

UMH No. 389

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name, I’ve been born again in Jesus’ name,
and in Jesus’ name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.

Refrain: He said, “Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.”

2. All power is given in Jesus’ name, in earth and heaven in Jesus’ name,
and in Jesus’ name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to.

Repeat Refrain.

*Benediction

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Postlude

“Onward Christian Soldiers”

-The Food Distribution ministry will be Wednesday, September 20, at 11:00 am.
We need volunteers to help with preparation and distribution to arrive at 9:30 am at the TMMC.

-United Methodist Men meet Thursday, September 21, at 6:00 pm in the Parlor.

-The Visitation Ministry will be making visits on Tuesday, September 26, at 10:30 am.

Please remember to contact the church office by 10:00 am Tuesday if you would like to make a reservation or a cancellation for the Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal.

Menu for September 20: Salad & Potato bar, crackers/rolls, dessert

Thank you to Tony Morris and Billy Prestridge for making our bell tower a beacon of hope again.



Saturday, September 23 — First Day of Autumn

Bishop's Day in the District — Tuesday, September 26, at 6:30 pm
District-wide Worship service at Pell City FUMC
Ice Cream Fellowship following. Everyone is invited.

Our **Weekly Newsletter** is now being offered in a digital format delivered to your email. If you would like to receive the **"e-Newletter"** scan the code below to be taken to the sign-up page. (There is also a link at the bottom of our church website.)



PHONE CALL MINISTRY — RICK GRANGER — 256-452-6019

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Please ask for a receiver.