

Prelude Phil Haga, organist
As The Deer... by Martin Nystrom

Words of Greeting

Opening Prayer *adapted from re:Worship*

Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

Here, in this time, we remember all the ways God has graced us:

here, in these moments, we remember God is with us, always!

Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:

here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!' in every situation.

Hymn of Praise Phil Haga
I Love to Tell the Story **UMH 156**

At this time, we invite you to bring forward your weekly offering to the plate and your missions giving to the basket.

Doxology **UMH 95**

Responsive Reading **UMH 828**
Psalms 105:1-11

Prayer Concerns Rev. Casey Irwin
Silent Prayer

We invite you to name aloud anyone you are praying for. Prayer request cards can be brought to the altar rail or left at the exit near the bulletins.

Pastoral prayer
The Lord's Prayer **UMH 895**

Responsive Song **TFWS 2129**
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (verse 1)

Back to School Blessing

Second Scripture Reading *Common English Bible*
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Special Music Phil Haga, soloist
His Eye is on the Sparrow... by Charles Gabriel Betty Curtis, pianist

Sermon Rev. Casey Irwin
New Beginnings: Struggling With God

Hymn of Benediction Phil Haga
Here I Am Lord **UMH 593**

Benediction Rev. Casey Irwin

Postlude Phil Haga, organist
Sing Them Over Again to Me... by John Ribble



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Announcements

Chancel Choir rehearsal **today** after worship. Anyone who can make a joyful noise can join! Next presentation is August 20th.

We are training volunteers to set up and run the new audio/visual system during worship. No experience necessary. Sign up for a Sunday to shadow our current team or contact Blake Irwin k.blake.irwin2@gmail.com to set up a training. Your gifts bring amplified worship in-person and at-home!

Church Office Hours:

Tuesdays 1-3 PM
Fridays 1-3 PM

Weekly Schedule

Sundays	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	First UMC Worship Common Ground Fellowship Worship (Chapel) Chancel Choir Rehearsal AA Meeting
Tuesdays	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	First UMC Bible Study AA Meeting
Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Virginia Avenue UMC Bible Study
Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
1st & 3rd Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Man-Hu Ministries Shabbat Worship (Fellowship Hall)

Upcoming Dates

Sunday, August 13	10:45 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
Tuesday, August 15	10 a.m.	Bible Study at First
Wednesday, August 16	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study at Virginia Avenue
Sunday, August 20	9:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir presentation
Sunday, August 20	4 pm	Trustees Meeting
Sunday, August 27	1 pm	Administrative Board Meeting

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First United Methodist Church, Bristol

9:30 AM Worship

August 13, 2023

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to worship, both in-person and online!
All are invited to this time of worshiping God as a community of faith.

Children and Youth Worship Boxes are available in the West lobby.