

*Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God as We celebrate 60 years of being married in this Church, September 1, 1963!*

*- Larry and Kathy Wagner*

**Prelude** Phil Haga, organist  
*What Wondrous Love is This... by Paul J. Christiansen*

### Words of Greeting

**Opening Prayer** *UM Worship and Song 32*

God of Life, your risen Son has gathered us into the church, nourished us with his body and blood, and poured out upon us your Holy Spirit. Grant that we may receive the blessing of your grace, so that we may love you with all our hearts, and gladly feed your sheep in the name of Christ. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise** Phil Haga  
*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* **UMH 64**

*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**

**First Scripture Reading**  
*Isaiah 55*

**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** *Oh Lord, hear my prayer*

**Statement of Faith** **UMH 884**

**Second Scripture Reading**  
*Luke 14:7-24*

*Common English Bible*

**Sermon** Rev. Casey Irwin  
*What is Evangelism?: Invitational*

### Holy Communion

**Hymn of Benediction** Phil Haga  
*Take Up Thy Cross* **UMH 415**

**Benediction** Rev. Casey Irwin

**Postlude** Phil Haga, organist  
*For the Beauty of the Earth... by Ronald Crossmore*



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### Online Giving

Text FIRSTUMCBRISTOL and your amount to 73256

Or scan the QR code and click **GIVE ONLINE**

### Announcements

Starting in September Chancel Choir is presenting twice a month. Anyone who can make a joyful noise can join! Choir rehearsal is **today after worship**, with a presentation next Sunday.

Breakfast church is back! September 17 is a great day to bring someone with you to worship. Sign sheets are available to help set-up, clean-up, host, or bring food.

We are training volunteers to set up and run the new audio/visual system during worship. No experience necessary. Sign up in the sanctuary for a training time or contact Blake Irwin [k.blake.irwin2@gmail.com](mailto:k.blake.irwin2@gmail.com). Your gifts bring amplified worship in-person and at-home!

Grandparents Day is next Sunday. It's a great time to invite the families in your life to share in worship and a special time of blessing.

### Church Office Hours:

Tuesdays 1-3 PM  
Fridays 1-3 PM

### Weekly Schedule

Sundays	9:30 a.m.	First UMC Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Common Ground Fellowship Worship (Chapel)
	10:45 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Addilyn Memorial UMC Bible Study
Tuesdays	10:00 a.m.	First UMC Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	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

Wednesday, September 6.	2:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at Virginia Avenue
Tuesday, September 12.	5:00 p.m.	United Women in Faith Meeting
Sunday, September 17	9:30 a.m.	Breakfast Church
Sunday, September 24.	6:30 p.m.	District Healing Service at State Street UMC
Sunday, October 15.	3:00 p.m.	Bristol Youth at Stickley Farms
Sunday, October 29	3 p.m.	Charge Conference at State Street UMC

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**First United Methodist Church, Bristol**

**9:30 AM Worship**

**September 3, 2023**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

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