

Prelude Phil Haga, organist
Sweet Hour of Prayer.....by Geo. Ringley

Words of Greeting

Opening Prayer *UM Book of Worship 555*

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,
Teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are,
That we may praise you, not with our lips only,
But with our whole lives,
Turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days
Into a living sacrifice to you; through Jesus Christ. Amen

Hymn of Praise Phil Haga
The Church's One Foundation **UMH 545**

*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
Matthew 16:21-28

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*

Second Scripture Reading *Common English Bible*
Ecclesiastes 2:9-11, 22-26

Special Music *Chancel Choir*
Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring Betty Curtis, accompanist

Sermon Rev. Casey Irwin
Wise Choices

Hymn of Benediction Phil Haga
My Hope Is Built **UMH 368**

Benediction Rev. Casey Irwin

Postlude Phil Haga, organist
Children of Christ Arise.....by G. J. Elvey



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Announcements

Join us for one of our Bible Studies– Sundays @ 6:30 PM at Addilyn,
Tuesdays @ 10 AM at First, Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM at Virginia Avenue.
We are starting the Letters from John this week.

Help for Haiti Fundraiser will be Saturday November 11. We are seeking
donations of Art, Crafts, Holiday items, and Baked goods to sell. All 5 parish
churches are invited to donate, volunteer and participate. Sign up sheets to
come soon!

Virginia Avenue is hosting a **Fellowship Luncheon** for our 2 congregations
on Saturday, October 14 at 11:30 a.m. Come share in friendship and
ministry together. Sign-up sheets are available to bring a dish.

Parish **Trunk or Treat** is at Addilynn UMC Saturday, October 28 from 4-6
pm. Set up a trunk, come help with food, or donate candy and water.

Church Office Hours: Tuesdays and 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

Saturday, October 14	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Luncheon at Virginia Avenue
Sunday, October 15	3:00 p.m.	Bristol Youth at Stickley Farms
Wednesday, October 18	2:00 p.m.	Food Pantry at Virginia Avenue
Sunday, October 23	4:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
Saturday, October 28	4-6 p.m.	Trunk or Treat at Addilyn UMC
Sunday, October 29	6:00 p.m.	Charge Conference at State Street UMC
Saturday, November 11	10 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Art Bazaar Fundraiser for Help for Haiti

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First United Methodist Church, Bristol

9:30 AM Worship

October 8, 2023

Nineteenth 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.