

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

Serving, Giving, Welcoming, Growing in the likeness of Christ

July 16, 2023

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Welcome!

Services at 8:00 and 9:30 am • See gilbertumc.org for streaming information *please stand as you are able

Pre-service Music

"My Tribute"

Marilyn Harter

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Rick Casebolt

Bringing in the Light of Christ

"Dona Nobis Pacem" Prelude Bell Choir

*Call to Worship

(8:00)Erna Huitema (9:30) Darlene Whitlock

Leader: Come, let us worship God

People: Come, let us worship our Creator!

God is the great Sower, scattering seeds of life and abundance Leader:

across the earth.

People: We are the soil the Sower plants, created to nurture and

sustain the seeds of God's life-giving love.

God is the great Gardener, tilling and cultivating our soil with Leader:

love and grace.

We notice the rocks and thorns in our soil and call on the People:

Gardener's love and grace to transform us into good soil.

God is the great Life-giver, sowing seeds and tending the soil to Leader:

produce the fruit of abundant life.

All: May we nurture and grow God's new reality, bearing the

fruit of flourishing and abundance for all God's creation. Amen

*Opening Hymn

"We Gather Together" vs. 1,2,3

#131

*Opening Prayer

(8:00)Erna Huitema (9:30) Darlene Whitlock

We gather together in Your presence with expectation,

hungry for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word.

Open your eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit.

May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning fall on fertile soil. May they take root in our hearts and lives. and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord. **Amen**

Special Music

"Be Thou My Vision"

Io Goslar, Elice Byers Province, Marty Province, Marilyn Harter

Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:105-112 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Message

Pastor Adriana Hernandez

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Song Of Response

"Hymn Of Promise"

Vs. 1.3

#707

Offering

Offertory

"Thv Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet" Jo Goslar, Elice Byers Province, Marty Province, Marilyn Harter

*Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Offering Prayer

(8:00)Erna Huitema (9:30) Darlene Whitlock

Creator God from whom all blessings grow; as we dedicate our tithes and offerings, we acknowledge that you have blessed us to be the fertile soil from which the good news of your kingdom will spring forth. Move us, we pray, beyond seeing our role as passive or powerless, depending totally on the quality of the seed and the expertise of the planter. Remind us that you are counting on us for fruitfulness, demonstrating for the world your love, grace, and power as we bear fruit that eases the suffering sick, feeds the hungry, brings justice to the oppressed and love and compassion to those who feel disconnected or forgotten. In Christ, we pray. **Amen**

*Closing Music

"Wonderful Words of Life"

Vs. 1.2.3

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*Blessing

Postlude

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

Thank you for joining our services today!

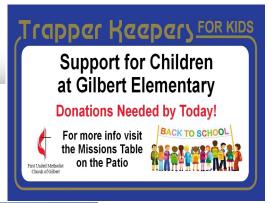
If you have any questions or comments please contact us at connection@gilbertumc.org

CLERGY: Pastor Rick Casebolt and Pastor Adriana Hernandez
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Randy Van Der Pol ORGANIST: Marilyn Harter

Pardon our mess while we refresh the Activity Center

Painting and Floor Replacement will take place over summer. Check in later to see the results! Contact the office for scheduled closure dates.





IT Professionals Needed

IT professionals are needed as volunteers to serve the technical ministries of First Gilbert.

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