

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

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

September 17, 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

"He"

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Greeting

Divina Katching

Passing of the Peace

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude (8:00) (9:30) *"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"*

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist

Leader: Children of God, when we face strife, upset, and harm in our midst, we so often turn to God and ask:

People: How many times should I forgive?

Leader: When Jesus answers that we should forgive again and again and again, we are tempted to repeat the question:

People: How many times should I forgive?

Leader: Until God turns the question around: "How many times have I forgiven you?"

People: Seventy times seven.

Leader: "How many times have I loved you?"

People: Seventy times seven.

Leader: "How many times has my grace been sufficient for you?"

People: Seventy times seven.

All: Let us learn, then, how to forgive not out of our own power, but out of God's, who forgives us that we might be free to learn to live with one another well.

***Opening Hymn** (8:00) *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* Vs 1,2,3 **#89**

***Opening Prayer** Liturgist

When we feel overwhelmed by the storms of life, enter our hearts with your redeeming love, O Christ. When our fears overtake us and we cannot find our way, give us direction that we might faithfully serve you all our days, singing your praises! Amen.

Anthem *"I Then Shall Live"* Choir

Scripture Reading Exodus 14: 19-31; Matthew 18: 21-35

Message Pastor Adriana Hernandez

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Response (8:00) *"Freely, Freely"* Vs.1,2 **#389**

(9:30) *"Amazing Love"* Praise Band

Offering

Offertory (8:00) *"I Come To The Cross"*

(9:30) *"O Come to the Altar"* Randy Van Der Pol

***Doxology** *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"* **#95**

***Offering Prayer** Liturgist

Merciful God, you have filled our lives with a deluge of love and grace. Yet we are too often stingy with forgiveness for others. While Christ's sacrifice on the cross removed the weight of our sin, we continue to blend in with a world that is intent on keeping score and settling debts. May the gifts we give this morning, small in comparison with all we've received, help strengthen the church's ministry of love and compassion. In our giving, may we make a witness as those who have been forgiven much and who seek to have Christ like grace shine through our lives. We pray this in his name. Amen.

***Closing Music** (8:00) *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* Vs.1,2,3 **#127**

(9:30) *"Holy Water"* Praise Band

***Blessing**

Postlude *"Spirit Song"*

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
TODAY'S LITURGIST: Nate Pearce & Val Kellogg

Praise Band Musicians Needed

- Acoustic Guitar
- Bass Guitar
- Drums
- Electric Guitar
- Any other instruments

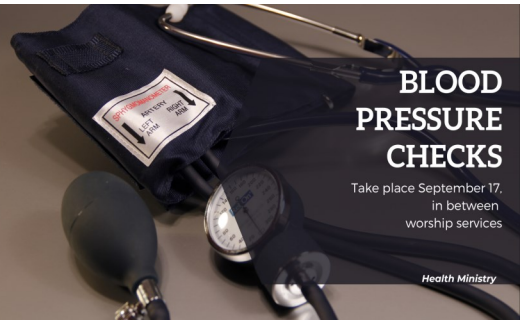
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BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Take place September 17,
in between
worship services

Health Ministry



TRUNK *or* TREAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Email Pastor Adriana or Eric
Butler at
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Wednesday Night Potluck

September 27th at 5:30pm

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