

**Florence United Methodist Church**  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Rev. Logan McLean Strike, Pastor**

**Opening Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, You created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of your purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly. And in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

—*UMC Book of Worship 459*

**Song: I Come With Joy – UMH 617**

I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me,  
his life laid down for me.  
I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.  
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known;  
we see and praise him here,  
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world,  
we'll live and speak his praise,  
we'll live and speak his praise.

**Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

**Song: Change My Heart, O God –  
TFWS 2152**

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.  
You are the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.  
You are the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

**Gospel Acclamation: Lord, Let My  
Heart Be Good Soil – ELW 519**

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord let my heart be good soil.

**Gospel: Luke 12:13-21**

Someone in the crowd said to him,  
“Teacher, tell my brother to divide the  
family inheritance with me.” But he said  
to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge  
or arbitrator over you?” And he said to  
them, “Take care! Be on your guard  
against all kinds of greed, for one’s life  
does not consist in the abundance of pos-  
sessions.” Then he told them a parable:  
“The land of a rich man produced abun-  
dantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What  
should I do, for I have no place to store  
my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I  
will pull down my barns and build larger  
ones, and there I will store all my grain

and my goods. And I will say to my soul,  
Soul, you have ample goods laid up for  
many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’  
But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very  
night your life is being demanded of you.  
And the things you have prepared, whose  
will they be?’ So it is with those who store  
up treasures for themselves but are not rich  
toward God.”

**Sermon:**

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**Prayer of the People  
Intentional Prayer**

To send a prayer request to the pastor, or  
for the Florence United Methodist  
Church prayer chain, email:  
[logan.m.strike@gmail.com](mailto:logan.m.strike@gmail.com).

**The Lord’s Prayer: UMH, p 10**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your  
name, your kingdom come, your will be  
done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today  
our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we  
forgive those who sin against us. Save us  
from the time of trial, and deliver us from  
evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**The Peace, Offering**

**Doxology: UMH 94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **Offertory Prayer**

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

— *St Martins Presbyterian Church, Christchurch*

### **Announcements**

Plastics Collection, August 7, 10-2,  
Siuslaw Middle School

United Women in Faith Rummage Sale,  
August 20

Office Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30am to 1pm  
Saturdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

### **Benediction**

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine on you and be gracious unto you. May God look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

### **Sending Song: I Surrender All—UMH 354**

All to Jesus I surrender,  
all to him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust him,  
in his presence daily live.

*Refrain:*

I surrender all, I surrender all,  
all to thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender;  
humbly at his feet I bow,  
worldly pleasures all forsaken;  
take me, Jesus, take me now.

*Refrain*

All to Jesus I surrender;  
make me, Savior, wholly thine;  
let me feel the Holy Spirit,  
truly know that thou art mine.

*Refrain*

All to Jesus I surrender;  
Lord, I give myself to thee;  
fill me with thy love and power;  
let thy blessing fall on me.

*Refrain*

All to Jesus I surrender;  
now I feel the sacred flame.  
O the joy of full salvation!  
Glory, glory to his name!

*Refrain*