



# BIRMINGHAM FIRST

A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*...gathered here for good.™*

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**JULY 20, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

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**Prelude**

*Pastoral*

Rheinberger

**Hymn #578**

*God of Love and God of Power*

**\*Call to Worship**

Rev. Rachael M. Dunlap

Leader: From the shores of Galilee to the hills of Kentucky,

**People: Christ calls us to see with new eyes.**

Leader: Where others see darkness, we perceive the dawn of grace.

**People: Where others see strangers, we recognize the face of Christ.**

Leader: The kingdom of heaven has come near—

**People: Not in distant theology, but in hands that serve and hearts that love.**

Leader: Today, we prepare ourselves to answer the call!

**People: Come, let us worship the One who turns our work into miracles of love!**

**\*Response # 318**

*Christ Is Alive - vs. 2*

**Christ is alive! No longer bound**

**to distant years in Palestine,**

**He comes to claim the here and now**

**and dwell in every place and time.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Anthem**

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*  
Summer Choir

Gilbert M. Martin

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## Pastoral Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Offering Invitation

#### Offertory

*Lord, Lead Us Now*  
Summer Choir

Williams/Martin

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#### \*Doxology #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 up-lifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

#### \*Hymn #593

*Here I Am, Lord*

#### Scripture

Matthew 4:12-17

#### Message

*The Impact of Mission*

Rev. Rachael M. Dunlap

#### \*Hymn #571

*Go, Make of All Disciples*

#### \*Benediction

#### Postlude

*The Heavens Declare the Glory of God*

Marcello



*The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Sjoerd Dijkstra and Lon Bone in honor of their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

*The Mission Candle is lit to the glory of God and in honor of and thanks  
for our Youth and Adult Chaperones' mission work in Henderson Settlement.*



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Come Scout With Us**

Cub Scouts Pack 1032 (grades K–5) and Scouts BSA Troop 1032 (ages 11–17) offer fun and hands-on experiences that help kids grow in character, leadership, and confidence - all while making memories that last a lifetime. From outdoor adventures to learning new skills, there's something for everyone. Both groups meet weekly at Birmingham First and welcome new members. For meeting times, contact info, and more, go to [www.fumcbirmingham.org/scouts](http://www.fumcbirmingham.org/scouts).

### **Honor a Loved One, Celebrate a Blessing**

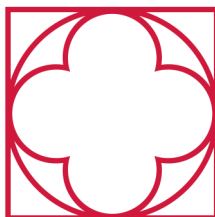
The Altar Flowers are available for reservation on Sunday, August 24 and Sunday, September 7. You may dedicate them in memory or in honor of a loved one, or in celebration of a special occasion. To reserve, please contact Dorothy Duensing at [office@fumcbirmingham.org](mailto:office@fumcbirmingham.org) or call 248-646-1200 ext. 3121. Altar Flowers are \$75. Upon request, a New Baby Rosebud is available for \$8. The Mission Candle is \$30. Thank you for considering these meaningful offerings to the glory of God.

### **Giving Opportunities**

If you're interested in learning more about life-time gifts and legacy giving - such as strategies used for operating budget donations (ministry plan), endowment fund contributions, or donations directed to a designated ministry of your choice - please reach out to Karen Murphy for more information. Karen is our new Development Officer and can be reached at (248) 646-1200 ext. 3155, or email at [kmurphy@fumcbirmingham.org](mailto:kmurphy@fumcbirmingham.org). She would be happy to set a time to meet together to discuss further.

**WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

Embracing the example of Jesus, we welcome you here with hearts that know no boundaries of age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, ability, or economic circumstance.



**Rev. Dr. Charles S.G. Boayue, Jr.,** Senior Pastor

**Rev. Sarah Alexander, Rev. Rachael M. Dunlap, Rev. Zack L. Dunlap,**

Associate Pastors

**Casey Proch,** Executive Director of Worship & Music

**Doris Hall,** Organist

**Rev. Gary Haller, Bishop Laurie Haller,**

**Rev. Dr. John E. Harnish & Rev. Dr. William A. Ritter,** Pastors Emeriti



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