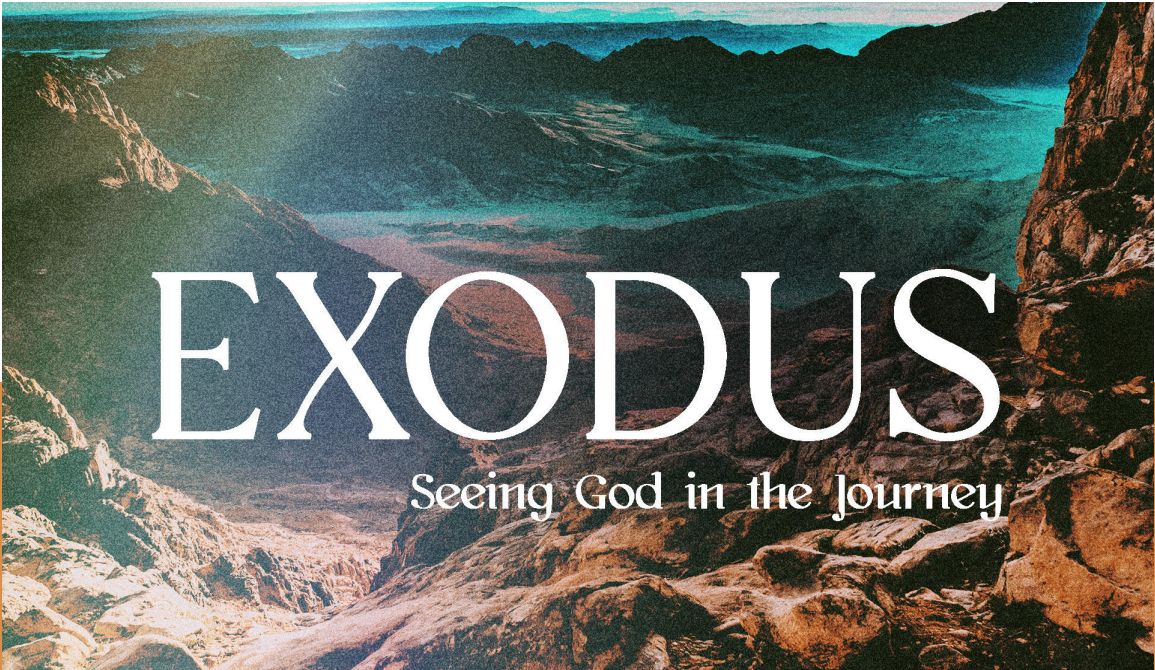

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EXODUS

Seeing God in the Journey

“The Roundabout Way”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

SEPT. 17, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" - No. 64

Affirmation of Faith

Sounds of Worship Anthem

"Majesty"

Scripture

Exodus 14:19-31

Sermon

The Roundabout Way

Hymn

"Because He Lives" - No. 364

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn

"Sent Forth by God's Blessings" - No. 664

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Pastor Lisa Aronson

Accompanist..... Anthony Ciucci

Special Music.....Sounds of Worship

Sound and Media..... Michael Garman, Jim Murdoch, Holly Kurten

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A scenic landscape photograph of a mountain valley with a river, overlaid with the title 'EXODUS'. The image shows a wide valley with a river winding through it, surrounded by rugged mountains. The sky is a mix of blue and green, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The foreground is dominated by large, rocky outcrops.

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Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Great Are You, Lord"

"Raise a Hallelujah"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"Same God"

Scripture

Exodus 14:19-31

Sermon

The Roundabout Way

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Do It Again"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader..... Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team..... John Gross, Emily Hammaker, Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker,
Cynthia Smith, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media..... Michael Garman, Jim Murdoch, Holly Kurten

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF SEPT. 17

Moms in Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, 1:45 p.m.

Isaiah 61 (Off Site)

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

WEEK OF SEPT. 24

Rejoicing Spirits

Sunday, 4 p.m.

Pickleball

Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.

*Scan here or
visit our website at
fumchurch.com for
more details on all
of our upcoming
events!*



WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

WEEK OF SEPT. 17

Sunday	Worship
Monday	Exodus 16:2-15
Tuesday	Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45
Wednesday	Philippians 1:1-20
Thursday	Philippians 1:21-30
Friday	Matthew 20:1-16
Saturday	Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Seig by the Seig family.

TEACHING NOTES

“The Roundabout Way”

Exodus 14:19-31

¹⁸ So God led the people by **the roundabout way of the wilderness** toward the Red Sea.
Exodus 13:18

1. On the roundabout way we can learn to **“Let Pharaoh go!”**

*They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? **What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt?**”*

Exodus 14:11

*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: **everything old has passed away**; see, everything has become new!*

2 Corinthians 5:17

2. On the roundabout way we can learn to **see the signs that God is at work.**

*But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and **see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; ...**”*

Exodus 14:13

3. On the roundabout way we can learn to **trust that God holds the future.**

³⁰ *Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.*

³¹ *Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people **feared the Lord** and **believed in the Lord** and in his servant Moses.*

Exodus 14:30-31

“Find the voices that whisper about your future. Ditch the ones that scream about your past.”

– Bob Goff

Questions for Reflection:

1. When has it been most difficult for you to “wait on the Lord?”
2. Is there something in your past that is difficult for you to let go of? What next step is God calling you to take?
3. What signs do you see that God is at work?
4. When have you seen God “make a way?”
5. What positive voices help you to trust God for the future?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Tuesday Women's Bible Study | Begins Sept. 19, 1:45 p.m.

All women are invited to join Tina Eaton in Fellowship Hall for "Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting More" by Melissa Spoelstra. In this seven-week study, you'll learn to trust in God's character, rely on His provision, and find comfort in His correction. The workbook (which includes online access to watch the videos anytime) is \$15 for those who would like to go deeper by completing the at-home personal study. Sign up on Church Center, at fumchurch.com or by contacting Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611).

Bible Sunday | Sunday, Sept. 24, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

At First Church, we want to equip believers of all ages to dive into Scripture in a relevant, accessible way. During worship services on Bible Sunday, we provide new Bibles to our four-year-olds, second-graders, sixth-graders and ninth-graders. Each young person receives a Bible translation that is appropriate and understandable for their developmental stage, in hopes that they will grow in their desire and joy in reading God's Word. If your child is interested in receiving a Bible, but cannot attend worship on this date, please contact the church office (office@fumchurch.com). In addition, if you're an adult in need of a Bible, please contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com).

Next Step Class: A Disciple's Path | Begins Sunday, Oct. 1, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Ready to explore the foundations of our faith or become a First Church member? Join Pastor Denny in room 207 for this six-week study to discover what it means to faithfully participate in the life of the church through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Child care will be provided. Register on Church Center, at fumchurch.com or by contacting Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611).

PRAYING FOLLOWER

Share Your Joys and Prayer Concerns With Us!

Green prayer cards are located in the pews and at the prayer station under the balcony. Simply fill one out during worship and place in the offering basket or Janice Bowen's mailbox. You can also contact Janice directly (wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112).

Moms in Prayer | Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us this fall as we unite with women around the world in praying for our children and grandchildren through Moms in Prayer International. Our prayer group, led by Deb Noss, meets on Monday evenings in room 105, and all mothers and grandmothers are invited! No prayer experience is required, and your child can be any age or stage of life. All prayers remain confidential within the group. Please contact Deb Noss (sdppp@msn.com) if you have questions or would like to join this group.

PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Online Worship

Worship with us and invite others to join any time of the week! Check out our livestream at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays or watch recorded messages on our YouTube and Facebook pages 24/7. If you're unable to access online worship services, contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com) for other ways to connect to First Church.

DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Mission Central's Mission Fare | Thursday, Sept. 28, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Support Mission Central's work in Mechanicsburg and beyond at this celebration lunch and silent auction at Buhrig's Gathering Place (25 E. Main St., Mechanicsburg)! Learn more and register at missioncentral.org/events.

Feminine Hygiene Sewing Day | Saturday, Oct. 14

In many developing countries, women have to miss school and work and face cultural stigmas due to a lack of feminine hygiene products. Help us support these women by making reusable products that will be distributed around the world by Mission Central. Even if you don't sew, there is fabric to cut and prepare. Contact Donna Nichols (djnichols43@hotmail.com) for more information.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Pickleball in the Park | Tuesdays, 5-7 p.m.

Join us on the pickleball court at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park (across from the pool) for some fun and games! No experience is necessary, and paddles and balls will be available to borrow. In the event of bad weather, we will play in the multipurpose room. Contact Janice Bowen ([717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112 or wecare@fumchurch.com) with questions.

GENEROUS GIVER

Handbell Choir Chicken BBQ | Saturday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Support the First Church handbell choir at the 22nd annual Chicken BBQ! Meals are \$12 each and include a half chicken, a baked potato, a roll, applesauce and butter. Baked goods and drinks will also be available to purchase. To reserve your tickets, sign up on the clipboards at the sanctuary entrances, see a handbell choir member or contact Kathie Bittenbender (rbittenben@verizon.net or [717-697-6257](tel:717-697-6257)).

KIDS

Stay Connected!

Want to know more about First Church Kids? Check out our landing page or contact Director of Children and Family Ministries Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com).

Wee Worship and Kids Worship

Every Sunday these special worship programs are held (for kids through fifth grade) at the 11 a.m. service.

Bible Sunday | Sept. 24

Both Services

YOUTH

Keep in Touch!

Help us connect with you so that you don't miss any of the fun!

- Join our Remind text list (text @4Gyo to 81010).
- Follow our Instagram (@fourgyouthministry).
- Like us on Facebook (4G — First United Methodist Youth Group).
- Email Lisa to receive emails about all things First Church Youth.

Coming Up

Bible Sunday | Sept. 24

Both Services

Thanks for joining us in worship!

8:30 a.m.	FOUNDATION SERVICE (Traditional)
9:45 a.m.	SUNDAY SCHOOL (View classes at fumchurch.com)
11 a.m.	THE GATHERING SERVICE (Modern)
4 p.m.	REJOICING SPIRITS (Fourth Sunday of each month)

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors

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FIRST STEP GATHERING

Sunday, Sept. 24 | 9:45-10:45 a.m. | Room 207

Get to know Pastor Denny and the staff, learn about First Church and determine the best next step to grow in your faith!

Contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com)
for more details!

A DISCIPLE'S PATH

A SIX-WEEK NEXT STEPS STUDY

**Sundays starting Oct. 1
9:45-10:45 a.m. | Room 207**



**Want to be baptized? Considering membership?
Want to explore what it means to faithfully
participate in the life of the church?**

Join us!

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