

SUNDAY CLASSES & GROUPS

During Worship

NURSERY/TODDLER CARE, Newborn-3 year olds

FIRST KIDS, Follow Corinna downstairs for Bible stories, activities and crafts.

Adult Sunday School Classes (11:20am-12noon)

Wired Word with Kaj Ostergaard in Room 207 Today's Word: Sen. Joe Lieberman, Champion of the Sabbath, Laid to Rest

Sunday School With Roger Steiger: "The Way" by Adam Hamilton in the Chapel

Sunday Night

5pm Contemplative Prayer

UMYF 6:30pm

We are so glad you are here!

If you are a guest, an extra special welcome to you today. We invite you to sign our friendship book that can be found near the center aisle so that we may greet you and get to know you! Thanks for joining us!

Upcoming Calendar Events

Apr 15: Book Sale Open; Outreach at Lighthouse;

Apr 16: Book Sale Open; Trustees Mtg, 7:00pm

Apr 17: Book Sale Open; Mid-Week Word, 10:00am;

Apr 18: Book Sale Open; Worship Team Meeting, 7:00pm

Apr 19: Book Sale Open

Apr 20: Book Sale Open

April 14, 2024



10am Worship

**Troy First
United Methodist
Church**

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Welcome to Worship at Troy First

PRELUDE Debi Szeliga, piano
WELCOME Pastor George Marck

*CALL TO WORSHIP Stephanie McNett

L: Peter asks if he has to forgive seven times, but Jesus answers we should forgive seventy times seven.

P: Seventy times seven. Won't that make us pushovers and doormats?

L: Do you mean that we need to truly let go of the hurt and step out of the pain?

P: That doesn't mean that we will have to let the hurt happen to us over and over again; it means we will lay it down. We will have learned something about ourselves as well as the one who hurt us.

L: Do you think God retains God's disappointment over us when we fail and fall short? God forgives, wipes the slate clean, gives another chance, time and time again.

P: It's not easy but God wants us to live lives of forgiving love. God is with us and we will always have God's help!

*OPENING HYMN #140
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

BAPTISM: Emmett Downing
ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF PRAYER Pastor George Marck
UNISON PRAYER Stephanie McNett

We love to say, "I may forgive, but I'll never forget!" And we think that we are truly following the ways of Christ. How blind we are, O Lord. Forgiveness means wiping the slate clean, not retaining the hurt. It works both ways: letting ourselves make a decision for healing and reaching out to the one who has hurt us to offer forgiveness and redemption. None of it is perfect. We know that. Help us, O Lord, receive the love that you have lavished upon us and to understand that love as an agent of forgiveness.

As we have brought before you the names and situations that are on our hearts, we seek your healing mercies and tender love for them. Remind us that the same mercy and love is continually offered to us, though we falter and fail, though we seek and strive. Be with us, gracious Lord, all our days. AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor George Marck

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE SONG #399 v 1

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

TIME OF OFFERING Pastor George Marck

OFFERTORY MUSIC Chancel Choir

"Raise a Hallelujah"

By Daniel Semsen

Tim Schoenherr, Director

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessing flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

OFFERTORY PRAYER Pastor George Marck

SCRIPTURE READING Stephanie McNett

Matthew 18:21-22

SERMON Pastor George Marck

"Forgiveness—It's a Decision"

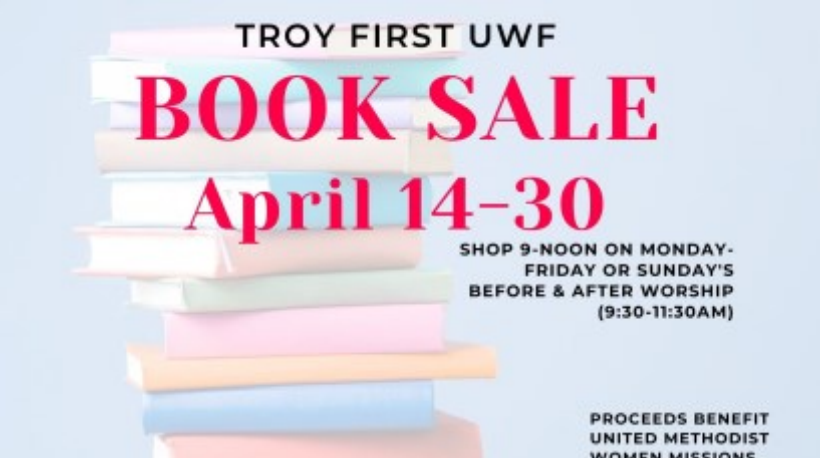
*CLOSING HYMN #560

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

BENEDICTION Pastor George Marck

POSTLUDE Debi Szeliga, piano

Please join us in the CLC for coffee and conversation.



TROY FIRST UWF
BOOK SALE
April 14-30
SHOP 9-NOON ON MONDAY-
FRIDAY OR SUNDAY'S
BEFORE & AFTER WORSHIP
(9:30-11:30AM)
PROCEEDS BENEFIT
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DIAPER DRIVE
April 1-30
SIZE 4 & 6
Drop off to bin in the Mercer Hall
Any Questions contact Kathy Sobanski



UWF FLOWER SALE
MAY 19
\$30 Hanging Geranium, Calibrachoa or Begonia
\$40 Geranium Porch Pots
\$16 Begonia or Impatiens Flats
Order form available at the welcome desk
Deadline is May 12