

FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – July 16, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.



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*United in the Spirit, First United Methodist Church of Belmont exists  
to be more like Jesus Christ for our community and beyond*  
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## PRAISE AND PRAYER

\*SONG

"You Are Good"

1. *Lord You are good  
And Your mercy endureth forever  
Lord You are good  
And Your mercy endureth forever  
People from every nation and tongue  
From generation to generation*

Chorus *We worship You  
Hallelujah hallelujah  
We worship You for who You are  
We worship You  
Hallelujah hallelujah  
We worship You for who You are  
For You are good*

Bridge *You are good all the time  
All the time You are good  
You are good all the time  
All the time You are good*

Chorus

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\*SONG

"You Never Let Go"

1. *Even though I walk through the valley  
Of the shadow of death  
Your perfect love is casting out fear  
And even when I'm caught in the middle  
Of the storms of this life  
I won't turn back I know You are near*

Pre-Chorus *And I will fear no evil  
For my God is with me  
And if my God is with me  
Whom then shall I fear  
Whom then shall I fear*

Chorus 1      *Oh no You never let go  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no You never let go  
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low  
Oh no You never let go  
Lord You never let go of me*

2.              *And I can see a light that is coming  
For the heart that holds on  
A glorious light beyond all compare  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
We'll live to know You here on the earth*

Chorus 2      *Oh no You never let go  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no You never let go  
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low  
Oh no You never let go  
Lord You never let go of me  
You keep on runnin' and You never let go  
Singin'*

Bridge         *Yes I can see a light  
That is coming for the heart that holds on  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
Still I will praise You  
Still I will praise You  
(REPEAT)*

Chorus

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\*PRAYER

## PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Pg. 49)      Exodus 1:8-2:10

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

*After each petition we enter into the prayer together with these words:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Caring God, you call us to be the body of Christ: to live in community, to care for one another, to use our different gifts. Instead of working to sustain community, we follow our own desires. Instead of trusting in your care, we think we can do it alone. Forgive our neglect of others. Give us obedient spirits, that we may care for one another, depend on your love, and use our gifts for your gospel. Amen.***

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

***In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!***

***Glory to God. Amen.***

*As a forgiven and reconciled child of God, you are invited to give your offerings and gifts to God by placing them in the offering plate when you come forward to receive communion.*

## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

\*TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

... now and for ever.

***Amen.***

\*THE 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, for ever. Amen.***

\*BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Music During Communion

*"Never Once"*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given  
yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your  
Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

\*BENEDICTION

\*SONG

*"Hear Us From Heaven"*

1. *Lord hear our cry  
Come heal our land  
Breathe life into these dry and thirsty souls  
Lord hear our prayer  
Forgive our sin  
And as we call on Your name  
Would You make this a place for Your glory to dwell*

Chorus            *Open the blind eyes  
Unlock the deaf ears  
Come to Your people  
As we draw near  
Hear us from heaven  
Touch our generation  
We are Your people  
Crying out in desperation*

2.                 *Lord hear our cry  
Your children worship  
As we sing out Your praise  
Would You make this a place  
For Your glory to dwell*

Bridge            *Hear us from heaven  
Hear us from heaven  
Hear us from heaven  
Hear us from heaven  
Hear us from heaven  
Hear us from heaven  
(REPEAT)*

Chorus

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\*POSTLUDE

***\*Those who are able please stand***

**WELCOME!** We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We invite you to check out the opportunities we have for children, youth and adults of all ages and stages of life. We offer ministries and a community of faith that will help challenge and encourage you as together we seek to grow as faithful followers of Jesus Christ, serving God and our neighbor in all that we do.

**VISITORS:** Stop by our welcome table in the narthex as you leave today to receive a small gift and more information about our church. We would love to know more about you, so please sign the attendance pad as it is passed down your pew and share your contact information so that we can be in touch with you.

**CHURCH UPDATES VIA TEXT MESSAGING:** Did you know our church sends occasional news and important updates via text message? If you haven't signed up yet, text FUMCBELMONT to 313131 or visit [www.fumcbelmont.org/text](http://www.fumcbelmont.org/text). You can opt out at any time.



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 16

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Church Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Zoe Team Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Leadership Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Knitting Group

Monday, July 17

- 12:00 p.m. Monday Munchies with Margie

Wednesday, July 19

- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Dinner & Devo
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, July 23

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Church Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Knitting Group
- 5:30 p.m. VBS

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Debbie Ballard (mother of Chelsea & Josh Elmore)
- Cheryl Fleming
- Bobbie Jones (mother of Crystal Cooper)
- Alan Austin and Family (Jessica Durham)
- The United Methodist Church and the Commission on a Way Forward
- Mike Harrison
- Debra Baxa and family upon the death of Mark
- Alex Ross (Lily Sloan)
- Randy Crane (Stuart Bondurant)
- Bette Armstrong
- Keith Lowe
- The family and friends of MacKenzie Loid upon her death (Nicole Stanforth)
- David Phillips (David Bashant)
- Steve & Susie Matulis
- The family and friends of Johnny Lawing upon his unexpected death
- Susan Painter (Tim Painter's aunt)

If you have an emergency or have a confidential prayer request, please contact George at the church office (704-825-2106) or his cell (704-249-0645).

The names above will remain on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise notified.

### **OUR STAFF**

Rev. George Ragsdale ~ Pastor  
Kristen Surratt ~ Director of Discipleship Ministries  
Renee Painter ~ Director of Music  
Janice Pennington ~ Business Manager  
Margie Ligon ~ Director of Youth Ministry  
Linda Smith ~ CDC Director  
Carole Bertino ~ Administrative Assistant



# BASEBALL TICKET ORDER FORM

Join your church family for fun and fellowship!



August 4th

Game Time: 7:05 PM

Ticket Price: \$15/person\*



\*Children three and under are free with a paying adult.

Ticket cost includes general admission and unlimited chicken sandwiches, hotdogs, chips, soda and water.\*\*

## **STAY AFTER THE GAME TO ENJOY THE FINAL FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA OF THE SEASON!**

Pre-order your tickets to ensure we have enough for everyone.  
You can pick up your family's tickets during office hours between July 24 and August 3.

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## **FUMC BELMONT NIGHT AT THE GRIZZLIES GAME**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for confirmation): \_\_\_\_\_

How many tickets are you purchasing? \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost (quantity x \$15) \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit payment with the ticket order form. Checks should be made out to FUMC Belmont and in the memo line, Gastonia Grizzlies game.

\*\*If there are food allergies in your family, alternate pricing is available.