

# First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

*Serving, Giving, Welcoming, Growing in the likeness of Christ*

September 4, 2022

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# Welcome!

Services at 8:00 and 9:30 am • See [gilbertumc.org](http://gilbertumc.org) for streaming information

*\*please stand as you are able*

**Pre-service Music** “Be Still, and Have Faith/Give of Your Best to the Master”

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## Ringing of the Bell

**Welcome and Greeting**

Pastor Adriana Hernandez

## Bringing in the Light of Christ

**Prelude**

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

*by Adelaide A. Pollard and George C. Stebbins © 1907, 1935 Hope Publ.*

**\*Call to Worship**

(8:00) Sharon Kotsonas (9:30) Cathy Panella

Leader: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

**People: Even before we speak, God knows us completely.**

Leader: The Holy One knows us and sustains us, even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

**People: Who can count the thoughts of God? They are more than all the sands of the desert.**

Leader: Like clay in the hand of the potter, we are shaped into vessels of divine will.

**All: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Take Up The Cross” vs. 1, 2, 4

**#415**

*UM Hymnal #415 WORDS: Charles W. Everest MUSIC: William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies*

**\*Opening Prayer**

God of power and mercy, only with your help can we offer you fitting service and praise. May we live the faith we profess and trust your promise of eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Anthem**

“I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”  
*arr. by Kevin Boesinger*

The Chancel Choir

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 14:25-33

**Message**

Pastor Rick Casebolt

**Pastoral Prayer****Offering****Offertory**

“The Wonderful Cross”

*CCLI Song # 3148435 Chris Tomlin | Isaac Watts | J. D. Walt | Jesse Reeves | Lowell Mason  
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**\*Doxology**

“Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow”  
*UMC Hymnal #95 Thomas Ken*

**#95**

**\*Offering Prayer**

Holy and righteous God, through your Son, you have called us to follow. The gifts we offer this day are only a small token of affirmation that we accept that call. If we embraced the full meaning of that call, we would give our whole being to the offering. In many cases, we’ve allowed ourselves to believe that a few dollars and an hour on Sunday is the cost of discipleship. Help us to stop fooling ourselves, and consider the full cost of a discipleship that means something, that is capable of transforming the world. By your grace and with the help of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**The Sacrament of Communion****The Lord’s Prayer****Music during Communion “Draw Me Close To You”**

*CCLI Song # 1459484 by Kelly Carpenter © 1994 Mercy / Vineyard Publ. (Capitol CMG)*

**\*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.

**\*Closing Music (8:00)**

“Christ Is Alive” vs. 1, 2, 4, 5  
*UM Hymnal #318 WORDS: Brian Wren*

**#318**

(9:30)

“Christ Is Enough”

*CCLI Song # 6514035 Jonas Myrin / Reuben Morgan © 2012 Hillsong MP Songs (Capitol CMG) et al.*

**\*Blessing**

**Postlude (8:00)**

“Blest Be His Name”  
*by Norman Lester*

Join us next week!  
Jeremiah 4:11-28

# Finding the Lost

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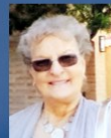
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Randy Van Der Pol ORGANIST: Marilyn Harter

## Memorial Services

**Margo Doss**  
Sept. 10 10am



**Mary Decker**  
Sept. 24 11am



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