



First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

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

August 20, 2023

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Welcome!

Services at 8:00 and 9:30 am • See gilbertumc.org for streaming information
**please stand as you are able*

Pre-service Music *“Standing on the Promises”*

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Greeting Pastor Adriana Hernandez

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*

Passing of the Peace

Please rise and greet your brothers and sisters in Christ with signs of peace, reconciliation, and Christian love.

***Call to Worship**

***Liturgist**

Leader: Every sense is bombarded daily with the sound of hurtful words and the touch of polluted air and water.

People: God’s Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take as we breathe out our praise.

Leader: Every sense is bombarded daily, with the taste of food that does not satisfy and the whiff of corruption.

People: God’s Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take as we breathe out our praise.

Leader: Every sense is bombarded daily with sights that disturb and distract.

People: God’s Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take as we breathe out our praise.

(All): Let us praise our maker while we have breath.

***Opening Hymn** (8 & 9:30) *"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"* vs 1,2,4 #128

***Opening Prayer**

***Liturgist**

We cry to you, O Lord, from the back of the line,
from the edge of the crowd, from the corner of the room.
But you make no such distinctions, nor do you set such boundaries.
Your faithfulness is great; your grace is enough.
And we are covered in your love. Amen

Special Music *"My Help Cometh from the Lord"* Jeff Hendrickson

Scripture Reading Matthew 15: 10-20 & 21-28

Message Pastor Rick Casebolt

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Response (8:00) *"This Is A Day Of New Beginnings"* Vs. 1,2 #383
(9:30) *"God Is So Good"*

Offering

Offertory (8:00) *"I Asked The Lord"*
(9:30) *"Open Up the Heavens"*

***Doxology** *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"* #95

***Offering Prayer**

***Liturgist**

Bountiful God, you are the source of all good things.
When famine threatened the world, you blessed Joseph with dreams
to preserve life and save people far and wide.
When hunger threatens our world, you bless us with dreams
to preserve life and prevent disaster.
When our dreams are your dreams, Gracious God, the world is truly blessed.
Accept these gifts, as a pledge to work and live your dream
that all may live together in unity. Amen.

***Closing Music** (8:00) *"God Will Take Care of You"* Vs. 1,3,4 #130
(9:30) *"Praise"*

***Blessing**

Postlude *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

Thank you for joining our services today!

If you have any questions or comments please contact us at connection@gilbertumc.org

CLERGY: Pastor Rick Casebolt and Pastor Adriana Hernandez
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Randy Van Der Pol ORGANIST: Marilyn Harter
TODAY'S LITURGIST: (8:00) Sylvia Moore (9:30) Laurel Redman

**First United Methodist Church of Gilbert
BLOOD DRIVE**

Sunday, August 27th, 2023


7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Activity Center - 331 S. Cooper Rd., Gilbert, Az

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EVERYONE IS INVITED!
Wednesday Night Fellowship

Church is providing the main dish of baked chicken. All other items are being potlucked.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH
Dinner from 5:30pm-6:30pm

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