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## **Focus for Next Week**

October 26th, 2025
"What Reforms Do We Need?"
Reformation Sunday

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:9-14

Let us know you are worshiping with us,
whether you are in the Sanctuary or on Facebook.
Please fill out a connect card in your bulletin
or use the comment section on Facebook
to make your prayer request known to the pastor.
He will include your thanks to God
and your prayer concerns in our pastoral prayer.
If you would like to add your prayers to the weekly prayer chain,
contact Karen Lynch at 717-571-5903 or karen lynch@me.com.

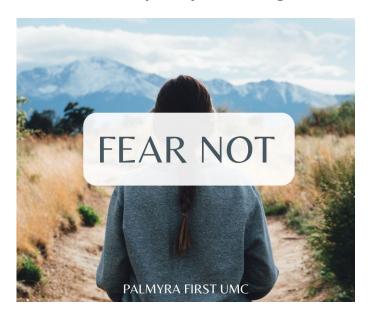
9:00 AM Non-Traditional Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service

All services are both in person and live-streamed on our website and Facebook

## <u>Palmyra First</u> <u>United Methodist Church</u>



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October 19th, 2025

<u>Fear Not</u>

Laity Sunday

10:30 AM Service

Serving Christ, Changing Lives!

\*Congregation standing, as able

## **Fear Not**

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 46)

Leader: The earth shakes, the mountains quake -- tempting our hearts to fear.

People: God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Leader: Storms rage, winds swirl --

destroying schools, hospitals, homes.

People: Still, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Leader: Violence comes to light in our communities and violence continues around the world --

causing us to wonder if our prayers for peace are futile.

People: Yet God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Leader: For those mourning and rebuilding after the storms,

People: God is their refuge.

Leader: For those living in fear of their neighbors,

People: God is their strength.

Leader: For those dreading the future,

People: God is a very present help in trouble.

Leader: Therefore, we will not fear.

People: Therefore, we will not fear.

We will worship our God.

\*Opening Hymn #117 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**Opening Prayer** 

Lord,

we come into your presence today with hearts that are sometimes troubled and anxious.

The worries of this world can overwhelm us, and our fears can prevent us from trusting your perfect love.

We come before you now seeking the strength and courage that only you can provide. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession Words of Pardon and Assurance The Lord's Prayer "using the word sins instead of trespasses"

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Luke 2:8-14

Sermon Mike Poltonavage "Fear Not"

\*Hymn of Response #129 "Give to the Winds Thy Fear"

Offering

\*Offertory Response #95 "Praise God For Whom...."

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Pastoral Prayer** 

\*Closing Hymn #240 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response #236 v. 1 & 2 "While Shepherds Watched...."

Postlude