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## **Focus for Next Week**

August 31st, 2025
"The Good Guest and the Good Host"
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

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.

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> United Methodist Church



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August 24th, 2025

<u>Acceptable Worship</u>

10:30 AM Service

Serving Christ, Changing Lives!

\*Congregation standing, as able

## **Acceptable Worship**

Prelude

\*Call to Worship Mineo p. 200 (Lectionary Worship Aids)

Leader: We gather to offer God an acceptable worship,

with reverence and awe.

People: Praise God who is our hope.

Leader: God our rock of refuge,

our strong fortress, saves us.

People: Praise God who is our salvation.

Leader: The Lord is our hope, in whom we trust.

People: Praise God who is our healer.

\*Opening Hymn #98 "To God Be the Glory"

Opening Prayer Mineo p. 201 (Lectionary Worship Aids)

God of mercy and compassion,

you know our every weakness, every failing, every sin we have committed, great and small.

We have unjustly judged others.

We have been hypocritical.

Have mercy on us.

Forgive our foolish ways.

Forgive us when we have been unfaithful to you.

Forgive when we have failed

to follow your will in our lives.

Through your Son, Jesus our Lord,

restore a right relationship with you,

now and for all eternity. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession Words of Pardon and Assurance

The Lord's Prayer "using the word sins instead of trespasses"

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading Hebrews 12:18-29

Gospel Reading Luke 13:10-17

Sermon "Acceptable Worship"

\*Hymn of Response #561 "Jesus, United by Thy Grace"

Prayer of Thanksgiving Mineo p. 200 (Lectionary Worship Aids) alt.

God of grace,

you sent your Son to heal us, to teach us, to free us from our sins, to redeem us.

We praise and give you thanks

that our Lord comes to free us from our ailments

and from the storms of our lives.

In this freedom, you call us to live a life with acts of kindness and love,

showing the grace, peace, and healing you have given us.

We give thanks and rejoice in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Offering

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Pastoral Prayer** 

\*Closing Hymn #584 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response #664 v. 2 "With Praise and Thanksgiving..."

Postlude