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# 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



## October 25, 2015



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\*PRAYER OF ADORATION *Susan Coho*

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Through It All*

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SONG OF PREPARATION *Strength of My Life*

MESSAGE *“MORE THAN WE CAN HANDLE?”  
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OFFERTORY SONG *I Cast All My Cares Upon You (Instrumental)*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION  
*Pastoral Prayer / Lord’s Prayer  
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\*RECESSIONAL *Reprise—Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

## The Bulletin Board



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From Pamela Bauske

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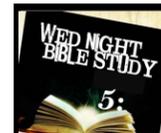
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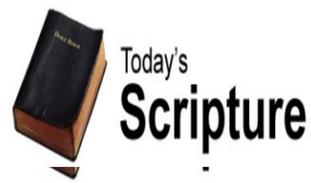
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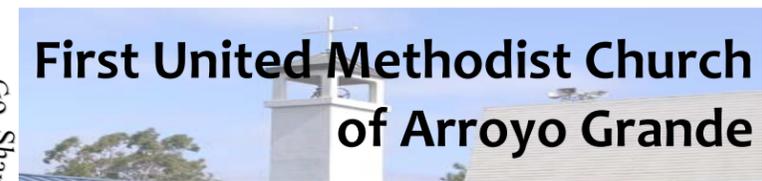
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WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *I Exalt Thee* by Sanchez / Hayes

INTROIT *How Can I Keep From Singing?*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Mary Scifres, Words for Worship)

Come, you who are suffering and sick.  
**God is our help and our strength.**  
Come, you, who are filled with joy.  
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Come, people of faith, your prayers are needed here.  
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Come, call on Christ's name, and trust in God's love.  
**Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* No. 126

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Patti Melsheimer  
*Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time. Junior and Senior high will meet in Criswell Hall.*

CHORAL ANTHEM *Peace Like A River*  
The Chancel Choir

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Shepherd Me, O God*  
*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fear, from death to life.*

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\*HYMN *We'll Understand It Better By and By* No. 525

SERMON "MORE THAN WE CAN HANDLE?"  
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OFFERING  
Call to Stewardship and Mission  
Offertory *All Creatures of our God and King* by Lasst Erfreuen  
\*Doxology / Prayer of Dedication No. 95

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,  
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\*CLOSING HYMN *My Hope Is Built* No. 368

\*BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE *Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation* by Henry Purcell



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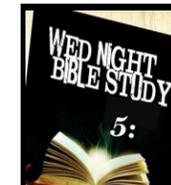
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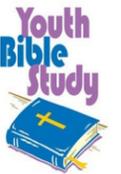
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