

# **WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

**Opening Music**

Praise Band

**Welcome & Ringing of the Bell**

Keith Joesel

## **\*Call to Worship**

Children of God, you are welcome here. All of who you are—even your regrets and failings—is welcome here.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.

Many of us find it easy to recognize our goodness and difficult to notice our sins.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.

Others of us live under a shroud of guilt and shame, believing we can never be good enough to receive the fullness of God's love.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.

However you enter this place, know this: you are loved, accepted, and called.

May God's love draw us to honest confession; God's acceptance assures us of the work of grace in our lives, and God's call compels us to live in grace.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God who loves us, accepts us, and calls us. Amen.

## **\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*Opening Praise Music**

*"Made for More"*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

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## **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we hear the story of David and wonder how he could so abuse his power—serving his own interests in such a selfish way. How different from the way Jesus used his power—serving, healing, and nurturing others.

Forgive us when our actions reflect those of David more than those of Jesus.

The account of David shows someone yielding to temptation by feeding his own particular hunger with disastrous results, whilst Jesus took time to feed the crowds with miraculous results.

Forgive us the times when we have yielded to the temptation of feeding our own interests to the detriment of others around us.

David demonstrated how things can get out of control when God's rules are not followed, while Jesus demonstrates how God's power can bring peace even into the stormiest situations.

We confess that the way of the world does reflect more the way of David than the way of Jesus, and we pray that we may be powerfully strengthened by the Holy Spirit to witness to Jesus' love and compassion in and through all we do and say. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

## **Sharing Our Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer**

### **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

*\*Doxology*

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**Scripture Reading**

2 Samuel 11: 1-15

**Praise Music**

"Gratitude"

**Sermon**

"A Need for Confession"  
Pastor Michael Bell

**\*Closing Praise Music**

*"Is He Worthy?"*

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Michael Bell

**\*Postlude**

Praise Band

***\*Please stand as you are able.***

## OUR PRAYERS:

At Elgin First UMC we believe in the power of prayer, and prayer is a practice we encourage. Please fill out a prayer card and give it to an usher. For confidential prayers, cards can be folded and handed directly to the pastor.


## OUR SERVICE:

Pastor.....Michael Bell  
Musician.....John Gibson

### Announcements

- Thank you for your generous BTW donations!
- Communion first Sunday of each month.
- Join our newsletter for news and dates about our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration events throughout the Summer and Fall. To join the newsletter, email the church at [fumcelgintx@gmail.com](mailto:fumcelgintx@gmail.com)
- Retirement Celebration for Bishop Schnase.  
Thursday, August 8th from 3-5 p.m.  
Northern Hills United Methodist Church  
[3703 North Loop 1604 East](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3703+North+Loop+1604+East,+San+Antonio,+TX+78204), San Antonio.

**Join us for worship every Sunday @ 11:00AM**  
**Adult Sunday School & Coffee Hour @ 10:00AM**  
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**11 AM Worship Service**  
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