

**Prelude ~**  
**Welcome & Announcements**  
**Worship Leader:** Maddie Johnson

(• *Please stand as you are able*)

**Christ's Light Enters**

**Introit:** "Kyrie"

• **Call to Worship**

Are you tired and overworked?

**God lifts up the weary.**

Are you overcome with sorrow?

**God heals the brokenhearted.**

Are you afraid that injustice will never end?

**God will overcome injustice.**

God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

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Praise God! How good it is to sing our praises!  
(based on Isaiah 40)

• **Opening Song** #126 vs 1,2,4  
"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

**Opening Prayer**

**Holy God, draw into our time of worship by the power of your Spirit, so that we may gain what we need for our journey of faith and life. Remind us once again that you are faithful. Remind us that you have called us to be faithful as well. In times of waiting, renew our strength and enable us to live fore you with joy. Amen.**

**New Testament Reading** 1 Corinthians 9:19-23  
**Liturgist:** Jean Wilcox

**Anthem** "My Lord, What A Morning"

**Children's Moment:** Pastor Melanie  
[After Children's Moment, children may go to the nursery or return to their parents.]

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 40:21-27 NRSV

**Sermon** "Waiting for God"  
**Pastor Melanie Adams**

**Response Song** "On Eagle's Wings" #143

**Time of Prayer**

*(Where have you seen God's presence? What joys and concerns are in your hearts and minds?)*  
Lord's Prayer #895

**Offertory**

**The Doxology ~ #94**

• **Offertory Prayer [Unison]**

**Creator of heaven and earth, you bless the earth with rain, make grass grow on the hills, and give animals their food. You bless us with everything we need. Receive these offerings, that they may ease the plight of the poor and comfort those who are in need. Amen.**

**Sacrament of Baptism** *(see screen)*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

• **Closing Song** "Hymn of Promise" #707

• **Our Purpose**

What is our purpose?

**We come to experience Christ's love, and work together to live it out!**

• **Benediction**

• **Benediction Response** "Walk with the Lord"

**Postlude ~**

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**PRAYERS**

Please see the Prayer Board outside the office for ongoing prayer requests.

Pray for our congregation: For the ministry of making, nurturing, and sending out of disciples; because we believe that God's Love is the answer for the most difficult questions of our world today. Jesus changes lives!

**Thoughts to Ponder**

- \* When you are called to "wait for the Lord," what do you do to make it a meaningful time?
- \* When the answers from God are slow to arrive, how do you wait?
- \* Is it true that doing something for others makes the waiting easier?

**Sermon Series Beginning Feb. 11 -  
A Disciple is...**

*This series will help you build an authentic, life-transforming, awesome relationship with Christ! No matter where you are in your journey of faith, this series will help you go further and dig deeper.*

**Events this week in church:**

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Sunday school/Living Church  
10:30 am Worship Service  
11:30 am Fellowship

**Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Trustees

**Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

5:45 pm Table Talk  
6:00 pm Choir Practice

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Youth Bake Sale  
9:30 am Sunday school/Living Church  
10:30 am Worship Service  
11:30 am All Church Potluck  
Dessert Auction

**COMING SOON**



**February 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Finance

**February 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Evening Cluster  
Beth Whisler's ~ 529 W. 5<sup>th</sup>

**February 14<sup>th</sup>**

5:45 pm Table Talk  
**6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 pm ADCO

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Blood Drive



Services:

February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm

**Interested in Membership and/or Baptism?**

Contact the church office to set up an appointment to visit with Pastor Melanie.

**Welcome to our guests!** We are glad you are here. We hope you were blessed by your experience at First United Methodist Church this morning and will tell a friend!

**Members and Friends,**

Please sign the attendance pads! Thank you!



**HOW CAN YOU HELP?  
BRING A DESSERT TO  
BE AUCTIONED  
NOW IS YOUR CHANCE  
TO SHOWCASE  
YOUR MAD BAKING  
SKILLS!!**



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