Prelude ~

Welcome & Announcements Worship Leader:

Loren Swenson

(• Please stand as you are able)

Christ's Light Enters

• Call to Worship

As it has been done since time began, God calls to you and me:

Speak, for your servant is listening.

From the beginning of time, God has formed us for service to be vessels of love in the world.

Come and see, for Christ is shaping us still.

Christ is present within and around us, inviting us to follow in faith and hope.

Here we are, for Christ has called and calls us still. Come and be the temples of God in this temple of worship.

May we be and become the body of Christ, sent into the world.

• **Opening Hymn:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" # 139 vs. 1,2, & 5

Opening Prayer

Speak to us, O God, that we might hear your call and respond with our lives. Mold us in your image. Fashion us for your service. Form us in your likeness. Breathe in us the Spirit of love, the Spirit in whom we pray. Amen. **Old Testament Reading** Liturgist: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Susie Haver

Children's Moment:Mary Thoman[After Children's Moment, children may go to thenursery or return to their parents.]

Gospel Reading John 1:43-51

Sermon "Chippie Doesn't Sing Much Anymore" Pastor Melanie Adams

Prayer Song "You Are Mine" #2218

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]

We are called God, to serve you with our whole being. In praise and thanksgiving we respond to that call with our dedication of these gifts and our commitment to you. We dedicate our lives to the work of making and nurturing disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, with your Holy Spirit leading the way. Amen.

• Closing Hymn

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #474 In memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. whose God-given mission led him to not only preach the gospel, but to live it boldly.

• Our Purpose

What is our purpose? We come to experience Christ's love, and work together to live it out!

- Benediction
- Benediction Response "Let There Be Peace on Earth" #431

Postlude ~

PRAYERS

Ed Collins (Brother of Janice Swenson) Lynette Hamel (Gene Johnson's Daughter) Family of Joe Kuchera Dan Torgler (Dorothy Torgler's Son) Jane Valcoure (Lisa Valcoure's Sister-In-Law)

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!

Events this week in church: Sunday, January 14th

9:30 amSunday school/Living Church10:30 amWorship Service11:30 amFellowship11:45 amDiscipleship Team, room 203

Monday, January 15th

5:30 pm ADCO

Wednesday, January 17th

11:30 amCommodities5:45 pmTable Talk

Thursday, January 18th

12:15 pmUMW Executive1:00 pmUMW General

Sunday, January 21st

9:30 amSunday school/Living Church10:30 amWorship ServiceHuman Relations Day Offering11:30 amFellowship11:30 amMissions Meeting



January 31^{st} 6:00Choir PracticeLove singing? Join us to share your talent and lift yourvoice in Praise to God. Men, Women and YoungAdults are welcome.February 13^{th} 7:00 pmEvening ClusterBeth Whisler's ~ 529 W. 5^{th}



Thoughts to Ponder How do you recapture your "reason for singing?" How is God calling you to share the joy you have in Christ with others?

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!



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