

**Prelude ~  
Welcome & Announcements**

Worship Leader: Angie Gabel-McConkey

(• Please stand as you are able)

**Christ's Light Enters**

**Introit** "Heal Me Gentle Spirit"

• **Call to Worship**

God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us this past week.

**We have come for this hour of worship to make ourselves more aware of God and to give thanks for God's presence with us.**

God is here even now, ready to strengthen us and to urge us to greater faithfulness.

**Fill us with your goodness, O God. Draw us into the orbit of your activity in the world that we might fulfill the purpose for which you created us.**

• **Opening Song** "Holy, Holy, Holy" #64

**Opening Prayer**

**Eternal God, you love us steadfastly, but we have trouble loving in return; you call us, but we do not hear; you reveal yourself, but we do not see; you lead us toward our neighbor, but we build walls around ourselves; you hate evil, injustice, and alienation, but we get used to it. O God, we pray, help us to see ourselves both as we are and as we might be in deeper relationship with you. And draw us by the power of your Spirit into your forgiving, renewing, and serviceable grace, through the mercies of Christ. Amen.**

**The Psalm** Psalm 121 #844  
Liturgist: Hannah Draper-Burnett

**Anthem** "When Jesus Wept"

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

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 25:37-40

**Sermon** "Living a Life of Service"  
Part 5 of Series, "A Disciple is..."  
**Pastor Melanie Adams**

**Response** "The Summons" #2130 vs. 1, 5  
This is our theme song for this sermon series.

**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 ~ #95**

• **Offertory Prayer [Unison]**  
**One and Eternal God of all time and space, we respond to you with joy as we lift up our tithes and offerings. The opportunity to share is a blessing for which we are very thankful. Your generous provision for our needs prompts us to be generous in return. Accomplish your purposes, we pray, through these gifts and in our lives. Amen.**

• **Closing Song** "They'll Know We Are Christians..." #2223

• **Our Purpose**

What is our purpose?

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

• **Benediction**

• **Benediction Response** "Heal Me Gentle Spirit"

**Postlude ~**

**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**

"Living a life of service" means living a lifestyle that offers the best of who we are in the name of Christ, in service to others. Take some quiet time to consider how God is leading you in this aspect of discipleship? Are you being called to something new? Are you being called to continue serving in some way that you've been doing, but perhaps, with greater effort?

"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20).

**Events this week in church:**

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

9:30 am Sunday school  
10:30 am Worship Service  
11:30 am Fellowship

**Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Finance

**Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

12:15 pm UMW Exec.  
1:00 pm UMW General

**Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

1:30pm Anthinium-Parlor

**Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Wear Blue Day**

9:30 am Sunday school  
10:30 am Worship Service  
11:30 am Fellowship

**COMING SOON**



**March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Commodities

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Oodles of Noodles Day

**March 27<sup>th</sup>**



**April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Spring Fever Bazaar

**Sermon Series "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.*

**Oodles of Noodles Day!!**  
**March 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**See bulletin board & sign up to help out.**  
**It's going to be a great day**  
**full of Flour and Fun!!**

**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!



**Sunday April 8, 2018**

First United Methodist Church across from CCHC on 11<sup>th</sup> street

Serving homemade Chicken and Noodles or Lasagna

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

\$8.00 for adults or \$4.00 children 12 and under

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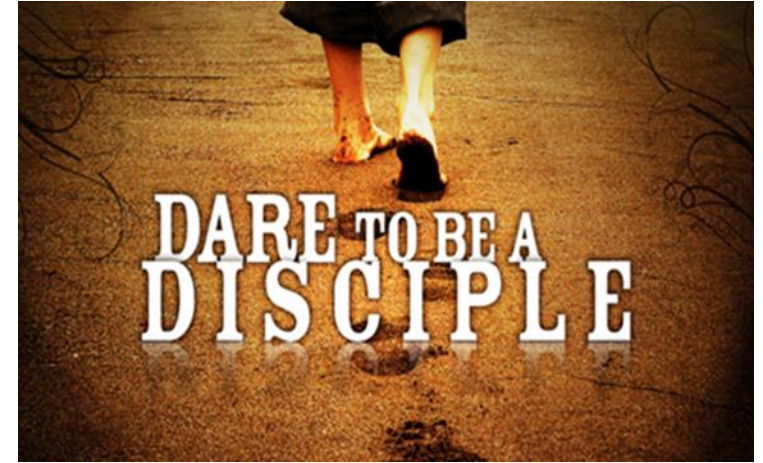
Books and Magazines

Bakery Items from great Methodist cooks

Jewelry new and gently used Pallet signs by the Youth

Come have a great lunch and fun shopping

See you April 8



**March 11, 2018**

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