

Prelude ~

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader:

Jason Johnson

**(Please stand as you are able)*

Christ’s Light Enters

Introit ~ Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

***Call to Worship**

Glory to God!

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)

This is good news!

This is good news, indeed!

Let us worship our God with gratefulness and joy!

***Opening Hymn** “O Spirit of the Living God” #539 vs. 1, 3 & 4

Opening Prayer

In faith we come into your presence, Loving God, trusting that your desire for us is that we live in relationship with you. We confess that sometimes our faith falters and we find old doubts creeping in. But then, when we reconnect with you through prayer, we find our hearts and lives transformed, and our hope restored. We open our hearts to you, God, in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

Liturgist: Judy Edwards

Anthem ~

Solo by Hannah Draper Burnett, Laudate Domini

Children’s Moment

Jason Johnson

[After Children’s Moment, children may go to the nursery or return to their parents.]

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36b-48

Singing our Faith ~ “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” #351 vs. 1 & 4
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” #474
“Standing On the Promises” #374 vs 1 & 2

Witness to Faith

Jason Johnson

Introduction to the 740 Prayer Initiative ~

Pastor Melanie

Calling Us to Prayer

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” #420

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** ~ Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow #94

***Offertory Prayer [Unison]**

With open and grateful hearts we dedicate these offerings, O God. How can we possibly repay you for your presence in our lives? Increase our ability to be ever more generous and loving in response to all you have given us. Amen.

***Answering God’s Call to Discipleship** “Here I Am Lord” #593

Our Purpose

What is our purpose?

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

Benediction/Instructions for Going Forth

Connect Card
April 15, 2018

(Please print first & last name clearly)

About me (mark all that apply)

- This is the first time here.
- This is my second time here.
- I am a member
- I regularly attend FUMC
- Visiting for special occasion

Please complete the portion below if:

- You are new to FUMC
- or
- Your contact info has changed

Address

City

State

Zip

Home or Cell Phone

E-Mail address

If you have children under age 18, please tell us their name(s) and birth date(s).

How did you find out about FUMC?

Please place Connect Card in offering plate during Offertory.

Let us know if you would like more information on.

How to get involved at FUMC

- Other _____
- Would like to talk with Pastor
- Join the Choir
- Join Praise Band

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!

Amanda Devore

(Dorothy Torgler's Great Granddaughter)

Family of Jim Larsen

Family of Pat Naylor Pilcher

Rosalee Olson

Waterman Family



Thoughts to Ponder

What was your experience as you moved out to spend a few moments in prayer for our congregation at the end of our worship service? In the days and weeks ahead, take notice of how God is answering our prayers.

Please take the 740 Prayer card with you to use at home, work, on vacation, or wherever you go. Thank you for praying for our church, community and world!

Events this week in church

Sunday, April 15th

- 9:30 am Sunday school
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:30 am Fellowship
- 11:45 am Discipleship

Monday, April 16th

- 5:30 pm ADCO

Wednesday, April 18th

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

Thursday, April 19th

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

Sunday, April 22nd

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

Change the World Sunday, April 29th

8:30–9:00 am

Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

9:00–9:30 am

Church Service in Sanctuary

9:30 am–Noon

*Projects & Random Acts of
Kindness, Lunch Preparations*

Noon–1:00 pm

Lunch in Fellowship Hall

12:30 pm

*Sharing Projects & RAoK
Kindness with the Group*

1:00–1:30 pm Lunch Clean-up

Thank You to everyone who volunteered their time, donated food, made bazaar items, hosted a bazaar booth, did countless dishes, endured a cold fellowship hall due to a broken boiler part and supported us by eating and shopping. We appreciate each and every one of you!!! ~ UMW



Friday, May 4, 2018

All Daughters Banquet
6:00 pm

Bring a dish to share and your own table service. For more info contact Carol Ruud or Wendy Holt.



Noisy offerings today for Change the World Sunday Supplies and Food!!



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