

**Prelude ~** "I Will Call Upon the Lord" #2002

**Welcome & Announcements**

*\*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Christ's Light Enters** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" #2088

**\*Call to Worship**

Give praise to God, O heavenly beings!

**Give praise to God's glory and strength.**

Give God the glory due God's holy name.

**Worship God in holy array.**

The voice of God is powerful.

**The voice of God is full of majesty.**

May God give strength to the people of God!

**May God bless the people with peace.** (from Psalm 29)

**\*Song of Praise** "How Great is Our God"

**Opening Prayer**

**Savior God, guide us into the truth of your generous love. When we try to exclude others from your promise, forgive us and open our hearts to be as generous and open with others as your Spirit is with us. When we think ourselves righteous or judge others to be condemned, forgive us and soften our hearts to be as gentle and loving as Jesus was when he walked upon this earth. Guide us to be people of true faith, blessed to be a blessing, born anew to share your salvation with all. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**New Testament Reading** Romans 8:12-17  
Liturgist: Monte Wentz

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

**Gospel Reading** John 3:1-17

**Sermon** "Transforming a Pharisee"  
**Pastor Melanie Adams**

**Response Song** "He Who Began a Good Work..." #2163

**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** "Oceans" Soloist: Maddie Johnson

**\*The Doxology** "Give Thanks" #2036

**\*Offertory Prayer [Unison]** "Oceans" Solo, Maddie Johnson  
**Loving God, as you have shown us your amazing sufficient grace, we give these gifts freely and joyfully so that we might be instruments of that grace. May our giving and our service glorify you. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn** "Mighty to Save"

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

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response** "Grace Alone" #2162

**Postlude ~**

Connect Card  
May 27, 2018

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(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

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

If you have children under age 18, please tell us their name(s) and birth date(s).  
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How did you find out about FUMC?  
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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!

**Family of Janice Dethloff**

**Family of Lynette Hamel**

**Nancy Nading**



### Thoughts to Ponder

\*Do you find Nicodemus (from our Gospel reading) to be an interesting character? Why/why not?

\*Do you struggle with any of the same things that Nicodemus struggled with?

\*What "Good News" do you see in today's message?

### Events this week in church:

#### Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Marketing

#### Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

Tulsa Youth Group Arrives

#### Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

***Huge thanks to our amazing organist, accompanist and pianist,***

***Pam Campbell.***

***Thanks for your commitment, volunteerism, and talent.***

***We appreciate you greatly.***



### Potluck June 3<sup>rd</sup>



**Please bring more food than usual because we will be hosting 15 hungry teenage boys and their leaders. Also, bring your own table service!!**



**May 27, 2018**

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