

**Prelude ~**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Worship Leader: Kent Anderson

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

**Christ’s Light Enters**

**Introit** Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

**\*Call to Worship**

Let us give thanks for God’s steadfast love and faithfulness!

**O sing to God a new song!**

With songs and celebrations, let us bring God our thanks and praise!

**O sing to God a new song!**

With a joyful noise, let us worship God!

**O sing to God a new song!** *(adapted from Psalm 98)*

**\*Opening Hymn** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” #139 vs 1,2,5

**Opening Prayer**

**God of Love, you have loved us first and continue to love us. We come before you as a people longing to love you in return. We hunger for your healing love in our lives, for we long to love ourselves and our neighbors. Come to us this day and fill our longing. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

**The Psalm** Psalm 98 #818

Liturgist: Bill Thompson

**Anthem** “The Gift of Love”

**Children’s Moment** Loren Swenson

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

**Gospel Reading** John 15:12-17

**Sermon** “The Best (and most difficult) Commandment”

**Pastor Melanie Adams**

**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]**

**Generous God, we lift up these monetary gifts for your service, even as we rededicate our lives for the same. Use these gifts and use our lives in such a way that others will know that your love is real and that it is for them, too. Amen.**

**Communion Song** “Come, Share the Lord” #2269

**Holy Communion** *(Liturgy on screen)*

**\*Closing Hymn** “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” #2223

**Our Purpose**

What is our purpose?

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

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response ~** “Sing to the Lord”

**Postlude ~**

Connect Card  
May 6, 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 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?

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**

**Amanda Devore**

**Dora Gail Johnson**

**Nancy Nading**

**Family of Rosalee Olson**

**Waterman Family**



## Thoughts to Ponder

What is the most difficult thing about loving as God loves? Can you think of a time in the past week when you showed God's love freely to someone else? Say a prayer of thanks to God for using your gifts to share Christ's love with others.

## Events this week in church:

### Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

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

### May 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>

### Pastor Melanie at a Retreat

### Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 pm Trustees

### Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

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



**Mother's Day Basket Giveaway!**

Only \$20 a Ticket gets you a Chance to Win over a \$150 worth of Mother's Day Pampering!!  
To be given away on Mother's Day in Church!!  
You do not need to be present to win!!

You Can Purchase More Than One Ticket!!

Quantity of Tickets is Limited!!

Puzzle Book  
Coloring Books  
Sensi Pot with Scents  
Pizza Hut Gift Certificate  
Massage Gift Certificate  
Bath & Body Bath Bombs  
Jitter's / Common Grounds Coupon  
Movie Theatre Gift Certificate  
Taco John's Gift Certificate  
Silver Brighton Bracelet  
Nail Art Supplies  
Chocolates  
Travel Mug  
Blanket  
Etc...

See any IMPACT Member or Kathy or Jason to get Your Tickets!!  
From Now till Mother's Day!!

All Proceeds Going to the IMPACT Mission Trip to Greeley, Co.



Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am till Noon

Yard Work, Small House Chores,  
Tree Trimming, Etc...

Where: Your Place, of course!

How: Notify Lisa at the Church office with the details (I.E. type of job, how many youth you need, how long it might take, your address.

Cost: All donations will go to the IMPACT Mission Trip Fundraising.  
Suggest Donation: \$7 per hour per Youth (At your discretion.)

## Commodities

Wednesday,  
May 16<sup>th</sup>

Sandwiches, Cookies,  
Coffee, and Fellowship  
Hosts needed!!!

Please sign up on the bulletin board by the office or call Lisa at 243-4560.



May 6, 2018

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