

Prelude ~

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader:

Loren Swenson

Christ's Light Enters

**(Please stand as you are able)*

***Call to Worship**

God calls us this day to a life of joy.

With God, joy cracks through the bonds of despair.

With God, joy bursts forth from moments of quiet pleasure.

With God, joy gilds the edges of even ordinary days.

This is the day which our God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! *(paraphrases PS 118:24)*

***Opening Hymn**

“This Is the Day” #657
(pastor will lead)

Opening Prayer

God, with great gentleness and care, you call us to be your people and to do your work. Be here with us today, for we come asking for your inspiration and blessing. May all we do be in line with your desire for us and for your church in the world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Liturgist: Marcy Johnson

Making our Own Special Music

“How Great Thou Art” vs, 1,2,4 #77

Children's Moment

Pastor Melanie

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10: 34-39

Sermon

“Holy Smokes, Jesus! What are You Up to?”

Pastor Melanie

Time of Prayer

(Where have you seen God's presence? What joys and concerns are in your hearts and minds?) Silent Prayer, Reflective Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer #895

Offertory

***The Doxology** “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” #94

***Offertory Prayer [Unison]**

Thank you, God, for the opportunity to share in your creative and restorative work among your people. Because you have blessed us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude and our commitment to the work to which you have called us. In gratitude we pray. Amen.

Communion Song

“Come, Share the Lord” #2269

Holy Communion

***Closing Hymn**

“I Am Thine, O Lord” vs. 1,2 #419

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 ~

Taking the 740 Prayer Initiative a Step Further

Please continue to pray for our church each day at 7:40 am or pm. Set your phone alarm to remind you! If you need a copy of the short 740 guide, there are extras in the ladder style organizer outside the sanctuary.

“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) May this be our prayer!

As summer draws to a close, please add to your prayers teachers and students going back to school soon, and for our church's Christian education work this fall. Ask God to send us children, youth, and adults to join us in experiencing Christ's love and living it out in our community. May hearts be touched and lives be changed!

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!

Madison Mills and Family

Pray for RAIN!!!!

Our community

Our state

Our country

If you are interested in baptism and/or church membership, please call the office to make an appointment to talk with Pastor Melanie.

Thoughts to Ponder

Are there times in your life that your commitment to Christ has caused issues within your own family? How was it resolved? Have you been able to be a witness to Christ's love with members or your family?

"Sittin' with Jesus"

Wednesdays in August

7 to 7:30 pm

Location: Chapel

A quiet place to come for a time of prayer.

Come as you are!

First United Methodist Church

Concordia

740 West Eleventh

785-243-4560

Please enter the building through the upper west doors then turn right to access the chapel.



Save the date for the
Annual UMM Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, August 22nd

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Join us for fun, fellowship and
fantastic dessert.

Free will offering accepted.

Events this week in church:

Sunday, August 5th

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

Tuesday, August 7th

7:00 pm Trustees

Sunday, August 12th

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

IMPACT

Mission Experience
Sharing & Free
Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, August 19th

5:30 pm

Fellowship Hall



Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, August 17th, 243-4560.



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