

Prelude ~

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader:

Loren Swenson

Christ's Light Enters

**(Please stand as you are able)*

***Call to Worship**

God calls us into new life!

God calls us to be doers of the word, acting out of faith and love.

Let us worship our God with joy and thanksgiving!

With hearts open, we are ready to share and receive the love of

God this day and always.

***Opening Hymn**

“Fairest Lord Jesus” #189

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 James 1:17-25 Liturgist: Lyle Pounds

Response: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks Be to God, Amen

Children's Moment

Pastor Melanie

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

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon

“Tradition! Tradition!”

Pastor Melanie Adams

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

Response of Faith

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord” #382 Vs. 1,3

Offertory

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

***Offertory Prayer [Unison]**

Receive our offering, O God, as our commitment to give from our lives to the work of your church. We offer ourselves and these gifts as our promise to be doers of the word, and not hearers only. Amen.

Holy Communion

***Closing Hymn**

“Together We Serve” #2175

Our Purpose

Our purpose statement has changed to reflect our overall mission and ministry, and our new First UMC “Brand.”

What is our purpose?

To provide a place for all to BELONG to our community, BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME his disciples. BELONG! BELIEVE! BECOME!

Benediction

Benediction Response

“Grace Alone”

#2162 vs. 1

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!

Additional prayer suggestions:
For all our fall ministries starting again soon: Wednesday evening Table Talk meal and classes, Exploring Membership mini-class in Oct., confirmation classes, etc. And pray, too, for our time of worship together, that each person present feels a part of our worship time and that the Holy Spirit fills us with power and grace. Please pray for our musicians, our liturgists, worship leaders, and pastor!

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!

Steve Corp

Carol Fellhour

Family of Linda Haist

Nita Lambert

Family of

Richard Paquette

Claudia Ukens

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

What traditions do you observe, personally or within our church, that are crucial to your faith in Christ? What traditions might you need to let go in order to be more faithful to God's call in your life or in the life of the church?

Events this week in church:

Sunday, September 2nd

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

Tuesday, September 4th

7:00 pm Trustees

Wednesday, September 5th

5:15 pm Hospitality
5:15 pm Worship

7:00 pm "Sittin' with Jesus"

Thursday, September 6th

9:30 pm Morning Cluster

Sunday, September 9th

9:30 am Praise on the Plaza

*Our Orphan Train Statue is here and will be unveiled on **September 20th** @ 5:15 pm. Make plans to attend, help us unveil this adorable statue and stay for refreshments.*



Sunday, September 9th

Broadway Plaza
(corner of 6th and Broadway)

9:30 am Worship

Brunch and Yard Games
following Worship

It's BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY!!!

Bring your lawn chair, a friend or 3, table service and something to share for Brunch.

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Methodist Church

"A Place for You to

Belong. Believe. Become"

We are looking for teachers and helpers for our Wednesday evening Table Talk classes (K-6 grades) beginning Sept. 12.

You would not have to teach every week. Please contact the church office or Cindy Kocher if you'd like to help raise up little disciples of Jesus!



a Place for You

BELONG • BELIEVE • BECOME

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