

Prelude ~

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader:

Kent Anderson

Christ's Light Enters

\*(Please stand as you are able)

\*Call to Worship

Behold, God is doing a new thing.

**Here. Now. In the midst of our routines.**

The Holy One who created heaven and earth forms us afresh today.

**Let our spirits rise to greet our Maker!**

**Amen!**

\*Opening Hymn

“We Are the Church” #558 vs, 1-4

Opening Prayer

**God, our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer, we give you thanks for this time to gather as your people in this place. We come, because you have called us here so that we may draw strength from you and from one another, and that we may encourage each other as we travel this journey of life. Speak to our hearts we pray. Amen.**

The Psalm

Psalm 100 #821

Liturgist: Nathan Brown

Response: The Word of God for the People of God

**All: Thanks Be to God, Amen**

Children's Moment

Bill Thompson

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

New Testament Reading

Romans 12:4-18

Sermon “Moving Ahead in Faith and Joy!” **Pastor Melanie Adams**

Sharing of Prayers: Celebrations and Concerns

*(Where have you seen God's presence? What joys and concerns are in your hearts and minds?)*

Prayer Song

“I Need Thee Every Hour” #397 vs. 1,3,5

Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer #895

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.**

\*Closing Hymn

“O Church of God United” #547 vs. 1,4

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!

You also probably know that we are currently without a choir director. Please include this in your prayers, too!

~ Pastor Melanie

## 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 Zora Anderson

**Sue Barnett**

(Ann Lanoue's Sister)

**Steve Corp**

### Family of Kathy Drury

**Carol Fellhour**

### Family of Maureen

(Friend of Peggi Barrett)

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

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## Thoughts to Ponder

What about our church excites you and makes you want to tell others about us? Where do you see God calling you to be part of the work we are doing here at FUMC?

## Events this week in church:

### Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Muffins for Missions

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

### Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

- 5:30 pm ADCO

### Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

- 5:30 pm "Sittin' with Jesus"
- 6:00 pm Table Talk Meal
- 6:30 pm Table Talk Classes

### Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

- 12:15 pm UMW Executive
- 1:00 pm UMW General
- 5:15 pm Statue Unveiling

### Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

**Our Orphan Train Statue is here and will be unveiled on**

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 5:15 pm. Make plans to attend, help us unveil this adorable statue and stay for refreshments.**

Statue was funded and donated by the Friends of the First United Methodist Church.



On **Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**, we will pass the Missions Buckets and hold our annual Muffins for Missions event! Stop by the kitchen on your way into church for a muffin and juice or coffee. All money raised will go to Mission Agency Support in the Great Plains Conference. Mission Agency giving supports more than 20 programs including Wesleyan University in Salina. For more details, visit <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport>.



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for You*

**BELONG • BELIEVE • BECOME**

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