

Prelude ~

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader:

Susie Haver

Christ's Light Enters

**(Please stand as you are able)*

***Call to Worship**

Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.

Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.

Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

Lord, prepare us to be caring, peaceful people.

Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in

ministries of hope and peace. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God" #152

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, Forgive us, we pray...

For all the times we have turned away from an opportunity to be generous;

For all the times we have believed in hopelessness, in isolation or in despair more than we have believed in you.

For all the times we have chosen timidity over bold witness;

For all the times we have failed to live into the awesomeness of the gifts you have given us.

Forgive us, O God. Teach us how to forgive each other, and help us to forgive ourselves. Amen.

Words of Assurance (from Lamentations 3:22-23)

"Holy God, your steadfast love never ceases. We thank you that your mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness." We are forgiven and free. **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-41 Liturgist: Carol Ruud

Stewardship Moment

Pam Campbell

Children's Moment

Lynette Saltzman

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

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Sermon

"Living Generously"

Pastor Melanie Adams

Sermon 4: Financial Health for the Christ Follower

Sharing of Prayers: Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Song

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" vs. 1 #140

Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer #895

The Offering

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

***Offertory Prayer [Unison]**

Merciful God, there is need in the world. But there is also generosity and goodness. Guide us as we use these offerings and our gifts to build your realm of peace and justice. May we grow in generosity. May we grow ever closer to you. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" #402

Our Purpose

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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
(chorus only) #140

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:
Please ask God to break through our financial limitations so that we can continue to be effective witnesses to the love of Christ. Ask God to open our hearts and to create a spirit of generosity and grace. Give God thanks for the many ways we are seeing the Holy Spirit working in us, through us, and among us!

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!

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

How much of your household income do you give away? Is there anything holding you back from giving?

How can your generosity serve as a witness to the abundant love of God?

Websites from last week's sermon:

<http://equalexchange.coop/fair-trade>

www.greenamerica.org/programs/responsibleshopper/

Events this week in church:

Sunday, October 14th

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

Wednesday, October 17th

5:15 pm Sittin' with Jesus
5:30 pm Choir Practice

NO TABLE TALK

Thursday, October 18th

12:15 pm UMW Executive
1:00 pm UMW General

Sunday, October 21st

UMW Sunday

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

Haunted House Build

5:00 pm Hay Rack Ride

Meet at the church at 4:30 or Loren's at 5:00. Bring a side dish.

Interested in Becoming a Member of FUMC but you're not sure what your next step is? **Pastor Melanie is hosting a gathering on October 21st & October 28th at 9:30 am, room 203.** Exploring Membership will help answer your questions and guide you on your journey.



ARE YOU (or someone you know) DEALING WITH... a Divorce, a Death, the Loss of a Job, Medical Adversities?

We GRIEVE.

We don't have to remain "STUCK. Get SUPPORT. Learn HOW to MOVE ON. LEARN HOW to get "UN-STUCK"

A Six Week Support Group will begin on

**Thursday, November 1st
Thursdays 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Please call the church office by Monday, October 29th to register, 243-4560**

***Enter the church from the lower parking lot. We will be meeting in Room 116.
Support Leader: Wendy Holt**

KARNIVAL OF KARNAGE

Haunted House
October 27, 28 & 31
7:00 - 9:30 pm

First United Methodist
Church
740 W. 11th
Cost: \$3

Flashlight Lead Tours
available for the Faint of
Heart & Young Kids
Fundraiser for IMPACT
Youth Group Missions Trip
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