

Prelude ~

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader:

Loren Swenson

Christ's Light Enters

**(Please stand as you are able)*

***Call to Worship**

Give praise to God!

We will give thanks to God with our whole heart, here in this place.

God is gracious and merciful.

The works of God's hands are faithful and just.

Holy and wonderful is our God!

Great is your faithfulness, O God!

(alludes to Psalm 111)

***Opening Hymn**

“Standing on the Promises” vs. 1,2,4 #374

Opening Prayer

Ever faithful God, we humbly ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered here this morning. Speak to us through scripture and song, silence and proclamation so that we may come to understand your great purpose for ourselves and our congregation. In Christ we pray. Amen.

The Psalm Psalm 111 #832

Liturgist: Nonnie Steinert

Presentation of United Methodist Women Mission Pins

Stewardship Moment

Gwydotta Ukens

Children's Moment

Nancy Wentz

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:25-31

Sermon

“Investing Responsibly” Pastor Melanie Adams

Sermon 5: Financial Health for the Christ Follower

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

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” #140

(our theme song for this sermon series)

Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer #895

The Offering

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

***Offertory Prayer [Unison]**

O Gracious and loving God, allow us to be the generous givers you have called us to be. May we give with generous hearts to support mission and ministry near and far. Bless our gifts so that lives will be touched and communities transformed. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

“How Firm a Foundation” vs. 1,2,5 #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 pray for the children and youth of our community. And pray also that we, here, at FUMC might be effective in reaching more of these young people with the love of Christ.

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 Blake Alderson

Larry Bowman

Gerald Campbell

Mark McConkey (death of sister)

Joyce Peterson

Bill Valcoure

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 are you saving for the future? What are your long-term financial goals? How is your investing helping you and your family for the future? How will it help you serve God in the future? Websites from Oct 7th's sermon:

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

www.greenamerica.org/programs/responsibleshopper/

Events this week in church:

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.

Wednesday, October 17th

5:15 pm Sittin' with Jesus

5:30 pm Choir Practice

5:45 pm Table Talk Meal

6:30 pm Table Talk Classes

Saturday, October 27th

Healthy Congregations Training

Sunday, October 28th

9:30 am Sunday school

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Fellowship

7:00 pm Haunted House

Sunday, November 11th

11:30 pm Thanksgiving Dinner

Life Changes Support Group

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

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 11th

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Concordia 1st UMC

(across from the hospital on 11th St)

Suggested Donation:

\$10 for adults, \$5 for children (ages 10 and under)

Takeout and delivery available - call 243-4560



MISSIONS SUPER SATURDAY

November 3rd at 9:00 am

Breakfast and Lunch will be served

Projects:

Haunted House Construction

Layette Blanket Construction

Layette Set Assembly

Let the Missions Team know if you have another project ideal



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