Prelude ~

**Welcome & Announcements** 

Worship Leader: Loren Swenson

#### **Christ's Light Enters**

\*(Please stand as you are able)

# \*Call to Worship

The Apostle Paul tells us in his letter to the Philippians,

"The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:5b-7)

Let us worship our God who is our peace.

\*Opening Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" vs. 1,2,5 #139

## **Opening Prayer**

God of faith and hope, as we come together to worship you and to draw our strength from you, we seek your peace which passes all understanding. We pray that the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts might be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

**Reading from the Psalms** 

Psalm 56:3-4

Liturgist: Maddie Johnson

Children's Message

Wendy Holt

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

**Gospel Reading** 

Mark 16:1-8

Sermon "Fear" Pastor Melanie Adams

Part 1 of Series: With Courage and Hope

Response

"You Are Mine" #2218

Theme song for this sermon series.

#### **Sharing of Prayers: Celebrations and Concerns**

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

Silent Meditation and Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer #895

#### **Offertory**

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

\*Offertory Prayer [Unison]

Loving God, who brings us peace and reassurance, and dispels our fears, it is with gratitude that we dedicate these gifts to your service. We are happy to give so that others may know your great love. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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#### **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** "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

**Postlude** 

#### **UPDATED 740 Prayer Initiative**

(Thank you for stepping up your prayers for our congregation! Set your phones to remind yourself to stop at 7:40 am and/or 7:40 pm each day to pray for our church and the mission and ministry we are called to do. Where did we come up with the number 740? It is our street address number. If you can't pray at 7:40, choose another time. The important thing is that we are praying!)

Scriptures for prayer: "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up" Galatians 6:9.

"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.

Please pray that God continues to work in our hearts and through the work of our hands so that others may also come to experience Christ's love. Pray that God would lead us and equip us for the living out of our purpose (what we repeat at the end of each service). And pray that God help each of us to be a follower of Christ committed to living a life of worship & hospitality, a life of opening our heart to the Holy Spirit, and a life of service & generosity. Pray for those who are seated around you in worship, whether you know them by name or not. Remember to lift up the need of our community and world. Pray the news: as you listen to the news of each day pray about each situation.

Give thanks to God! "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

#### **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!

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Gerald Campbell
Family of Nita Lambert Culley
Hannah Kircher
Jeff Krohn
Taryn Mosher
Family of Dwight Nichols
Family of Sherrie Radcliffe
Dorothy Torgler

#### **Thoughts to Ponder**

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Today we begin a new sermon series entitled,
"With Courage and Hope:
Living without Fear."
This series is based on the book, "Unafraid"
by Adam Hamilton.
What might you hope to learn or experience from a series dealing with fear?
What are some fears you have?
Over 140 times in the Bible people are told, "Do not be afraid." How does this make you feel?

# Events this week in church: Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am Confirmation Class

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Fellowship

5:00 pm Financial Peace University

#### Monday, January 14th

7:00 pm Finance

#### Wednesday, January 16th

10:00 am Commodities

5:00 pm Sittin' With Jesus

5:30 pm Choir Practice

5:45 pm Table Talk Meal

6:30 pm Table Talk Classes

#### Thursday, January 17th

12:15 pm UMW General

1:00 pm UMW Executive

#### Sunday, January 20th

9:30 am Sunday School

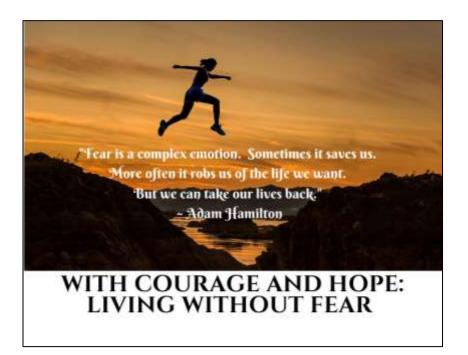
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### "The Sweetest Thing" Wall

What is it? It's a wall of the 100 Sweetest Things about our church!!!! How can you help? Send me a few words or pictures of your sweetest thing about our church.... is it a feeling? our family? the sanctuary? ..... what is the best (sweetest) thing for you???? Maybe it's a group of people, caroling, Thanksgiving dinner, fellowship, worship, Table Talk, community service projects.... what's your sweet button???? Help make our wall "Sweet."



# January 13, 2019 First United Methodist Church

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