

**Prelude ~** “Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone”

**Welcome & Announcements**

Worship Leader: Loren Swenson

**Christ’s Light Enters** “I Will Call Upon the Lord” #2002

*\*(Please stand as you are able)*

**\*Call to Worship**

We come to worship our God.

**We come to worship the God of love, mercy, and grace.**

Our God calls us by name.

**We belong to God.**

Therefore, we gather together in joy and hope!

**Praise the Lord!**

**\*Opening Song** “Shine, Jesus, Shine” #2173

**Opening Prayer**

**Loving God, your changes touch our lives with mystery and hope.**

**We come to this place today, ready to see your power working**

**through us. Help us to receive your Spirit again so that we can**

**live fearlessly and do your will. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

**Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39** #887

Liturgist: Cindy Kocher

**Children’s Message** Puppets

**Old Testament Reading** Psalm 139: 1-12

**Sermon** “The Fears of Meaninglessness and Being Alone”

Part 7 of Series: With Courage and Hope

Pastor Melanie Adams

**Response** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #526

**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**

**The Offering** “Oceans” Praise Band

**The Doxology** “Give Thanks” #2036

**\*Offertory Prayer [Unison]**

**Generous God, by your example of unlimited love and grace demonstrated by your son, Jesus, and in countless ways throughout history, we commit ourselves to greater generosity of all that you have given us. Our offering is an act of worship and devotion, a confession of our faith, and an act of dependence on you. With joy we dedicate these tithes and offerings to your service. Amen.**

**\*Closing Song** “You Are Mine” #2218

**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** “Grace Alone” #2162

**Postlude**

Concordia First 740 Prayer Initiative,  
2019 UPDATE!

*Thank you for praying 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. If you can’t pray at 7:40 (the number comes from our street address) choose another time. The important thing is that we are praying! “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 continue praying for the work of our congregation, for our leaders, for those who are new to our church (or just trying us out) and those who’ve been here for decades. Pray that God helps us do whatever it takes to share the love of Christ in a way that connects with our neighbors and friends.

Consider asking God to help you invite someone to our church. Ask yourself, “What is it that keeps me coming back? How has my faith grown as a result of being part of FUMC?” And then share that information with a friend. Don’t be afraid to share joyfully and enthusiastically, and when someone accepts your invitation to come to church, offer to meet them at the door or pick them up. We have a great congregation and we want to share that with others! Thanks be to God!

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR  
CONGREGATION?

Pastor Melanie would love to get to know you! Call the office to set up a time to talk here at the church, at your home, or your favorite downtown spot. Church phone: 785-243-4560.

## 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!

\*\*\*\*\*

**Thayne Coulter & Sherry**

**Tim Holt**

**Nikki Riggins**

**William Strait**

**Dorothy Torgler**

\*\*\*\*\*

## Thoughts to Ponder

As we think about the fears of being alone and meaninglessness, the acronym for fear is helpful:

**F**ace your fears with faith.

**E**xamine your assumptions in light of the facts.

**A**ttack your anxieties with action.

**R**elease your cares to God.

## Events this week in church:

### Sunday, February 24th

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:30 am Missions
- 5:00 pm Financial Peace University

### Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

- 5:00 pm Sittin' With Jesus
- 5:30 pm Choir Practice
- 5:45 pm Table Talk Meal
- 6:30 pm Table Talk Classes

### Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 5:00 pm Financial Peace University
- 7:00 pm Visionaries Game Night



Thank you to all that shopped on Amazon and chose FUMC as your charity. Because of you, we received \$43.33 from Amazon last week.

Here's our link for those interested:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/48-0622392>



**February 24, 2019**

## First United Methodist Church

740 West 11<sup>th</sup> St, Concordia, KS 66901

Church (785) 243-4560

Office Hours:

MONDAY: 8:00 AM-3:30 PM

TUESDAY: 9:30 AM-3:30 PM

WEDNESDAY: 8:00 AM-3:30 PM

THURSDAY: 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

FRIDAY: 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Pastor's Cell Phone (308) 920-0917

E-mail: [concordialumc@gmail.com](mailto:concordialumc@gmail.com)

E-mail: [madams@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:madams@greatplainsumc.org)

Website: [www.concordiafumc.com](http://www.concordiafumc.com)

Follow us on Facebook:

[Concordia First United Methodist Church](https://www.facebook.com/ConcordiaFirstUnitedMethodistChurch)

Rev. Melanie Adams, Pastor