

**Prelude ~** Pam Campbell, Organist

**Welcome & Announcements**

Worship Leader: Jason Johnson

**Christ's Light Enters**

**Introit** "May the Grace of Christ our Savior" Choir  
*\*(Please stand as you are able)*

**\*Call to Worship**

Our lives are ever-changing,  
**but nothing – not one thing – surprises God.**

God uses every turn to reveal more love...

**to give more strength...**

to deposit more hope...

**and to show us how to see Christ more clearly.**

**Praise God!**

**\*Opening Song** "Come and Find the Quiet Center" #2128

**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.**

**The Psalm** Psalm 71:14-23 (on screen, read responsively)  
Liturgist: Gwydotta Ukens

**Anthem** "Lord, Be With Us on This Day" Choir

**Children's Message**

Mary Thoman

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

**Scripture Reading**

Exodus 6:10-13, 7:6-7

**Sermon** "I Don't Want to Grow Old" **Pastor Melanie Adams**  
Part 10 of Series: With Courage and Hope

**Response** "Be Thou My Vision" vs. 1,2 #451

**Sharing of Prayers: Celebrations and Concerns**

**Silent Meditation and Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer #895**

**The Offering**

**The Doxology** #95

**\*Offertory Prayer [Unison]**

**Ever Generous God, we, your people have shown our gratitude to you through the giving of these gifts. We believe this is a ministry to which you have called us: a ministry of generosity and grace. We dedicate these gifts to your service, trusting that they do make a real difference in the lives of many. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #140

**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** "Bless the Lord" Choir

**Postlude**

**God Welcomes All and So Do We!!!!!!**

**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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**Tim Holt**

**Dewayne Kasl Family**

**Andy Lambert**

**Richard Swenson**

**Dorothy Torgler**

**Trish Waterman**

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## Thoughts to Ponder

What about growing older worries or concerns you?

How many of these fears are things you can do something about? What do you need to turn over to God in prayer?

Are there some fears you hold about growing older that are unrealistic? What are the blessings of growing older as you see them?

## Events this week in church:

### Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>:

- 9:00 am Chapel Communion
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Secret Prayer Sister Reveal
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:30 am Fellowship

### Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>:

- 5:30 pm ADCO

### Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>:

- 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, March 21<sup>st</sup>:

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

### Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>:

- 9:00 am Chapel Communion
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:30 am Italian Dinner



The reusable grocery bags provided by Healthy Congregations Team provide a great way to save the environment AND advertise our church!

Bags are located on the table in the hallway by the office. The bags are free (one per family).



UMW will celebrate 150 years on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Annual Chicken & Noodle Dinner

**Sunday, April 7th**

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm**



# I thought growing old would take longer.

**March 17, 2019**

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