

Prelude ~ Pam Campbell, Organist

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader: Loren Swenson

Christ's Light

Introit "May the Grace of Christ our Savior" Choir

**(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 Hymn** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" #126
vs, 1,2,3

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.

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

Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39 #887
Liturgist: Susie Haver

Children's Message

Pastor Melanie

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

Sermon "Fear of Change" Pastor Melanie Adams
John 5: 1-8

Response "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" vs. 1,2 #526

Sharing of Prayers: Celebrations and Concerns

Silent Meditation and Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer #895

The Offering

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

***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.

Holy Communion

***Closing Hymn** "You are Mine" #2162

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

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!

**Thayne Coulter &
Sherry**

Tim Holt

Nikki Riggins

William Strait

Dorothy Torgler

Trish Waterman

Thoughts to Ponder

As we think about the "Fear of Being Alone," the acronym for fear is helpful: **Face** your fears with faith. **Examine** your assumptions in light of the facts. **Attack** your anxieties with action.

Release your cares to God.

Events this week in church:

Sunday, March 3rd

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:30 am Fellowship
- 11:30 am Walk Kansas Meeting
- 5:00 pm Financial Peace University
- 7:00 pm Visionaries Game Night

Tuesday, March 5th:

- 7:00 pm Trustees

Wednesday, March 6th:

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

Thursday, March 7th:

- 9:30 am UMW Morning Cluster

Sunday, March 10th

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



March 6,
2019

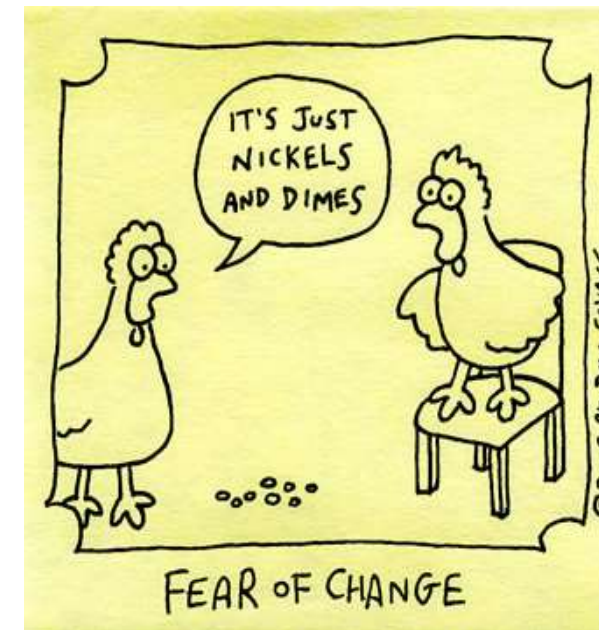
6:30 pm

Worship



**Visionaries
Game Night
Sunday,
March 3rd
7:00 pm,**

Fellowship Hall
Bring a snack
to share and
your soda of
choice. Be
ready for a
night of fun
and fellowship.



March 3, 2019

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