

**Prelude ~** Pam Campbell

**Welcome & Announcements**  
Worship Leader:

**Christ's Light Enters**

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

**\*Call to Worship**

God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us this past week.

**We have come for this hour of worship to make ourselves more aware of God and to give thanks for God's presence with us.**

God is here even now, ready to strengthen us and to urge us to greater faithfulness.

**Fill us with your goodness, O God. Draw us into the orbit of your activity in the world that we might fulfill the purpose for which you created us.**

**\* Singing Our Praise** "How Great Thou Art" vs. 1,2 #77  
"Standing on the Promises" vs. 1,4 #374

**Opening Prayer**

**We come to you today, God, seeking to draw closer to you because we need you so desperately. But we confess that we often let the world around us get in the way. We sometimes let rules and traditions come between you and us. We sometimes let these same things keep us from loving your people. As we worship today, speak to our hearts. Inspire us, reassure us, comfort us, and give us courage to do your work. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

**The Psalm** Psalm 71: 1-12 #794  
Liturgist: Verna Ferguson

**Children's Message** Loren Swenson

**Gospel Reading** Luke 13:10-17

**Message** "They Happen All the Time" Pastor Melanie Adams

**Prayer Song** "I Need Thee Every Hour" vs. 1,3,5 #397

**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 & Pastoral Prayer**  
**Lord's Prayer** #895

**The Offering**

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

**Offertory Prayer [Unison]**  
**We hear your voice in our lives, Generous God, calling us to live with open and generous hearts. These gifts are given today in gratitude for all you have done for us. We give them with great joy! Amen.**

**\* Closing Song** "Grace Alone" #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** Pastor Melanie Adams

**Benediction Response** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" #431

**Postlude ~** Pam Campbell

## 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!

**Lucille Blecha**

**Doris Carlgren**

**Sister Ann Gilner**

**Keith Fuller**

**Family of Brian Johnson**

**Derek McChesney**

*(extended family member of the Campbell's)*

**Peggy McConkey**

**Bob McCollum**

**Betty Miller (Trinity)**

**Jean Wilcox**





Sending GRATITUDE to all who donated to the Boiler Project. We are seeing significant decreases in our gas and electric bills due to YOU and YOUR sharing of God's blessings.

Interested in Membership and/or Baptism? Contact the church office to set up an appointment to visit with Pastor Melanie.

Welcome to our guests! We are glad you are here. We hope you were blessed by your experience at First United Methodist Church this morning and will tell a friend!

**Events this week in church:**

**Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>:**

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:30 am Fellowship
- 11:30 am Discipleship

**Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>:**

5:30 pm Sittin' With Jesus

**Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>:**

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:30 am Fellowship

**Thoughts to Ponder**

What are some ways we as a church might be putting tradition, rules, etc. above the love of people? What changes do we need to consider?

How are you like the bent-over woman in our scripture reading today? Where do you need healing in your life? Pause, and ask Christ for his healing touch in your life. Then pay attention to how your prayer is answered.



Our building needs some TLC. Join us on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30 am for some light repairs and a lot of laughs.



**August 25, 2019**

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