**Prelude** ~ Jane Wahlmeier

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

Worship Leader: Loren Swenson

## **Christ's Light Enters**

\*(Please stand as you are able)

# \*Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

# And also, with you.

The risen Christ is with us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Praise God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer!

### \* Singing Our Praise

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" vs. 1,4 #126

# **Opening Prayer**

Gracious and Loving God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read, we experience you in word, meditation, and song, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

The Psalm

Psalm 138

#853

Liturgist: Dan Gerber

Children's Message

Gwydotta Ukens

**Gospel Reading** 

Luke 13:10-17

Message

part 1: "State of the Church"

Pastor Melanie Adams

Scripture

Isaiah 43:19

Song

"God of Grace and God of Glory" vs. 1 #577

Message

t 2: "Hope for the Church" Pastor Melanie Adams

# **Sharing of Prayers: Gratitude and Challenges**

(Where have you seen God's presence? What gratitude and/or challenge is in your heart or on your mind?)

# 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

"Here I Am, Lord"

#593

## \*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

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!

#### **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!



Bob McCollum
Betty Miller (Trinity)
Family of Jean Wilcox



Sending GRATITUDE to
Jason Johnson, Kathy Poore,
Angie Gable McConkey,
Cindy Kocher, Patty
Mosher, Mary Thoman and
Maddie Johnson!!! This
amazing group has begun
their journey of leading our
children in their faith
journey for the 2019-2020
Table Talk year.

# **Events this week in church:** Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>: **Muffins for Missions Sunday**

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

11:30 am Missions

Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>: 5:30 pm ADCO

# Wednesday, September 18th:

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

6:30 pm Confirmation Class

# Thursday, September 5th:

12:15 pm UMW Executive

1:00 pm UMW General

# Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>:

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Fellowship



All proceeds from Muffins for Missions will go to Mission Agency Support. If you would rather make a monetary donation, Mission Buckets will be passed during worship.

**UPDATE 740 PRAYER INITIATIVE** The 740 Prayer Initiative is your invitation to be in prayer for our church. 740 is our street address here at First Church, and so you are invited to set your phone alarms for 7:40 am or pm to take a minute to pray for our church. Key scriptures: "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). "For I know that plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11)

mission and ministry of this church. Are

you being called to form a "Fresh Expression" of church? Are you being

called to invite someone you know to

church? Finally, but just as important,

give thanks in gratitude to God for all

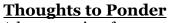
the ways we here at FUMC are making a

difference in the lives of others for the

sake of Jesus who loves us all.

Note: Making young Pray that God would lead us to imagine everyone else, of what it would look like to make young people (children, youth, 20 and 30 find that the entire somethings, etc.) our priority. Pray that God equips us for effective ministry in these changing times. Ask God to guide you personally as to your part in the





A key question for us to seriously keep before us as we plan, as we consider our future as a congregation is, "What would it look like if we made young people our priority?" Does it mean pumping up our Wednesday evening activities in a way that helps busy families connect to our church and God? Does it mean something else?

people our priority does not mean we ignore course. Churches that make this shift in focus congregation benefits in the renewed energy and passion younger people bring to everything. It's a win-win situation.



# **September 15, 2019** First United Methodist Church

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