

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 part 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 15th:

Muffins for Missions Sunday

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

Monday, September 16th:

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 22nd:

- 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)

Pray that God would lead us to imagine what it would look like to make young people (children, youth, 20 and 30 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 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.

Thoughts to Ponder

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?

Note: Making young people our priority does not mean we ignore everyone else, of course. Churches that make this shift in focus find that the entire congregation benefits in the renewed energy and passion younger people bring to everything. It's a win-win situation.



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