

Prelude ~ Pam Campbell
Welcome/Announcements Jason Johnson
Growth in Gratitude Movement Lisa Brewer

Christ's Light Enters
**(Please stand as you are able)*

***Call to Worship**
Have you ever felt like no matter how hard you try you just can't find joy and peace?

Yes. Sometimes.
Do you ever find you are trying to do it all on your own, without God?

Oh yes, we confess that we do that, too.
Well, that is why we are here, today.
We are here to be reminded that God is active in our lives and in the world.

Know that God is with us!
God is with us indeed!

*** Singing Our Praise** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #158

Opening Prayer
Loving and gracious God, speak to our hearts today in the words that we speak and sing, as well as the meditations of our hearts. For you are our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

Gospel Reading John 15:9-11 CEB
Liturgist: Marcy Johnson

Children's Message Melanie Adams

Old Testament Readings
Proverbs 3:5 NRSV, Isaiah 40:28-31 NRSV

Message "Bird in the Church" Pastor Melanie Adams

Call to Prayer "Bless the Lord" (sing twice) #2013

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]
In faith, we bring these offerings to you, Gracious God. In faith, we commit them and ourselves to your service. We give these gifts with profound gratefulness to you for your constant presence and loving grace. Amen.

*** Closing Song** "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 Pastor Melanie Adams

Benediction Response "On Eagle's Wings" refrain #143

Postlude ~ Pam Campbell

The Healthy Congregations Committee is hosting fellowship time immediately following worship. Healthy, tasty snacks will be served.

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!



Steve Corp

Jeff Doyle

Tim Holt

Melissa Smith

Family of Jean Wilcox

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!

Reflecting with Gratitude on How We Worship

You received a survey about what parts of worship you are most grateful for when you entered church today. We invite you to be really present during worship today as you consider how we move, pray, celebrate, and function in this space together. What are you most grateful for? Mark those things on the survey. If there are things you simply don't notice or engage with leave those blank on the survey. Did we ask you about something that you never realized was there but now that you do, you'll engage with it going forward? Let us know! Did we miss something you're grateful for during worship? Be sure to add it at the bottom. Thank you for taking time to give thanks with us for all of the wonderful things God is doing in the midst of our time together in prayer.

Please bring or email a photo to the church office sometime during the next 2 weeks that expresses your gratitude for our church and an experience you've had in this place. Maybe you were married here or made a new friend during Table Talk. The photo will adorn the hallway wall so we can all give thanks for the way our space blesses you.

Events this week in church:

Sunday, September 29th:

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

Tuesday, October 1st:

6:00 pm Lay Leadership
7:00 pm Trustees

Wednesday, October 2nd:

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

Thursday, October 3rd:

9:30 am Morning Cluster

Sunday, October 6th:

World Communion Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am **Potluck**

Sending Gratitude to everyone who volunteered or donated items/money for the Fall Fest Booth!! It's appreciated!!!



Join us to make Layette Blankets!
Saturday, October 12th at 8:30 am
Fellowship Hall
Everyone is welcome—no experience required!

New T-Shirts have arrived!

If you pre-ordered, shirts are available for pickup after church or in the office.

Shirts are available for \$10 each or \$8 each for three or more.



Sunday, October 13th 11:30 am

Join us for food, fellowship and fun!!! Bring a dish to share, your table service and an appetite!!

Thoughts to Ponder

Think about a time when it felt like you were hitting your head against a window over and over again. Who were the messengers of God that helped you find God's Light? When have you been a messenger of God to someone else? Where might God be calling you to help today?



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