

**Prelude ~** Pam Campbell

**Welcome/Announcements** Loren Swensen

*(• Please stand as you are able)*

**Welcoming the Light of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship**

Lift up your hearts, people of God! For the steadfast love of God never ceases.

**God’s mercies never end. They are new every morning; great is God’s faithfulness.**

My soul says, “The Lord is my portion; therefore, I will hope in him.”  
*(Lamentations 3:22-24)*

**God is good!**

All the time!

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God is good!

**\* Singing our Praise** “Great is Thy Faithfulness” #140

**Opening Prayer**

**Good and Great God; our Creator, our Redeemer and our Sustainer, draw us close as we worship this hour. Speak to our hearts your words of hope, of wisdom, of courage, and of love. May what we do here today equip us for serving you and bring us peace. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**The Psalm** Psalm 23 #754  
Liturgist: Amanda Morgan

**Children’s Message** Loren Swenson

**Old Testament Reading** Lamentations 3:19-26 NRSV  
Pastor Melanie

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 5:3 NRSV

**Sermon** “Blessed are the Poor in Spirit”  
Week 2: The Beatitudes Series

**Song of Assurance** “How Firm a Foundation” #529

**Statement of Faith from Romans 8** #887

**Time of Prayer**

*(Where have you seen God’s presence? What joys and concerns are in your hearts and minds?)*

**Lord’s Prayer** #895

**Offertory**

**Doxology** #95

**Offertory Prayer**

**O God, you bless us in so many areas of our lives - in places we often fail to recognize as blessing. Help us have eyes to see and hearts to understand the depth of your love and blessing. Today, we give out of that blessedness, dedicating ourselves to lives of justice and love, giving all that we are and all that we have to bring about your beloved community, here and now. Amen.**

**\*Closing Song** “You are Mine” #2218

**\*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

**Benediction Response** “Let There Be Peace on Earth” #431

**Postlude ~** Pam Campbell



**Family of  
Dr Marvin Lawton  
Waterman Family**

**Family of  
Bob McCollum**

**Please check the Prayer  
Board for further  
Requests & Continued  
Prayers**



**8<sup>th</sup> Jim Lanoue**

**12<sup>th</sup> Gerald Campbell**

**12<sup>th</sup> John Culley**

**Events this week:**

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>:**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Coffee & Conversing  
10:30 am Worship Service  
5:00 pm Yoga

**Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>:**

7:00 pm Finance Meeting

**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>:**

**Match Madness**

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>:**

5:00 pm Sittin' With Jesus  
5:30 pm Choir Practice  
NO Table Talk This Week

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>:**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Coffee & Conversing  
10:30 am Worship Service  
5:00 pm Yoga

**\*Mark your calendar**

Looking ahead:

\*Commodities March 18<sup>th</sup>

\*Noodle Making March 21<sup>st</sup>

\*Easter Lily Orders need to be in with payment by March 27<sup>th</sup>



This one-day event is designed to generate new gifts to our endowed fund at the Community Foundation for Cloud County for long-term support, as well as current gifts to help us meet our immediate needs - It's a win-win!

Come by [the Foundation Office](#), 201 W. 6th, Concordia, KS from 7 a.m.– 7 p.m. on March 8 and “fill out a bracket” to donate to us and your favorite charities, or make an online donation at [www.communityfoundationforcloudcounty.org](http://www.communityfoundationforcloudcounty.org) from 12:00 a.m.– 11:59 p.m. Every new endowed donation\* will receive a cash match! Donations will be match proportionally.



**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!



**March 8<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

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Monday: 8:00 am-3:30 pm  
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Friday: Office Closed

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