

**Prelude ~** Pam Campbell

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Welcoming the Light of Christ**

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

**\*Call to Worship**

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

**We have gathered to hear the story of God and God’s people.**

It is a story of God’s mercy and steadfast love.

**It is our story, for we are God’s people.**

Inspire us, God, to faithfulness, to mercy, to steadfast love.

**Let us become a people who reflect your image.**

**Musical Praise** “How Great Thou Art” #77  
Organ solo

**Opening Prayer**

**Sustaining God, we are grateful to be here in this sacred place once again. We ask that you clear our minds, open our hearts, and touch us with your presence and your power. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.**

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 13:1-9

**New Testament Reading** 1 Timothy 4:4-10

**Sermon** “A Spiritual Training Program”

**Time of Prayer** *Where have you seen God’s presence?  
What joys and concerns are in your hearts and minds?*

Lord’s Prayer #895

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Loving and Gracious God, we offer ourselves along with our gifts, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. As we seek to be more like you, help us to realize the many new possibilities you put in our lives each day. With joy and gratitude we rededicate our lives and these gifts of love. In Christ we pray. 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

**Postlude ~** Pam Campbell

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- Kimberly Lees
- Monna Metzger
- Debbie Vanous
- Trudy Howe
- Jan Novlan
- Nancy Nading
- Marcia Pounds
- Willie Lawrence
- Peggy Nelson
- Ted Thoman

- Family of Richard Swenson
- Family of Tim Holt
- Family of Dorothy Nease



- Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tim Peltier
- Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> – Alberta Neel

**Events this week:**

**Sunday, August 2nd:**

10:30 am Worship Service  
(On-line worship also available)  
Missions Meeting following  
Worship

**Monday, August 3rd:**

5:30 pm Healthy  
Congregations

**Tuesday, August 4th:**

7:00 pm Trustees

**Thursday, August 6th:**

10:00 am UMW Exec.

**Sunday, Aug. 9th:**

10:30 am Worship Service  
(On-line worship also available)

Please leave pew sections  
with purple tape unoccupied  
to maintain social distancing.

Use this QR Code to access Online Giving!



Or, visit [www.concordiafumc.com](http://www.concordiafumc.com).

We request that everyone wear  
a mask!

If you need a mask, they are  
available at each entrance. We  
also ask that you use the hand  
sanitizer available at each  
entrance as you come  
into the building.

**Sports Equipment has been  
purchased and is hanging on the  
coat rack near the lower level  
entrance!**



Thanks to Marsha Wentz for labeling the ball bags!

**Join us for a Sunday Morning  
Devotional on Facebook!**

[www.facebook.com/concordia1umc](http://www.facebook.com/concordia1umc)

**If you need help setting up Facebook,  
contact the church office.**

**Step-n-Pull devices now available on all Bathroom Doors!**



**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!



**August 2nd, 2020**

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