

**Prelude ~** Pam Campbell, organist  
**Welcome & Announcements**

**Worship Leader:** Loren Swenson

**Welcoming the Light of Christ**  
(• *Please stand as you are able*)

**\*Call to Worship**

In these challenging days in which we live, coming together for worship has special meaning.

**We are lifted up by being here together!**

We need this time of worship so desperately.

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Here, we are reminded that God is present.

**Here, we remember that God is good and that God will see us through.**

Let us praise God with all our hearts!

**We are lifted up by being here together, remembering and celebrating our God of Salvation!**

**\*Song of Praise** “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”  
organ solo #569

**Opening Prayer**

**Loving God, we come with hearts open to hear what you would say to us today. We find that life often drains us and depletes us, and we realize how very much we need you. Grant us the ability to put our faith in you today and always. May your Holy Spirit fill this place as we worship you. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**The Psalm** Psalm 103:1-18 #824

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 5: 1-11 NRSV

**Sermon** “Blessed are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness”  
Week 5: The Beatitudes Series

**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** with meditation song

**Offertory Prayer**

**For every benefit we praise you, God; for every gift received and for each gift we are blessed in giving. For all your goodness we give thanks to you: the one who made and nourishes life; the presence which brings meaning in divine and human love, and the promise that gives hope for each new moment. Out of faith and into hope we are led by your love, and for these graces we return our thanks, through the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Closing Song** “Grace Alone” #2162 organ solo

**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**

**Postlude ~**



**Prayer Requests**

Willie Lawrence  
Rev. Nathan Stanton  
Family of:  
Roy Lawrence

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!

**EVENTS THIS WEEK IN CHURCH:**

**Sunday, September 20:**

10:30 am Worship Service  
(On-line worship also available)  
5:00 pm Yoga

**Wednesday, September 22:**

5:30pm Sitting with Jesus

**Sunday, September 23:**

10:30 am Worship Service  
(On-line worship also available)  
6:15 pm Children's Ministry

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

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

Use this QR Code to access Online Giving!



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

The Scripture reading and sermon will be streamed live on facebook each week!  
[www.facebook.com/concordiafumc](http://www.facebook.com/concordiafumc)



Yoga Class is scheduled in the Fellowship Hall on:

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**

All are welcome! Contact Angie Gabel-McConkey for more details!

**LAYETTE SETS**

We are collecting items to assemble 75 Layette Sets!



Packages of Blankets are also available in the entry to pick-up and sew!

All items need to be returned by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Missions Buckets**

**"Noisy Offering" for September**

**Layette Set  
Supplies**



**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.



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Friday: Office Closed

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