

Prelude ~ Pam Campbell, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader:

Christ's Light Enters

(• Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

God is very near to us.

We come to praise God who lives and dwells among us.

Bring your prayers and your praises and let the Spirit of God
be felt in this place.

**We long for the breath of God's Spirit to give us courage,
hope, and renewal.**

We open our hearts to receive God's power.

Our hearts are open. Praise God the Three-in-One!

Opening Hymn "How Great Thou Art" #77
organ only

Opening Prayer

**God of grace and glory, make your presence known to us
as we worship this morning. Jesus our Christ, may your
name be praised from the rising of the sun to the
midnight hour; may your name always be honored
among us. Spirit of Holiness, breathe on us all and bind
us in Christian love and servanthood. O God, Creator,
Christ and Holy Spirit, be known to us today. Transform
our lives and our world into the image of Jesus Christ, in
whose name we pray. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 3:5-6

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-8

Sermon "Seeing Past the Obstacles in Our Way"
Rev. Melanie Adams

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 [Unison]

**Once again, God, our gratitude pours from our hearts.
We can't imagine that we would be able to go through
difficult times without you. We offer these gifts,
freely, and with joy, so that the world will know your
love is real and that it is for everyone. In the name of
the Light of the World. Amen.**

Hymn of Sending Forth "Precious Name" #536
organ only

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 ~



PRAYERS

**Dr. Paul and Peggy Nelson
Dan Gerber**

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, January 24

10:30 am Worship Service

Sunday, January 31

10:30 am Worship Service

Mark your calendar:

**Feb 17 Ash Wednesday Services
Via Zoom at 6:30pm**

Happy Birthday !!!

26 Phillip Bentz

26 Marcy Johnson

26 Taryn Mosher

Missions Buckets

"Noisy Offering" for January

**Human Relations Day
Special Offering**



First United Methodist Church needs YOUR input!

Take the *Readiness 360* survey.

Dear Congregation,

Beginning on Feb. 8th you will have an opportunity to help the leadership of our church determine the direction of our church's mission and ministry by completing an online survey.

We are beginning a planning process called "Readiness 360" or R-360 for short. R-360 is an online survey tool designed to help congregations identify opportunities for strengthening our multiplication DNA through assessing our 1) spiritual intensity, 2) dynamic relationships, 3) missional alignment, and 4) cultural openness.

After a critical mass within our congregation takes the online survey, we will report back our findings and discover next steps together.

Watch for an email which will include instructions on how to log in and take the survey. Each member of your household (teenage and up) are invited to take this survey.

If you do not have internet access and want to take the R-360 survey, please call the church office and you will be assigned a proxy who will help you with taking the survey.

The world around us is changing rapidly and the church needs to do what it takes to make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ. We are excited to begin this process.

For the good of the mission field,
Rev. Melanie Adams
and the Administrative Council



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