

Prelude ~ Pam Campbell, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader: Amanda Morgan

Christ's Light Enters

(• Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

Are you tired and overworked?

God lifts up the weary.

Are you overcome with sorrow?

God heals the brokenhearted.

Are you afraid that injustice will never end?

God will overcome injustice.

God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Praise God! How good it is to praise God with all our heart!

Opening Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
#138

Opening Prayer

Holy God, draw into our time of worship by the power of your Spirit, so that we may gain what we need for our journey of faith and life. Remind us once again that you are faithful. Remind us that you have called us to be faithful as well. In times of waiting, renew our strength and enable us to live for you with joy. Amen.

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:21-27

Sermon "Waiting for God"
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]

Gracious God, we offer our gifts and offerings to you with gratitude. You are faithful to us, ever present and ever loving; and so we commit these gifts along with our hearts to you, as an act of faith. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion #15

Hymn of Sending Forth "Hymn of Promise"
#707

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 ~

Receiving the Bread of Life: As you leave the sanctuary, you will be offered a piece of consecrated bread to take with you. You may eat it after leaving the building. This symbolizes taking Christ into the world!



PRAYERS
Dr. Paul and Peggy Nelson
Family of Dan Gerber
Amy 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, February 7th

10:30 am Worship Service

Monday, February 8

7:00pm Finance

Wednesday, February 10

5:00pm Sitting With Jesus

Sunday, February 14

10:30 am Worship Service

Mark your calendar:

Wednesday, February 17

6:30pm Ash Wednesday Services
Via Zoom

Readiness 360

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

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.

740 Breakthrough Prayer Initiative

Let's surround our congregation with prayer once again!

Concordia First United Methodist Church

Set your phones to remind yourself to stop at 7:40am and/or 7:40pm each day to pray for our church and the mission and ministry we are called to do.

What is breakthrough prayer: Breakthrough prayer is a petition to God to do new things, beyond our imagining, bigger than we could possibly do on our own-without boundaries, without limits, without anticipated outcome.

"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20).

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11).

Please pray that:

*God would lead us and equip us for the living out of 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.

*God would help us to break through our limitations, to open our minds, and to embolden our hearts to live out God's vision.

*God would help each of us to be a follower of Jesus Christ committed to being part of the Body of Christ (living a life of worship & hospitality), Becoming more like Jesus (living a life opening to & obeying Jesus), and Joining Jesus in ministry (living a life of service & a life of generosity).

Include your own Prayers of thanks and Petition for your personal life, for the community, for the world.



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