Prelude ~

Pam Campbell, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader: Amanda Morgan

Christ's Light Enters

(• Please stand as you are able)

*Call to Worship

O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Your glory is sung by all of your creation!

When we look to the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, we wonder -

Who are we that you care for us and for this world?

You are the God of life, crowning us with glory and honor to serve you all our days.

O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! (based on PS 8:1, 3-5, 9)

*Opening Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #140

*Opening Prayer

God of Love, you have loved us first and continue to love us. We come before you as a people longing to love you in return. We hunger for your healing love in our lives, for we long to love ourselves and our neighbors. Come to us this day and fill our longing. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The Psalm Psalm 98 #818

Children's Moment Loren Swenson

Prayer for Mothers

Gospel Reading John 15:12-17

Sermon "The Best Commandment"

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

*Doxology #94

*Offertory Prayer [Unison]

Generous God, we lift up these monetary gifts for your service, even as we rededicate our lives for the same. Use these gifts and use our lives in such a way that others will know that your love is real and that it is for them, too. In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. Amen

Recognition of High School Graduates Ayden Krohn

*Closing Song "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" #2223

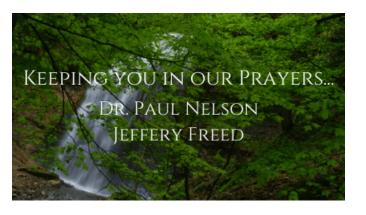
*Our Purpose

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

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

740 Prayer initiative

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

Events this week in church: Sunday, May 9, 2021

9:30am Crusaders 9:30am Searchers

10:30am Worship Service

Monday, May 10, 2021

7:00pm Finance

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

5:30pm SPPRC

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

5:00pm Sitting with Jesus

Sunday, May 15, 2021

9:30am Crusader 9:30am Searchers

10:30am Worship Service



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.



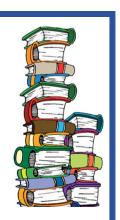
Come one, come all!!

Take one, Take all!!

Books from the Pastor!

What a great addition
to your home Library!

Room 203









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