

The Community Gathers

Prelude & Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome & Announcements Cindy Kocher

*(*Please stand as you are able)*

*Passing the Peace

*Opening Hymn And Are We Yet Alive #553

*Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, Tell it!

People: We are not alone! We are all God's children!

Leader: People of Christ, tell it!

People: The Light has come in love and truth, teaching us to live in the Light.

Leader: People of the Spirit, tell it!

People: The Spirit of truth reveals hidden things, offering healing through honest confession.

Leader: People of God, tell it!

People: We are not alone! We are children of God! Amen.

Song of Praise It is Well with My Soul #377

Opening Prayer

Holy and living Creator God, we come before you now asking that you fill our minds and our hearts, so we may follow in your ways. We surrender ourselves to you because your ways are all we seek. Strengthen our lives and inspire our spirits, so your living waters flow the courage of your children through endless grace. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song I Need Thee Every Hour #397 *(First Stanza only)*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Sentence

"Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." ~

Matthew 10:39

Tithes, Gifts and Offerings

Doxology #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous, giving God: the gifts we present this day are supposed to represent the best of our discipleship. Why then do we hide what we give, and why do we worry about who might know? Grant us the boldness we need to move out of the dark and proclaim our decision to be Christ's disciples to all, to shout it from the rooftops. May we speak to those we know and even to strangers of the love of Jesus without fear. May the way we live our lives be a proclamation of our decision to follow Christ! In His holy name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Word

Scripture Lesson Romans 6:1-11

Hymn Jesus Loves Me #191 *(First Stanza)*

Children's Message Beth Whisler

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 10:24-39

Affirmation

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Starts with Where You Are" Pastor Mark Crist

Thanksgiving

Prayer

Apostle's Creed #881

Going into the World to Serve

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!

*Sending Song God of Grace and God of Glory #577

*Benediction

*Benediction Response Let there be Peace on Earth #431

*Postlude and Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Events this Week:
Sunday, June 25, 2023
9:30am Crusaders
9:30am Searchers
10:30am Worship Services
11:30am Welcome for
Pastor Mark Crist

Wednesday, June 21, 2023
5:00pm Sitting With Jesus

Sunday, July 2, 2023
9:30am Crusaders
9:30am Searchers
10:30am Worship Services

Upcoming Events:
VBS
July 16,17,18
5:30pm



**You're invited to a
Welcome Reception
for
Pastor Mark Crist**
Today
Following Worship
in the Parlor



*Prayer
Requests*



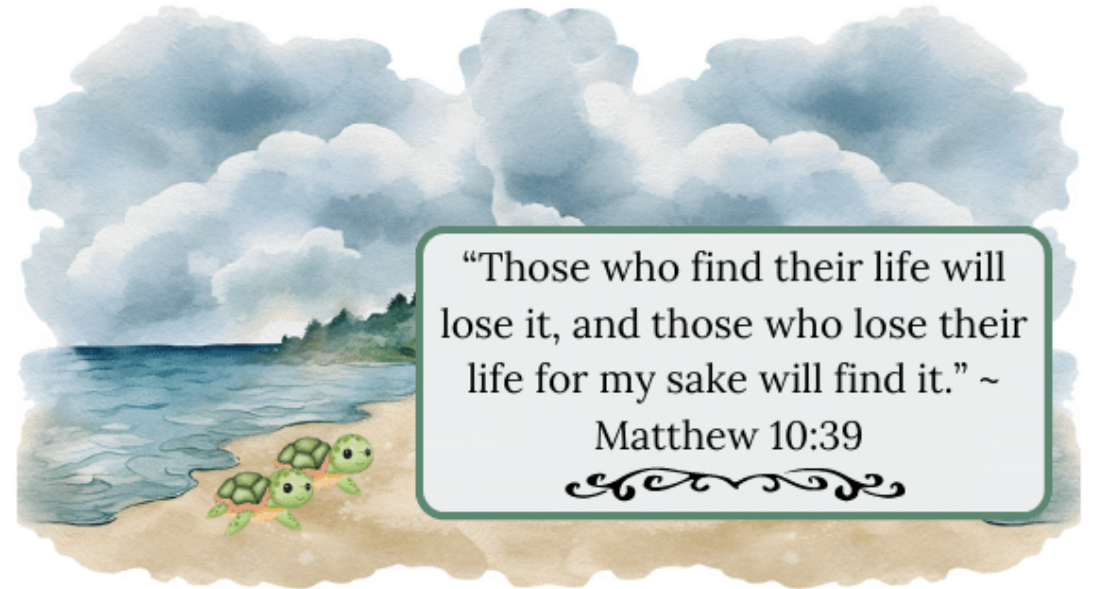
AMANDA WATERMAN
DOUG MOORE
TERESA BENSON
LAURA CHRISTENSEN
TRISH & DAN WATERMAN
TOM THRONSON
FAMILY OF TED THOMAN

26~Kurt Kocher
26~Henry Hutchinson
28~Alyson Johannsen
28~Laura Anderson
30~Jim Conn
July
1~Peyton Johnson

**happy
birthday!**



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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Matthew 10:39
Decorative flourish



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Do No Harm. Do Good. Stay in Love With God.
~John Wesley