

The Community Gathers

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Beth Whisler

(*Please stand as you are able)

*PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN Love Divine, All Love's Excelling #384

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Despite hardship, our ancestors dared to dream God-sized dreams.

PEOPLE: Praise God for hope-filled dreams.

LEADER: Do it again, Lord. Dream big dreams through us today!

PEOPLE: Praise God for new dreams for our generation.

LEADER: Invisible God, be visible through our faith today.

PEOPLE: Praise God who empowers us with faith to see what others miss.

ALL: Come now, Lord, and fulfill your dreams in us today!

SONG OF PRAISE Come, Ye Thankful People, Come #694

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, Holy Gardener who sustains and nurtures all life, open us today to your life-giving grace and transformative love. Empower us to greet the wheat and the weeds in our own hearts with care and compassion. As we recognize the challenges and suffering in our community, inspire us to meet the weeds and the wheat in our neighbors with acceptance and hope. We know that you alone have the final say, and so we give ourselves over to you as instruments of hospitality and grace that we would tend our neighbors even as we are tended by you. Amen.

JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS

PRAYER SONG Hymn of Promise #707

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

"Look to see if there is any idolatrous way in me, then lead me on the eternal path!" ~

Psalm 139:24

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #94

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, we are living in days of division and polarization, and we regretfully confess that your church is not exempt from that. As we bring our offerings to you, the temptation to focus on our own agenda is strong. Help us to give generously without judging. Give us faith to know our offering serves your purposes, and the humility to know that only you can see clearly what is wheat and what is weed. We pray in the name of Christ who knows all hearts. Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 14:22-23

HYMN Jesus Loves Me #191 (First Stanza)
CHILDRENS MESSAGE Angie Gabel-McConkey

MISSION TRIP COMMISSION

SERMON "We are All Forged" Jason Johnson

Thanksgiving

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 For the Healing of the Nations #428

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Let There Be Peace on Earth #431
Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*POSTLUDE





Events this Week:

Sunday, July 23, 2023

9:30am Crusaders

9:30am Searchers

10:30am Worship Services

Send Off for Youth

Mission Trip

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

5:00pm Sitting With Jesus

Sunday, July 30, 2023

9:30am Crusaders

9:30am Searchers

10:30am Worship Services

July 30- Aug 4

Youth Mission Trip

Upcoming Events

August 23, 2023

5pm-7pm

Cruise-In Ice Cream Social



Volunteers needed

The Resource Center (107 W 7th) will be packing school bags the following days:

July 31st 2-7pm, Aug 1st 5-7pm, Aug 2nd 2-7pm and Aug 3rd 5-7pm

If you are able to volunteer, please contact Tonya and register for a time at 785 243-1065.

Cruise-In Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, August 23rd, 5-7 pm



Drive your classic car, golf cart, bike, scooter, or other unique ride and join us for some refreshing sweet treats!



Parking in the lower lot at 740 W 11th St

Concordia First United Methodist Church

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

24~Eugene McDaniel
 30~Angie Gabel-McConkey
 30~Les Dethloff
 30~Brad Nading
 31~Jeanne Keazer

Prayer Requests

AMANDA WATERMAN
 TERESA BENSON
 LAURA CHRISTENSEN
 TRISH & DAN WATERMAN



July 23, 2023

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Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday

9:00-4:00pm

Friday

Closed

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

John Wesley